



Parish Week / Sunday, 20 Oct. 2019

Saturday, 19 Oct.

- 8.00 am Mass: † George Obadiah (Anne-Marie Solomon)
 10.00 am ► Serra Altar Server Awards Mass
 at St. Joseph's Church, Highland Creek
 5.00 pm Mass: † Gabriel & Francis Andreas
 (Thanesh Thanarajan)

SUNDAY, 20 OCT. / 29-C

- Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo
- 2nd Collection: World Mission Sunday
- Share Life Bake Sale

- 9.00 am Mass: † Luigi DeCicco (Emma)
 10.30 am Mass: † Agnes Diaz (family)
 12.00 am Mass: † Donald Anthony Kay
 (Carol Houston & family)
 1.00 pm Knights of Columbus
 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday, 21 Oct. / Federal Election Day

- 8.00 am Mass: † Charlotte Meta Mbalayi (Julien Lukoji)
 7.00 pm Mass: † Lalita D'Souza (Joseph)

Tuesday, 22 Oct. / St. John Paul II, pope

- 8.00 am Mass: † John & Mary Genuis
 (St. Maria Goretti friends)

Wednesday, 23 Oct. / St. John of Capistrano, priest

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (Antony)

Thursday, 24 Oct. / St. Anthony Mary Claret, bishop

- 8.00 am Mass: † Jessie Colaco (Jason)

Friday, 25 Oct.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Carlos Peral (family)

Saturday, 26 Oct.

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Fr. Elias (friend)
 5.00 pm Mass: † Leo Ryan (Carol Houston & family)

SUNDAY, 27 OCT. / 30-C

- Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea
- Ministry Sunday
- 2nd Collection: Maintenance

- 9.00 am Mass: † Rayappu Bastiampillai (family)
 10.30 am Mass: † Athanasius Bernard &
 Mary Magdalene Dias (Anita & Dominic)
 11.30 am Catholic Women's League
 12.00 am Mass: † Isabelo Besario Sr. (family)
 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Focus on the Word

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Exodus 17.8-13; 2 Timothy 3.14-4.2; Luke 18.1-8

Almighty ever-living God, grant that we may always conform our will to yours and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart. Amen.

Pray for the Deceased

Edeltrudes Alegria

Manolo Catalan

Mary Tierney

Fr. Lawrence Jacob Kroker

The **53** victims of **Hurricane Dorian**
 in the **Bahamas & region**



Second Collection

20 October: World Mission Sunday

The 2nd collection on 20 Oct. is for *World Mission Sunday*.

"Here we are, Jesus, ready to serve to the ends of the earth."

On World Mission Sunday, all Catholics are called to celebrate their vocation to be missionaries. On this day, Catholics around the world — here at home and in the Missions — gather at the Eucharist around the table of the Lord, to pray for the Church's worldwide missionary work. As Jesus requested:

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28: 19-20)

We are invited to live this Mission as servants of the living Lord. The testimony of our faith in Christ the Redeemer, our hope and our charity provide the greatest service that baptized people can offer, here and to the ends of the earth.

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| 4 Nov. | ► St. Albert School Mass (Remembrance) (1:00 pm);
- Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm) |
| 7 Nov. | St. Maria Goretti School Mass (Remembrance) (9:45 am) |
| 10 Nov. | Infant Baptism (1:30 pm) |
| 17 Nov. | 2 nd Collection: <i>Shepherds' Trust</i> |
| 22 Nov. | St. Maria Goretti School Mass Reconciliation (8:45 am) |
| 24 Nov. | 2 nd Collection: Maintenance;
- Catholic Women's League (11:30 am) |

Website stmariagoretti.archtoronto.org

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

Ministry Sunday: 27 October

St. Maria Goretti Parish will hold its Annual *Ministry Sunday* at all Masses on 26/27 October. All parish ministries will have representatives and information about their activity at the tables throughout the Church Vestibule.

God created each of us with unique gifts, talents, and experiences. Part of our journey towards holiness and towards God is discovering who we are, what gifts we have, and how we can share these gifts with our families & friends, our community, and our world. We invite you to take an opportunity to reflect on the person God created you to be and the gifts you may have to share.

If you are new to the parish, or if you have been a parishioner for some time and are discerning deeper involvement in our faith community, take the time to look over the ministry displays and speak to the representatives; and ask the Lord if you are being called to share your gifts in a new way.

Sacramental Preparation

Reconciliation, 1st Holy Communion:

start 28 September

Preparation began 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 details, call: **Fr. Elias**, 416-261-0076.

Confirmation: start 19 October

Preparation will begin on 19 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.



RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Bible Sponsors wanted

Do you cherish the **Bible**? Would you like to help spread the *Good News* to new Catholics? Here's a way for you to let others know how powerful the Bible is!

The *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* invites parishioners to serve as **Bible Sponsors** for the candidates currently in the process of joining the Church. At the 5.00 pm Mass on

26 October 2019

the Inquirers will celebrate the Rite of Admission to the *Catechumenate*, a period of focused study of the faith. At that time, they will be presented with blessed **Bibles**. You may sponsor one Bible for a donation of \$25. For more information on how you can help, call: **Fr. Edwin**, 416-261-0076.

ShareLife Bake Sale: 20 October

Join us on Saturday and Sunday, 19 & 20 October, for our **ShareLife BAKE SALE** in the Vestibule. We will be selling delicious treats for the entire family. All proceeds from the Sale will go towards our 2020 *ShareLife* Campaign.

Altar Servers Annual Awards Mass

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH, 19 October

Please remember in your prayers the Parish Altar Servers who will be attending the 2019 Altar Server Awards Mass at 10.00 am on Saturday, 19 October at St. Joseph Church, 200 Morrish Road, Highland Creek. Our 2019 Award recipients:

Mark Joseph Alconcel

Lochchana Mathuranayagam



FALL TRAINING SERIES

Resumes Saturday,

26 October, 9-10.30 am

Would you like to be an Altar Server? The Fall Training Series for our new Altar Server Candidates will resume at 9.00 am on Saturday, 26 October. Applicants must be members of registered parish families, and have made their 1st Communion.

Parish Attendance Count 13 & 20 October

At all Sunday Masses on 13 & 20 October, volunteers will conduct our annual *Attendance Count*. This is a requirement of our Archdiocese for its planning and reporting purposes. The count is simply a manual tally of all those arriving for our Masses.

November Masses

During the month of November, the month of the *Holy Souls*, in addition to our regular weekday 8.00 am morning Mass, there will be an evening Mass: Monday to Friday at 7.00 pm.

Book of Remembrance

During November, the month of the *Holy Souls*, we will remember all the faithful departed of our families at our daily Masses. Parishioners may add the names of deceased family members in our November *Book of Remembrance*, in front of the pulpit.

Christians in the Holy Land

"Holy Land Christians" is a group whose mission is to support the presence of Christian families in the Holy Land. The organisation consists of teams who travel to churches throughout Ontario, Quebec and the USA. They have accomplished a great deal since the start of our project by simultaneously stimulating both the North America and Holy Land economies. If you would like to listen to their presentations and see the beautifully crafted items they have on display, they will be at:

St. Dunstan Church, 26-27 October

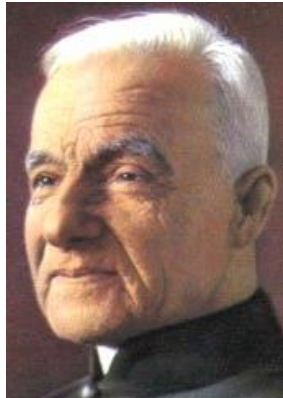
St. Rose of Lima Church, 2-3 November

Lights for our Way: Saints and Blesseds

Saint Brother André Bessette

7 January

Born **Alfred Bessette** on 9 August 1845, Brother André died at Montréal on 6 January 1937. Although he was unimposing in speech and stature and never advanced beyond the most lowly positions within his religious order, the Congregation of the Holy Cross, Alfred, who took the name Br. André in 1870, became the most popular religious figure in Québec in the 20th century. He died as he had lived, suffering heroically, praying fervently, and even working great cures.



Thousands attribute their miraculous healings to André's intervention with his patron, St Joseph. A basilica, still Montréal's most imposing landmark, was constructed 1924-55. Half a million visitors still come to the oratory every year. On 17 October 2010, Br. André was canonized, making him the 1st male Catholic saint born in Canada.

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

17 April

The "Lily of the Mohawks", **Kateri Tekakwitha** was born in 1656 in Upstate New York to a Catholic Algonquin mother and a Mohawk Chief. When she was four years old, her parents and brother died of smallpox. Kateri was also affected by the disease, which left her almost blind and badly scarred her face. When Kateri turned 18, Father Jacques de Lamberville arrived to take charge of the Catholic mission in her village of Caughnawaga. Kateri was Baptized, and fled to St. Francis Xavier Mission, a Mohawk village in Kahnawake, Quebec. She received her first Communion on Christmas Day 1677, and made a vow of perpetual virginity on the Feast of the Annunciation in 1679. Kateri was known for her faith and holiness. She taught prayers to children, cared for the elderly and the sick, and would often attend mass at sunrise and sunset. Kateri died on 17 April 1680. Her final words were: "*Jesos Konoronkwa*" ("Jesus, I love you"). Since Kateri's death many miracles have been performed through her intercession, with the sick being cured and many prayers being answered. Kateri was declared Venerable by **Pope Pius XII** on 3 January 1943, and beatified by **Pope John Paul II** in 1980. On 21 October 2012, **Pope Benedict XVI** canonized her; she thus became "the first native North American to be raised to the glory of the altars."



Saint Mother Teresa of Kolkata

5 September



Mother Teresa was born **Gonxha (Agnes) Bojaxhiu** in Skopje, Yugoslavia, on 27 August 1910. At 18, Gonxha chose to join the Loreto Sisters of Dublin. In 1929, she was sent to their novitiate in Darjeeling. In 1931, she made her first vows there, choosing the name of Teresa. She was sent to St. Mary's, a high school for girls in Calcutta. Here she began a career teaching for the next 15 years. In 1946, she traveled to Darjeeling for retreat, and during the next two years, Teresa pursued every avenue to follow what she "never doubted" was the direction God was pointing her. She was "to give up even Loreto, where I was very happy, and to go out in the streets. I heard the call to give up all and follow Christ." In 1948 she received permission from **Pius XII** to leave her community and live independently. She went back to Calcutta, and began her new undertaking.

Teresa found a never-ending stream of human needs in the poor she met, and frequently was exhausted. Young women came to volunteer their services and later became the core of her Missionaries of Charity, who grew like the mustard seed of the Scriptures. Until her death on 5 September 1997, Mother Teresa continued her work among the poorest of the poor, depending on God for all of her needs.

Saint Pope John Paul II

22 October



Born **Karol Józef Wojtyła**, 18 May 1920, he served as the Vicar of Christ from 16 October 1978 until his death on 2 April 2005. He was the only Polish Pope, and the first non-Italian Pope since Dutch **Pope Adrian VI** in 1520. **John Paul II** has been acclaimed as one of the most influential leaders of the 20th century. He was instrumental in ending communism in his native Poland and eventually all of Europe, as well as significantly improving the Catholic Church's relations with Judaism, the Orthodox Churches, and the Anglican Communion. He is praised for his firm Catholic stances in faith and morals. He visited 129 countries during his pontificate. He beatified 1,340 people and canonised 483 Saints, more than the tally of his predecessors during the last five centuries. A key goal was to reposition the Church. He wished "to place the Church at the heart of a new religious alliance that would bring together Jews, Muslims and Christians in a great [religious] armada."

One of his amazing legacies is the annual *World Youth Day* celebration. At the closing Mass of the 2000 WYD in Rome, the pope said to the pilgrims: "It is Jesus in fact you seek when you dream of happiness; He is waiting for you when nothing else satisfies you; He is the beauty to which you are so attracted; it is He who provokes you with that thirst for fullness that will not let you settle for compromise; it is He who urges you to shed the masks of a false life; it is He who reads in your hearts your most genuine choices, the choices that others try to stifle. It is Jesus who stirs in you the desire to do something great with your lives, to follow an ideal, to refuse to allow yourselves to be ground down by mediocrity."

On 1 May 2010, John Paul II was proclaimed *Blessed* by **Pope Benedict XVI**. **Pope Francis** announced that he will be canonized in 2013.



Saint Cardinal Newman

Pope Francis declared **Blessed John Henry Newman** a Saint on 13 October 2019. The British theologian was canonized during a Mass at the Vatican along with a Swiss laywoman, an Indian nun, an Italian nun and a nun known as the “Mother Teresa of Brazil.”

The date for the canonization Mass was announced on 1 July 2019 during an "ordinary public consistory," a meeting of the pope, cardinals and promoters of sainthood causes.

Born in London in 1801, John Henry Newman was ordained an Anglican priest in 1825. He later founded the *Oxford Movement*, which emphasized the Catholic roots of Anglicanism.

After a series of clashes with Anglican bishops made him a virtual outcast from the Church of England, he joined the Catholic Church at the age of 44 and was ordained a Catholic Priest in 1846. **Pope Leo XIII** made him a cardinal in 1879 while respecting his wishes not to be ordained a bishop.

A theologian and poet, he died in 1890 and his sainthood cause was opened in 1958. **Pope Benedict XVI** beatified him in Birmingham, England, in 2010.

The others who were declared saints are:

Blessed Dulce Lopes Pontes, who was a member of the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception.

Born in 1914, she was known to Brazilian Catholics as Sister Dulce, the mother of the poor. She founded the first Catholic workers' organization in the state of Bahia, started a health clinic for poor workers and opened a school for working families. She created a hospital, an orphanage and care centers for the elderly and disabled.

She was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize by then-President **Jose Sarney** in 1988. **St. John Paul II**, who called her work "an example for humanity," met her in 1980 during his first trip to Brazil and, returning in 1991, he visited her in the hospital. She died in 1992 at the age of 77 with tens of thousands attending her funeral and even more gathering for her beatification in 2011.

Blessed Marguerite Bays, a Swiss laywoman known for her spirituality in the face of great physical suffering and for bearing the stigmata of Christ. She died in 1879.

Blessed Josephine Vannini, co-founder the Daughters of St. Camillus, served the sick and elderly. She died in 1911.

Blessed Mariam Thresia Chiramel Mankidiyan, Indian founder of the Sisters of the Holy Family, who died in 1926.

The Mission of My Life

by Cardinal Newman

God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good; I shall do His work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it if I do but keep His commandments. Therefore, I will trust Him, whatever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him, in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him. If I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. He does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about. He may take away my friends. He may throw me among strangers. He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide my future from me. Still, He knows what He is about.



Lectors' Social, 21 September 2019







Flowers inside and out, October 2019



[Above] **Charles and Rehana Rodrigues** visit their friend **Lillian D'Souza** on Sunday, 6 October.



[Above] **Chopper** the Corgi with his family at the annual BLESSING OF ANIMALS on Saturday, 5 October.



10th Anniversary: **Deborah and Mark Galea** with family at their Wedding celebration 10 years ago, 14 February 2009.

The Wedding Mass was at St. Bartholomew Church, and the reception was at McLean House, Sunnybrook Estates.



[Above] Escalator in London Underground

[Below] Time is short. *Vita Brevis, Memento Mori.*

