

Confirmation

Gift of the Holy Spirit

BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION and the EUCHARIST comprise the SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION. Confirmation completes Christian initiation, and strengthens the Candidates by the gift of the Holy Spirit. They are witnesses of Christ, bound to spread and defend the faith by their words and deeds.

Origins of the Sacrament

The Old Testament prophets announced that the Spirit of the Lord would rest on the awaited Messiah for his saving mission. The descent of the Holy Spirit on Jesus at his Baptism in the Jordan by John was the sign that this was the expected one: the Son of God, who would communicate the Spirit to the entire messianic people. On Pentecost, filled with the Holy Spirit, the Apostles began to proclaim the mighty works of God, and Peter declared this outpouring of the Spirit to be a sign of the messianic age.

In the Letter to the Hebrews, the doctrine on Baptism and the Laying on of Hands is listed among the first elements in Christian instruction. The Laying on of Hands is recognized as the original sign of the Sacrament of Confirmation, which perpetuates the grace of Pentecost in the Church.

The Bishop

The original ministers of Confirmation are the Bishops, the successors of the Apostles. They have received the fullness of the Sacrament of Holy Orders. (The Bishop may transfer this mandate to the local Parish Priest.) The Sacred Chrism used for the Anointing was blessed at the Mass of Chrism at the Cathedral during the previous Holy Week.

The Sponsor

The Sponsor is a fully-initiated member of the Church who:

- ❖ Represents the community; ❖ Will support the parents;
- ❖ Testifies that the Candidate will be a witness for Christ.

The original Godparent may perform this duty; or another adult who serves as an example of Christian living.

The Name

The Confirmation Name is the Christian *Baptismal* name, or the name of another *Saint* who will serve as a lifelong patron and prayer partner to the newly-confirmed.

Effects of Confirmation

The purpose of the Sacrament is the full outpouring of the Holy Spirit, as it was given to the Apostles on Pentecost:

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind...divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them the ability. (Acts 2.1-4).

The entire Church benefits by Confirmation: it conveys the grace of *Pentecost*, enabling us to live with the fruits of the Holy Spirit:

Charity, Joy, Peace, Patience, Generosity, Goodness, Perseverance, Mildness, Faith, Modesty, Continence, Chastity.

Confirmation has several important effects:

- (1) **It makes us more aware of God;**
- (2) **It releases the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit:** Wisdom, Knowledge, Counsel, Understanding, Courage, Piety and Reverence of the Lord.
- (3) **It unites us more firmly to Christ;**
- (4) **It binds us more perfectly to the Church;**
- (5) **It gives us strength to spread and defend the faith by our words and actions in order to:**
 - ✕ be true witnesses of Christ;
 - ✕ confess the name of Christ boldly;
 - ✕ never be ashamed of the Cross.

Confirmation perfects the grace of Baptism, and imprints a spiritual mark or permanent, indelible character on the Christian's soul. A Candidate for Confirmation who has attained the age of reason must profess the faith; be in the state of grace; desire to receive the Sacrament; and be prepared to assume the role of disciple and witness to Christ, both in the Church and in the world.

The Liturgy

Confirmation is ordinarily celebrated within the context of the Holy Mass. Following the Proclamation of the Word of God, the Sacrament is administered in this order:

Presentation of the Candidates

Homily

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

*Laying On of Hands*¹

*Anointing with Sacred Chrism*²

¹ LAYING ON OF HANDS: The Bishop faces the people and introduces the prayer. Then he (and any concelebrating Priests) extend their hands over the Candidates, and ask the Father to send the Holy Spirit upon them.

² ANOINTING WITH CHRISM: Candidates walk to the Sanctuary. The Bishop goes to them individually, takes some Chrism, addresses them by their Confirmation Name, and makes the Sign of the Cross on their foreheads.

Bishop: “ _____ , be sealed with
the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

Newly Confirmed: “AMEN.”

Bishop: “Peace be with you.”

Newly Confirmed: “AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT.”



Parish Week

Sunday, 18 August 2019

Saturday, 17 Aug.

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Fr. Elias (friend)
5.00 pm Mass: † Venancio & Maria Luiza Gomes-Pereira (Louis & Sandra)

SUNDAY, 18 AUG. / 20 – C

■ Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo

- 9.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving 20th Wedding Anniversary (Terrance & Durin)
10.30 am Mass: † Kolita Kallaram (Granny)
12.00 am Mass: † John Aloysius (Joseph Ladish & family)
1.00 pm Knights of Columbus
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday, 19 Aug. / St. John Eudes, priest

- 8.00 am Mass: † Celine Donald (Office Staff)
7.00 pm Mass: † Celine Donald (Maria Rodas)

Tuesday, 20 Aug. / St. Bernard, abbot & doctor

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (Rebecca & family)

Wednesday, 21 Aug. / St. Pius X, pope

- 8.00 am Mass: † Guadalupe Gines (Maristela Velasco)

Thursday, 22 Aug. / Queenship of the Blessed Virgin

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Abraham Velasco on his birthday (Maristela)

Friday, 23 Aug. / St. Rose of Lima, virgin

- 8.00 am Mass: † Antonia Bermudez (St. Vincent De Paul)

Saturday, 24 Aug. / St. Bartholomew, apostle

- 8.00 am Mass: † Dean Fernandez (St. Vincent De Paul)
5.00 pm Mass: † Antonia Bermudez (Lillian D'Souza)

SUNDAY, 25 AUG. / 21 – C

■ Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea

■ 2nd Collection: Maintenance

- 9.00 am Mass: † Celine Donald (Evelyn Walsh & 9am Ushers)
10.30 am Mass: † Ernesto & Lydia Rodas (family)
12.00 am Mass: † David Meunier (Barry)
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Rosary Sunday 8 September

This year, the annual *Rosary Sunday* celebration at the Shrine of the North American Martyrs in Midland, Ontario, will be held on Sunday, 8 September. Our parish CWL has hired a coach for the day. Pick-up location: St. Maria Goretti Church parking lot, at 8:15 am. Cost \$30.00 per person (seat). Bring your own lunch.

For tickets, call: **Mable**, 416-264-3319, or **Eden**, 647-713-8773.

The New Trees

Many thanks to the parishioners who assisted in planting the new trees that were donated by the Arab Community Centre. The work took place in November 2018, and the ACC happily notes that the trees survived the rough winter. Now a recorded program of care and observation is underway to ensure their continued growth.

Focus on the Word

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Jeremiah 38.4-10; Hebrews 12.1-4; Luke 12.49-53

O God, who have prepared for those who love you good things which no eye can see, fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of your love, so that, loving you in all things and above all things, we may attain your promises, which surpass every human desire.

Family of Faith Implementing the Pastoral Plan

St. Maria Goretti Parish took part in Wave 1 of the *Family of Faith* Campaign. As we move from the active fundraising phase of the *Family of Faith* Campaign to its implementation and stewardship, the archdiocese will keep parishes informed with timely updates and information. Among the most significant projects has been the repair and upgrading of *St. Michael Cathedral* (below).



Finance Council, R&R Committee

The agenda of the next Finance Council and R&R Committee meeting will be to review the most recent reports from our engineers from MORRISON HERSHFELD and the contractors from RENOKREW. We will also review the status of the work completed on the Rectory basement, and prioritize the next projects.

COMING UP

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25 Aug.	2 nd Collection: Maintenance
1 Sept.	Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
6 Sept.	Jean Vanier High School Mass (9.00 am)
8 Sept.	Infant Baptisms (1:30 pm)
15 Sept.	Knights of Columbus (1:00 pm)
21 Sept.	Memorial Mass: † Rosa Barila (1:00 pm); - Wedding: Raymond Rashid – Toschica De Abreu (3:00 pm) - RCIA Candidacy Rite (5:00 pm Mass)
22 Sept.	2 nd Collection: Bishops
28 Sept.	1 st Reconciliation & 1 st Communion Saturday Classes begin for students in schools outside our Parish (9.00 am)
29 Sept.	Feast of St. Michael the Archangel ; - 2 nd Collection: Maintenance

Website stmariagoretti.archtoronto.org

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

Free Estate Planning Seminar

14 September 2019

On Saturday September 14, 2019, *Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services* and *The Archdiocesan Development Office* will be hosting an ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR at **Christ The King Catholic Cemetery**.

The program will last about one hour and will be followed by refreshments and time for questions.

There are posters on the Vestibule bulletin boards, and further information available at the contact numbers below.

Saturday, 14 September 2019 at 9:30 am

Catholic Cemeteries and the estate planning team will share information about:

How to protect your loved ones with a proper Will

How to ensure your wishes are legally protected

Powers of Attorney

The advantage of pre-arranging funeral, burial and cremation plans

The cost savings of making an estate plan

Finding lawyers and estate planning advisors

Church guidelines on Cremation

Our Catholic traditions around wills, burial and funerals

An estate planning kit will be provided at no cost.

Location:

**Christ The King Catholic Cemetery,
7770 Steeles Ave. East, Markham, ON.**

Refreshments will be provided.

RSVP: Frank Jannetta,

Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services

416-733-8544 ext. 2023, or: info@cc-fs.ca

God bless you and your families.

Frank Jannetta;

Marketing Team

Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services

Archdiocese of Toronto

Praise & Bless My Lord, Give Him Thanks,
and Serve Him With Deep Humility.

St. Francis of Assisi



NEW BEGINNINGS presents:

Experts in Humanity

21 September 2019

NEW BEGINNINGS, Archdiocese of Toronto

New Beginnings is a ministry dedicated to those who have suffered a loss through separation, divorce or the death of a loved one.

Keynote Speaker: **Dr. Josephine Lombardi**

Location: St. Boniface Church,
142 Markham Rd., Scarborough

Date & Time: Saturday, 21 September 2019 @ 1:00 pm

Register Online at: <https://stbcs.eventbrite.ca>

For further information, contact:

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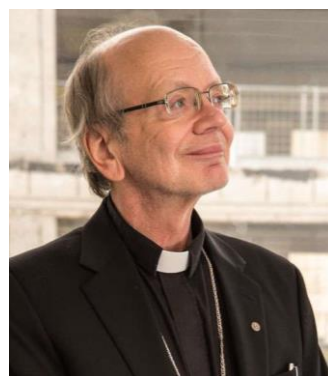
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Dr. Lombardi is the Associate Professor of Pastoral and Systematic Theology, Professor of Field Education, and Director of Lay Formation, St. Augustine Seminary, Scarborough.

She has done media work in radio and television and has been an advisor to the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops in the area of doctrine and Catholic-Muslim relations. Her book, *Experts in Humanity*, has been featured on SALT AND LIGHT TV and has received first place in the category of Family Life, by The Catholic Press Association of the United States and Canada.

Bishop Robert Kasun
Central Region,
Archdiocese of Toronto

Bishop Kasun has asked that the update below be provided to all parishes and staff. Please continue to keep His Excellency in your prayers.



Bishop Kasun requested, and was given, a six-month medical leave beginning on 16 January 2019 for the purpose of receiving chemotherapy treatments for indolent non-Hodgkins lymphoma. "Indolent" means slow-moving and slow-acting. It responds well to chemotherapy. The prognosis is really quite good, and survival is often measured in years, rather than in months or weeks, provided "indolent" does not change into "aggressive." Bishop Kasun requests your continued prayers and thanks you.



Annual Catholic Cemetery Mass
14 August 2019

Christ the King Cemetery
7770 Steeles Avenue East



Repair & Renewal
Scenes from projects in recent years.

A vicious wind storm damaged the rectory deck, and water infiltration required a major reconstruction of the peripheral drainage system. The bright shoes on the terrace belong to Ezekiel Carpio, the photographer's son.

