



Photo above: The *alabaster window of the Holy Spirit* is in the Apse wall above the *Cathedra Petri* in St. Peter Basilica, Vatican City.

Focus on the Word

Pentecost Sunday, Year C

Acts 2.1-11; Romans 8.8-17; John 14.15-26

O God, who by the mystery of today's great feast sanctify your whole Church in every people and nation, pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit across the face of the earth and, with the divine grace that was at work when the Gospel was first proclaimed, fill now once more the hearts of believers. Amen.

Pray for the Deceased

Fr. John Cunningham **Stephen Ludovick Mruma**
Deacon Paul McDonald

The 41 victims of the airplane crash near Moscow, Russia

A Special Thank You

Many thanks to **Brother Manny and Sister Amy Cruz**, for their kind gift of the beautiful flowers, placed at the Statue of Our Blessed Mother Mary in front of our Altar, following the Wedding of **Dennis and Mary Kim**, celebrated at St. Basil Church on Saturday, 25 May 2019. God bless you and your dear families.

2nd Collection - 9 June: Mary Grove Camp

On Sunday, 9 June, the 2nd collection will be for *Marygrove Camp*, run by the St. Vincent de Paul Society. *Marygrove* offers 1,100 girls from less-fortunate families an opportunity to attend summer camp. Many children will benefit from your generosity.

If you use one of the recycled envelopes marked "*Marygrove*," remember to write your own Sunday envelope number on top.

COMING UP

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18 June	Fr. Edwin Galea: 65 th Anniversary of birth
19 June	Deacon Ramon: 15 th Ordination Anniversary
20 June	St. Maria Goretti School Graduation Mass (8:45 am); - St. Vincent De Paul Meeting (7:00 pm)
21 June	† Victims of Terrorist Attacks in Sri Lanka, Memorial Mass (7:00 pm)
25 June	St. Albert School Graduation Mass (5:30 pm)
29 June	Wedding: Chamara Thivanka Herath Mudiyanseleage and Silvia Kariyawasam Manage (3:00 pm)
30 June	2 nd Collection: Maintenance; - Catholic Women's League (11:30 am)
1 July	Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
7 July	2 nd Collection: <i>ShareLife Free Will</i> ; - St Vincent De Paul <i>Bundle Up</i> Sunday; Infant Baptism (1:30 pm)
21 July	Knights of Columbus (1:00 pm)
28 July	2 nd Collection: <i>Maintenance</i> ; - Catholic Women's League (11:30 am)

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For more information on these and other parish activities, see page 3 in the website bulletin.

Parish Week / Sunday, 9 June 2019

Saturday, 8 June

8.00 am Mass: Int. Fr. Elias (friend)
5.00 pm Mass: † Theresit Veerasingam (John)

SUNDAY, 9 JUNE / PENTECOST

Descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles

■ *Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo*

■ *Marygrove Camp*

9.00 am Mass: † Joan Smith (Julie McLaughlin)
10.30 am Mass: † Alex D'Souza (family)
12.00 pm Mass: † Diana Donkers (Fernandes family)
1.30 pm Infant Baptism
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday, 10 June / Feast of Mary, Mother of The Church

8.00 am Mass: † Cristeta Costales Garcia (family)
1.00 pm ► St. Albert School Mass
6.30 pm Feastday Rosary led by CWL
7.00 pm Mass: † Ernesto & Lydia Rodas (family)

Tuesday, 11 June / St. Barnabas, apostle

8.00 am Mass: † Margaret Gajewski (Thomas & Amy Lang)

Wednesday, 12 June

8.00 am Mass: † Pablo Regalia Sr. (Clarita & family)

Thursday, 13 June / St. Anthony of Padua, priest & doctor

8.00 am Mass: † Estrelita Katipunan (Editha Villena)

Friday, 14 June

8.00 am Mass: † Roberto Lalata (family)
7.00 pm Memorial Mass: † Fr. Peter Tammearu

Saturday, 15 June

8.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (Bermas family)
9.00 am ► Lectors' Workshop, Precious Blood Church
2.30 pm Memorial Mass: † Pedro Espinoza
5.00 pm Mass: † Jose & Maristella Fernandez (Joe)

SUNDAY, 16 JUNE / HOLY TRINITY

■ *Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati*

■ *Father's Day*

■ *Knights of Columbus Barbecue*

9.00 am Mass: † Charles D'Silva (Lydia & family)
10.30 am Mass: Int. Fr. Elias (friend)
12.00 pm Mass: Int. Mikhela Go (Aida)
1.00 pm Knights of Columbus
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

ShareLife 2019

Living the Gospel by maximizing the impact of your donation



Administered by SE HEALTH, the *Shared Services Initiative* is supporting *ShareLife*-funded agencies in the areas of human resources, financial services and information technology. Agencies that participate are able to improve the quality and accuracy of their work. Through this initiative, *ShareLife* agencies are reducing their administrative expenses and ensuring that the maximum amount received is directed to the front-line services they provide. The *ShareLife* Freewill collection will be on 7 July. Thank you for your generosity. *Together we can work wonders!*

RCIA, RCIC

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and Children

Pray for all in our parish RCIA and RCIC processes who celebrated the Sacraments of Initiation at the 5.00 pm Mass on 25 May.



RCIA Adults

Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist

Asomani, MIRIAM Ampomaah

Joseph, Jinsy MARIA

Ralston, Roderic RODERICK

Reception, Confirmation, Eucharist

Philip, Soji ESTHER

Confirmation

Galea, Benjamin Paul Joseph NICHOLAS

Gomes, Richard Harry STEPHEN

RCIC Youth

Baptism

Laryea, Pierce Nii Adjetey LEO

Reception, Eucharist

Robin, Leona Daise GABRIELA

Confirmation

Clarito, Joshua PETER

9 June *Gifts of the Holy Spirit: Commissioning Rite, and distribution of Certificates*
(Pentecost Sunday 7.00 pm Mass)

Parishioners are asked to remember in their prayers the *Neophytes* in our RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS, and the youth in the RCIC, who joined the Church at our *Easter Vigil* and *Octave* this year (20 & 27 April), and at the *Special Initiation* (25 May).

On Sunday, 9 June, the *Commissioning Rite* will be at the 7 pm Mass. Pray also for those who are interested in joining the Church.

Do you know people who have told you they are thinking of becoming Catholic? Tell them to leave a message for the Pastor at the parish office: 416-261-0076

Sunday School for Kids



New parishioners may be interested to know that St. Maria Goretti

Parish hosts a *Sunday School for Kids*

3 to 6 years old during the 10.30 am Mass. Trained catechists guide the children through a reading of the Gospel, and a catechism story. It's a great service to the children, and it gives the parents a chance to focus and listen to the Scriptures and homily.

The *Sunday School* breaks for the Summer. This year's dates:

9 June - *Last day before Summer break.*

15 September - *Classes resume.*

A Prayerful Farewell

Thank you to **Paul Crawford**, who retired as Manager, Supply & Services at the Catholic Pastoral Centre of Toronto on 31 May. Paul began at St. Brigid Parish in 1993, and served as a Catholic School Trustee and with the Knights of Columbus.

Knights of Columbus

Upcoming events

8 June: Trip to Fallsview Casino

16 June: General Meeting for all members, following the 12 noon Mass
- Election of Officers

16 June: Father's Day BBQ



Mary, Mother of the Church



Feastday: 10 June 2019

The members of the *Catholic Women's League* invite all parishioners to come and celebrate the Blessed Virgin Mary in her role as "MOTHER OF THE CHURCH."

On 3 March 2018 the Vatican announced that **Pope Francis** had decided to celebrate this Feast every year on the Monday after Pentecost, to foster Marian piety.

In the words of **Cardinal Robert Sarah**, this celebration will help us remember that the Christian life must be anchored to the Cross, to Christ in the Eucharistic Banquet,

and to Our Lady, Mother of the Redeemer and Mother of the Redeemed. Honoring Mary as Mother of the Church on the day after Pentecost also highlights that Mary was with the disciples on Pentecost, praying with them as the Holy Spirit descended. From the awaiting of the Spirit at Pentecost, Mary has never ceased to take motherly care of the Pilgrim Church on earth.

Please join us to pray the Rosary at 6:30 pm on Monday, 10 June, followed by the Holy Mass at 7.00 pm with the Novena to OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP. We will conclude with a procession of the Statue of Our Blessed Mother and crown her as "Mother of the Church" and Mother of us, her children in St. Maria Goretti Parish, Scarborough.



[Photo: Asia Bibi]

The following letter was received by our Catholic Women's League

To: **Eden Geonzon**,
President,
Catholic Women's League,
St. Maria Goretti Parish

Dear Eden,

I have some great news to share with you. I am now able to confirm that Asia Bibi has finally left Pakistan and is now safe and sound right here in Canada!

Praise God that after nine long years, this cruel and unjust ordeal has finally come to an end. Asia is now free to begin a new life in peace and safety among us.

As you may recall, Asia Bibi was arrested and charged with blaspheming the false prophet Mohammed after talking about Christ with her co-workers. She was found guilty and put on death row.

After languishing in prison since 2009, her appeal went through to the Supreme Court of Pakistan. On 31 October 2018, the Court overturned Asia Bibi's death sentence and acquitted her of all charges, **ordering her immediate release**.

However, the Supreme Court's verdict inflamed the anger of radical Muslims in Pakistan. Violent protests erupted and spread all over the country, with thousands demanding that Asia Bibi be hanged. Asia's life and freedom were once again in jeopardy.

After her case was formally reviewed, Asia was vindicated a second time. Then, months later, after being sequestered in a secret safe house in Pakistan, she was finally allowed to leave the country and obtain asylum here in Canada.

We at CitizenGO worked to petition the Pakistani government and draw attention to her plight over many years. Hundreds of thousands of CitizenGOers like you signed to show your support for Asia.

Our efforts also included **rallies and prayer vigils** all over the world. We even ran **full- and half-page ads** in leading international newspapers, including the Toronto Star and National Post. In addition, we raised **thousands of dollars of aid** to help Asia and her family.

It was a very long and difficult road to travel for Asia – an exceedingly heavy cross for her and her family to bear. But now, at long last, by God's grace, **she is truly free!**

This is a victory we need to celebrate and share with others!

I want to thank you, our CitizenGO family, for all your prayers and financial support over the years in the cause of Asia Bibi. I also want to thank you for signing our petitions in her defence. Finally, I want to say a special thanks to those dozen souls who braved the cold and sleet to stand with me in front of the Pakistani Consulate in Toronto last fall (see below).

God has blessed all of your efforts, all of your prayers, and all of your sacrifice!

Due to the need to keep Asia Bibi safe as she starts her new life in Canada, we are unable to report on her new location or provide any other details at this time. All we can tell you is that she has been relocated somewhere in Western Canada.

Once again, thank you and God bless you for your support!

Sincerely Yours,

*David Cooke and the Entire
CitizenGO Team*





Sacramental Certificates

First Holy Communion, Confirmation

Congratulations to all the students of **St. Maria Goretti** and **St. Albert the Great** Schools, and our **Saturday Catechism Classes**, who received the Sacraments of 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation in this Easter Season. May God bless and guide you and your dear families as you mature in grace and wisdom.

The *Certificates* are now being prepared, and will be distributed as soon as they are ready. Stay tuned to the announcements.

School Graduations

Kindly remember in your prayers all the students who will be graduating from our parish schools in the month of June. May God bless and guide them and their dear families.

† Fr. Peter Tammearu 7.00 pm, 14 June

A Memorial Mass for **Fr. Peter Tammearu**, the devoted former pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, will be celebrated at St. Maria Goretti Church at 7 pm on Friday, 14 June.



† Victims of the Terrorist Attacks in Sri Lanka, 7.00 pm, 21 June

A Memorial Mass for all the **Victims of the Terrorist Attacks in Sri Lanka**, at Easter time, will be celebrated at St. Maria Goretti Church at 7 pm on Friday, 21 June.

Altar Servers

TRAINING MEETINGS

The *training meetings* are held at 9.00 am on Saturdays for our Altar Server Candidates. Would you like to be an Altar Server?

All new candidates for Altar Serving are welcome to come and join; meet in the Church on Saturday morning at 9.00 am.



June: A feast of feasts

The month of June brings us some major solemnities in our liturgical calendar.



Sacred Heart of Jesus:

Friday after Corpus Christi

We celebrate the *Sacred Heart of Jesus*, an event that felicitously unites this popular devotion with theological depth. It is a noble tradition to consecrate families to the Sacred Heart, whose image they may keep in their homes. The tradition is rooted in the mystery of the Incarnation; it is precisely through the Heart of Jesus that the love of God for humanity is sublimely manifested.

This is why authentic devotion to the Sacred Heart retains all its effectiveness and especially attracts souls thirsting for God's mercy who find in it the inexhaustible source from which to draw the water of Life that can irrigate the deserts of the soul and make hope flourish anew. This feast is also the World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests. All of us are invited to pray for our Priests, so that they will be effective witnesses of God's love.

Immaculate Heart of Mary

Saturday after Sacred Heart

This devotional refers to the interior life of the Blessed Virgin Mary, her joys and sorrows, her virtues and hidden perfections, and, above all, her virginal love for God the Father, her maternal love for her son Jesus, and her compassionate love for all people.



St. John the Baptist: 24 June

On 24 June, we also celebrate the *Birth of St. John the Baptist*, the only saint whose birth is commemorated because it marks the beginning of the fulfillment of the divine promises; John is that "prophet," identified with Elijah who was destined to be the immediate precursor of the Messiah, to prepare the people of Israel for his coming. His feast reminds us that our life is always "relative" to Christ and is fulfilled by accepting him: the Word, the Light, the Bridegroom. John's words are a model for every Christian: "He must increase but I must decrease" (John 3.30).



Ss. Peter and Paul: 29 June

Allowing the "I" of Christ to replace our "I" was in an exemplary way the desire of the *Apostles Peter and Paul*, whom the Church venerates on 29 June.

St. Paul, the indefatigable Apostle of the Gentiles, was converted on the road to Damascus and was Baptized. He wrote of himself, "*It is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me*" (Galatians 2.20). He then went to Arabia for 3 years before returning to Damascus to begin his missionary activity. He preached in the synagogues that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Working from Antioch, he traveled throughout Asia Minor (modern Turkey), the Mediterranean, and as far as Rome.

The first appearance of the Risen Christ was before St. Peter, ahead of the other disciples. When the Lord came to the disciples at Tiberias, he gave to Peter the famous command: "Feed my lambs; tend my sheep; feed my sheep." From the earliest days of the Church, Peter was recognized as the spokesperson of the Apostles and the first Pope. His diocese, Rome, has since held the position of primacy within the entire Catholic Church.

