

Parish Week

Sunday, 15 September 2019

Saturday, 14 Sept. / The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Fr. Elias (friend)
12.00 pm ShareLife Committee
5.00 pm Mass: Int. Francina Searwar (Mom, Agnes)

SUNDAY, 15 SEPT. / 24-C

■ Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati

- 9.00 am Mass: † Billy & Ludy Ombac (family)
10.30 am Mass: † Ernesto & Lydia Rodas (family)
12.00 am Mass: † Rosario Rebello (family)
1.00 pm Knights of Columbus
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday, 16 Sept. / St. Cornelius, pope & Cyprian, bishop

- 8.00 am Mass: † George McNaughton (Corine)
7.00 pm Mass: † Giuseppe Morra (Corine)
12.30 pm St. Marie Goretti School Mass

Tuesday, 17 Sept. / St. Robert Bellarmine, bishop & doctor

- 8.00 am Mass: † Orlando, Virginia & Arnel Tolentino (Augusto & family)

Wednesday, 18 Sept.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Deceased members of Lovendhal & Fernando families (Loretta)

Thursday, 19 Sept. / St. Januarius, bishop & martyr

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Aduino & Anne Bertazon
60th wedding Anniversary (Stieger family)

Fri., 20 Sept. / Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, priest & Paul Chong Ha-Sang, & companions, martyrs

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving William Villegas (family)
11.00 am ► Ina Grafton Nursing Home

Saturday, 21 Sept. / St. Matthew, apostle

- 8.00 am Mass: † Rodolfo Cortero (family)
1.00 pm Memorial Mass: Rosa Barila Corrado
5.00 pm Mass: † Gabriel & Francis Andreas (Vincent Ambrose)
- RCIA Candidacy Rite (5:00 pm Mass)

SUNDAY, 22 SEPT. / 25-C

■ Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea

■ 2nd Collection: Needs of the Church in Canada

- 9.00 am Mass: † Antonia Bermudez (Maria Rodas)
10.30 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving Margaret Cruz (Mom & Dad)
12.00 am Mass: † Jesus Serneo (Helen)
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

The Child

If there is anything we wish to change in the child, we should first examine it and see whether it is not something that could be better changed in ourselves. - Carl Jung



Focus on the Word

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Exodus 32.7-14; 1 Timothy 1.12-17; Luke 15.1-32

Look upon us, O God, Creator and ruler of all things, and, that we may feel the working of your mercy, grant that we may serve you with all our heart. Amen.

Pray for the Deceased

Lolita Mones De Asis Suzanna Brito
Matilda Majdic Rosalie Michalik
Beatriz Remedios Marlene Santilli
Fr. Stephen Douglas McCarthy

The 95 victims of the August bombing
in Kabul, Afghanistan



Christopher Leadership 6 October

Find Your Voice!



You deserve the opportunity to realize your full potential in your workplace, school, and in social environments. The *Christopher Leadership Course* is designed to enhance your leadership and communication skills, and your confidence, which will positively affect every aspect of your life.

A team of trained and dedicated instructors lead the class in a welcoming and supportive environment. Class size is limited to 25 students. The course is tax-deductible; tax receipts will be issued.

To register, call: 416-410-7776; Email: clctorontoeast@gmail.com
Register online at <http://clctorontoeast.com/>.

Classes begin at: St. Theresa Shrine, 2559 Kingston Rd.,
Sundays, 6-9 pm, beginning 6 October 2019.

Sunday School

Resumes 15 September

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. It's a great service to the children, and it gives the parents a chance to focus and listen to the Scriptures and homily.

Following this year's Summer break, this ministry will resume on: 15 September. For details, call: **Anna** or **Maria**, 416-875-0324.



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28 Sept. 1st Reconciliation & 1st Communion Saturday Classes begin for students from schools outside our Parish (9.00 am)

29 Sept. Feast of **St. Michael the Archangel**;
- 2nd Collection: Maintenance

1 Oct. **Bishop Michael Power**, death anniversary (1847)
5 Oct. Blessing of Animals (4.00 pm)

6 Oct. St. Vincent De Paul *Bundle Up* Sunday;
- *Life Chain* (2-3.00 pm)

7 Oct. Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)

Sacramental Preparation

Reconciliation, 1st Holy Communion:

start 28 September

Preparation will begin on 28 September for the Sacraments of *Reconciliation* and *First Holy Communion* for those students in public school, and those who have entered the Catholic school system after grade 2.

For further information, call the facilitator directly:

Fr. Elias, 416-261-0076.

Confirmation: start 12 October

Preparation will begin on 12 October for the Sacrament of *Confirmation* for those students in public school, and those who have entered the Catholic school system after grade 7.

For further information, call the facilitator directly:

Mr. Mukesh Kapadia, 416-759-0882.

**Note:* Students in Catholic Schools receive Confirmation preparation in Grade 7.

Fr. Richard Veltri

16 October 1934 – 12 September 2011

This week, we remember dear **Fr. Richard Veltri**, who served often at St. Maria Goretti Parish from 1985 to 2005.

May he rest in peace.



Feast of St. Michael the Archangel 29 September

Parishioners may wish to know that, this year, a major liturgical feast falls on a Sunday:

29 September: Feast of *St. Michael the Archangel*

In our archdiocese, this Feast takes precedence over the sequential Ordinary Time Sunday. Our liturgical ministers, and especially our Lectors, should note that it is not the “26th Sunday in Ordinary Time.” Please prepare for the correct Readings.

Mass Intentions Requests for 2020

The Mass Intention book for 2020 is now open. The parish office will accept requests for intentions after any Sunday Mass and during weekday office hours.

ShareLife Committee 12 pm, 14 Sept.

The next *ShareLife* Committee meeting will be held at 12 noon on Saturday, 14 September.

Lectors' Social 12 noon, 21 September

All parish Lectors are invited to a Pot Luck Social at 12.00 noon on Saturday, 21 September. Kindly ensure you have confirmed your attendance with **Yvonne**: 416-770-4969.

Relics of St. Brother André 8 October

St. Lawrence Parish will have the Relics of **St. Brother André** of St. Joseph Oratory, on 8 October 2019, from 6 - 9 pm.

Baptism

Congratulations to the newest members of our Church, born again through water and the Spirit as brothers and sisters of Jesus:

June 8

Charles Abraham Corcos
Justice Raziel Gamboa
Mackenzo Hernandez
Franchesca Gia Pineda
Kathleen Camille Tana

June 15

Scarlet Autumn Lavina
Jase Juaquin Angel Malo-Chase
Ja' Nayah Mary Rocha
Jeremiah Prince Savella

June 22

Jackson John Buenaventura

June 29

Caleb Anhtonio Villardo

July 6

Keion Macatula
Camille Elaiza Medrano

July 7

Kristian Damien Dela Rosa
Kamesha Kateri Henry
Dajaughn Damari Reid

July 13

Nolan Pierre Ballie

July 20

Aria Danielle Melaya Ablog

July 27

Zoe Norah Jayson
Ariya Reena Kalladeen
Zian Vimar Lapining Li
Mila Bernadette Sicat

July 28

Joan Breniyah Abraham

August 4

Jaelie Rosemere Aquino

August 10

Angela Aquino
Trinity Rose-Maria Charles
Lily Nguyen Hassan
Leo Nguyen Hassan
Avram Teo Romea
MacKenzie Gercel Santos

August 25

Canaan Joaquin Fejeder
Janzenric Ferrer
Kayla Fiona Francois
Cristopher Elijah Ramirez Imbag
Katherena Xyriel Mataya
Samantha Brielle Noval
Ysabelle Rose Sanchez

Sisters of Life *The Source*

7-9 pm, 26 September, St. Peter Church

Come for an experience of Adoration:

The Source, with the *Sisters of Life*,
Thursday, 26 September, 7 to 9 pm,
St. Peter Church, 830 Bathurst Street.

Join the **Sisters of Life** for an evening of prayer and fellowship. From 7 to 8 pm in the Main Chapel, we'll have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, with music.

Confessions will be available.

From 8 to 9 pm, we'll have refreshments and fellowship in the parish hall. We hope to see you there!

Contact: The Sisters of Life

Phone: 416-463-2722 Email: toronto@sistersoflife.org

Web: sistersoflife.org/events/toronto-source-holy-hour



Pope Francis: *Prayer for Families*

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
in you we contemplate the
splendor of true love,
to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
grant that our families too may be
places of communion and prayer,
authentic schools of the Gospel
and small domestic Churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
may families never again experience violence,
rejection or division: may all who have been hurt
or scandalized find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth may the prayer of the Church
make us once more mindful of the sacredness and
inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan.
Jesus, true God and true man, graciously hear our prayer.

Mary and Joseph, co-operators with God's plan,
pray for us. Amen!



Federal Election Debate from a Catholic Perspective

Thursday, October 3, at 7:30 pm at the John Bassett Theatre (in the Metro Toronto Convention Centre), 255 Front Street West, Toronto.

Catholics are called to be engaged in the public square. As we prepare for the 21 October federal election, you are invited to join one of the largest live debates in Canada.

On 3 October 2019, join 1,000 Catholics from across the archdiocese as they listen to candidates from the four major political parties debate issues of importance to Catholics.

Moderated by a veteran political journalist, the evening will also include reflections and prayer offered by **Cardinal Thomas Collins**. For more information, election resources and to order free tickets, visit:

www.archtoronto.org/election



Prayer for Life

Eternal Father, Source of Life,
open our hearts to see and
desire the beauty of
Your plan for life and love.

Fill us with Your Holy Spirit
so that our love will be
generous and self-giving,
and we may be blessed with joy.

Grant us great trust in Your mercy.

Forgive us for the times we have not received Your gift of life, and heal us from the effects of the culture of death.

Instill in us and in all people a sense of the sacredness of every human life. Inspire our efforts to protect and care for the most vulnerable, especially women who are pregnant and their unborn children; the sick; and the elderly. Strengthen us in the hope that with You nothing is impossible.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ,
who by His Cross makes all things new. Amen.



*Our Lady of
Guadalupe,
Mother
of Life,
pray for us.*



[At right:] Canaan Joaquin Fejeder,
Baptized 25 August 2019

"Baptism is a GIFT FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT, which enables those who receive it to fight against the spirit of evil, believing that God sent his only Son into the world to cast out the power of Satan, to rescue us from the kingdom of darkness and bring us into the splendour of [the] Kingdom of Light."
(Pope Francis).



[Just above:] Joan Breniyah Abraham,
Baptized 28 July 2019

[At right: Joan receiving her Certificate.]





The New Trees

Many thanks to the parishioners who assisted in planting the new trees that were donated by the Arab Community Centre. The installation 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. In the photo above, a team of brave parishioners pose with Bernard Malone, who supervised the plantings in 2018. In the front, Bernard Jr. & Bianca's son, Malcolm Malone, joins his grandparents to provide human scale to one of the new trees.

The selection of the new trees was guided by a professional arborist, who took into consideration the existing tree stock on our property, and factors such as the proximity to the flow of traffic (and pollution) on Kennedy Road.





[Above:] Oswin D'Souza, who became a Canadian Citizen this Summer, seeks a special blessing after Sunday Mass, along with a loving family. Many reasons to give thanks to God !

[Below:] Marika Galea graduates from the Schulich School of Music at McGill University, Montreal, 29 May 2019. With her brother Benjamin, his mother Deborah Meyer and uncle Fr. Edwin.





[Photo credit: via starwarsalways.wordpress.com]

The miracle that led “Obi-Wan Kenobi” to convert to Catholicism

Sir Alec Guinness is one of the most recognizable actors of the 20th century. While he appeared in lots of films over the years and won many awards, he is best known as having played **Obi-Wan Kenobi** in Star Wars.

What many people don’t know about him, though, is that at the age of 42 he converted to Catholicism – in part because of a miracle.

Guinness was born in 1914 in London. He never knew his father and grew up in poverty. He was confirmed as an Anglican at 16, but was unsure of what he really believed. Over the next few years he tried Presbyterianism, atheism, Marxism, Buddhism, and even attended a few Quaker meetings. Like a good Englishman of the early 20th century, though, he had no interest in Catholicism.

While rehearsing for the play *Hamlet*, an Anglican priest approached him and explained that he was blessing himself wrong and showed him the correct way. Something about the encounter had a spiritual impact on him, and he regained some interest in Anglicanism.

He was drawn further to the Anglican faith in the turmoil of World War II, but it wasn’t until 1954 when he was 40 years old that he had another experience that would open him to considering Catholicism.

He was in France working on the film *Father Brown*, based on G. K. Chesterton’s well known fictional crime-solving priest. He was playing the title role and was dressed up as a Catholic Priest. While walking down the street in priestly attire, a local child spotted him and thought he was a genuine Catholic Priest. The child ran up, grabbed his hand trustingly, and walked with him down the road.

The trust and affection the child had for a Catholic Priest had a deep impact on him. He started to seriously consider Catholicism. He later explained:

“Continuing my walk, it occurred to me that a Church that could inspire such confidence in a child, making Priests, even when unknown, so easily approachable, could not be as sinister as so often made out by its detractors. I began to shake off my long-taught, long-absorbed prejudices.”

Soon after, his son Matthew contracted polio and began sinking close to death. Desperate and seeking divine help, Guinness started stopping at a local Catholic Church to pray.

He made a deal with God: If God healed Matthew, he would allow his son to become Catholic if he wanted.

Against all expectations, his son recovered. So Guinness and his wife enrolled him in a Jesuit school. A few years later, Guinness, his wife, and his son all converted to Catholicism. Guinness remained a faithful Catholic the rest of his life until he died in 2000.

CNA/churchpop.com

INSIGHTFUL ALEC GUINNESS QUOTES:

An actor is totally vulnerable. His total personality is exposed to critical judgment - his intellect, his bearing, his diction, his whole appearance. In short: his ego.

A person who is keen to shake your hand usually has something up his sleeve.

De La Salle College

Join us for an Open House!
Wednesday, 9 October
7 pm to 9 pm



De La Salle College, a Catholic co-educational, independent school for students in grades 5 to 12, will be hosting an Open House on Wednesday, 9 October 2019, from 7:00 pm. to 9:00 pm. for prospective students and their families for the academic year 2020-2021.

The school is located at 131 Farnham Avenue, Toronto, Ontario M4V 1H7. For more information, please contact the Office of Admissions at: 416-969-8771, ext. 223.

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(a) The Chalice



(b) Chalice and Purificator



(c) Chalice, Purificator and Paten with Host



(d) Chalice, Purificator, Paten and Pall



(e) All now covered by Chalice Veil—note the different parts under the Veil



(f) The Burse and the Corporal



(g) The Chalice completely covered