Let us pray for all the souls of the faithful departed.

"*We loved them in life; let us not forget them in death*."
- St. Ambrose

Parish Week ✠ Sunday, 17 Nov. 2019

Saturday, 16 Nov. / St. Margaret of Scotland

8.00 am Mass: † Petra Zulueta (Rosalina)
5.00 pm Mass: Int. Shoba Ryan (friends)

SUNDAY, 17 NOV. / 33-C

■ *Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea*
■ *2nd Collection: Shepherd's Trust*

9.00 am Mass: Int. Joy Camacho
10.30 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (D'Souza family)
12.00 pm Mass: † Maria, Lawrence & Joseph D'Cruz (Pereira family)
1.00 pm Knights of Columbus
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Mon., 18 Nov. / Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter & Paul

8.00 am Mass: † Gorjonio Castro (Clarita)
7.00 pm Mass: † Sarah Perera (family)

Tuesday, 19 Nov.

8.00 am Mass: † Patrick Byrne (Paddy Dowling)
7.00 pm Mass: † Deceased members of D'Mello families (Esme & Mike)

Wednesday, 20 Nov.

8.00 am Mass: † Abraham Garcia (Vinah)
7.00 pm Mass: † Lalita D'Souza (Joseph)

Thursday, 21 Nov. / Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8.00 am Mass: † Arthur Braganza (family)
7.00 pm Mass: Int. Michael Solomon (sister)

Friday, 22 Nov. / St. Cecilia, *virgin & martyr*

8.00 am Mass: † Victoria & Alfred Alagaratnam (Caroline)
8.45 am St. Maria Goretti School Reconciliation
7.00 pm Mass: † Beatriz Remedios (Audrey)

Saturday, 23 Nov. / St. Clement I, *pope & martyr*

8.00 am Mass: † Michele Pisciola (Irma)
5.00 pm Mass: † Beatriz Remedios (friends)

SUNDAY, 24 NOV. / CHRIST THE KING

■ *Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati*
■ *2nd Collection: Maintenance*

9.00 am Mass: † Billy & Ludy Ombac (family)
10.30 am Mass: † Alice & Mark Rego (family)
11.30 am Catholic Women's League
12.00 pm Mass: † Paul Howley (Dorothy)
1.00 pm Knights of Columbus
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Focus on the Word

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C
Malachi 4.1-2; 2 Thessalonians 3.7-12; Luke 21.5-19

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, the constant gladness of being devoted to you, for it is full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy the author of all that is good. Amen.

Pray for the Deceased

Melecio Guzman **Sister Mary Nixon**
Jerry Sherlock **Louise Steel**
Bernardo Villaron **Sister Margaret Hyatt**
Mario Raafat Ibrahim

The **30 victims** of the **Boko Haram attack** in **Borno State, Nigeria**

November Masses

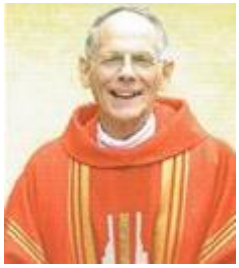
During the month of November, the month of the *Holy Souls*, in addition to our regular weekday 8.00 am morning Mass, there will be an evening Mass: Monday to Friday at 7.00 pm.

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.

2nd Collection

17 November, *Shepherds' Trust*



The 2nd collection on 17 November will be for the support of our retired priests through the *Shepherds' Trust*.
[r.: **Monsignor John Pilkauskas**]

Each year, grateful parishioners throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto contribute to the Shepherds' Trust.

The *Shepherds' Trust* has a mission to provide comfort and care for those who have steadfastly cared for us: our retired Priests. As parishioners, we have our own memories of a Catholic Priest who made a positive, meaningful and lasting impact in our lives.

We want all our Priests to be able to retire safely and with dignity. The *Shepherds' Trust* allows us to help achieve this goal.

On your *Shepherds' Trust* special collection envelope, please print your own personal Sunday envelope number in the space provided.

COMING UP

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29 Nov. **Fr. Edwin**: Ordination Anniversary (1980)
1 Dec. **1st Sunday of Advent**
- Installation of Altar Server Novices (12.00 pm Mass)
2 Dec. Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)

Website stmariagoretti.archtoronto.org

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

RCIA *The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*

Early Initiation, 16 Nov.

Please keep all the Adult and Youth candidates in your prayers. At the 5.00 pm Mass on

Saturday, 16 November

some of the participants who have been involved since the *Rite of Election* earlier this year will celebrate the *Early Initiation Rites*.

The RCIA is for adults who want to be Baptized; those who are Christian and not yet Catholic; and those who are already Catholic but have not received all the Sacraments of Initiation.

For more information on how you can help as a sponsor and prayer partner, call: **Fr. Edwin**, 416-261-0076.

Sunday Missals

The new Sunday Missals have arrived for the next liturgical year, beginning with the First Sunday of Advent on 1 December 2019. Pick up your copy at the table in the Vestibule for $5.

Stewardship

2020 Sunday Envelopes

Parishioners are invited to pick up their *2020 Sunday Offertory Envelopes* in the Vestibule after Mass. The envelopes are for registered parishioners only; if you are new to the neighbourhood and have not yet registered, *welcome!* Come to the Office window, fill out a *registration form*, and join our parish.

Pick up your own box

Ensure that you have your own box: *the number on the label and on the envelopes* must be identical. If you notice any discrepancy, advise the parish office right away. If you use someone else's envelopes, your donation would be credited to the other person.

Donation amounts

Some new parishioners have missed the instruction to ensure that the *donation amount* should be written in the space provided on the front of the envelope. If this is not done, our financial advisors must stop to do so when the collection is counted, and this really slows down the process.

Wait until New Year

Kindly wait until 1 January 2020 to begin using your new envelopes. If you misplaced your box for the current year, visit the Office after any Sunday morning Mass and we will look after you.

Changes for our Parish Records

Please notify the Parish Office at 416-261-0076, if you:

- Have a change in your family
- Have a change of address
- Have a new phone number or e-mail address
- Will be moving out of the Parish

A simple phone call would keep our parish records updated, and eliminate unnecessary postage and returned mail.

Advent Preparations

Christmas Flowers

Parishioners are invited to sponsor this year's display of Christmas Poinsettias in our Sanctuary. Donation envelopes are at the Office window.

If you wish to *dedicate* your flowers, please fill out the "Christmas Flower" form in the donation envelope. Dedications will be accepted until noon on Monday, 20 December.

The forms are intended to remember *one person* for each pot donated. If you wish to honour more than one person, you may submit the name of a pair who share a common family name; or, for many persons, "For the members of the _____ Family."

Right to Life Christmas Cards *17 Nov.*

Why bother with secular "Christmas" cards? Get the *real thing!* Beautiful *Right to Life* Christmas cards will be available at all Masses on 17 November. Cost: $10 for a package of ten.

Altar Servers *Fall Training Series*

Continues Saturdays, 9-10.30 am

Would you like to be an Altar Server? The Fall Training Series for our new Altar Server Candidates continues at 9.00 am on Saturday mornings until 30 November. Applicants must be members of registered parish families, and have made their 1st Communion.

The *Installation of Novices* will be held at the 12.00 noon Mass on Sunday, 1 December.

Catholic Women's League

Bake Sale, 8.30 am – 2.00 pm, 17 November

On Sunday, 17 November, the *Catholic Women's League* will hold a Bake Sale in the Church Vestibule, from 8.30 to 3.00 pm. Come treat yourself to some awesome creations! You will find a variety of cultural foods.

Membership Drive, 17 November

The CWL will be recruiting new members for 2020.

Used toner, ink, etc.

Would you like to dispose of your old electronics, used toner, ink and old batteries? Bring them in clear bags to the CWL recycling bin during the Membership Drive.

Election Sunday, 24 November

Last general membership meeting for the current program year: 24 November, at which time the elections will be held.

Festival of Lights & Fatima Shrine, 30 November

Sign up for the CWL trip to the Festival of Lights in Niagara Falls, and to the Fatima Shrine in Lewiston. Ticket: $50.

Spiritual Reflection

Great Symphonies begin with just one note. - **Priscilla Y. Pratt**

RCIA & RCIC

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults & Children

Pray for all in our parish RCIA and RCIC processes who celebrated the *Rite of Admission to the Catechumenate* at the

5.00 pm Mass, 26 October, 2019:

RCIA

Alabi, Olubukola
Amul, Maria
Babirye, Zainah
Byron, James
Kwan, Ken
Li, Na
Mayers, Alanda
Su, Ruanqing
Watson-Graham, Debisha

RCIC

Andrada, Jaymie
Andrada, Nicko
Ferrer, Kiraley
Graham, Amare
Graham, Amari
Mayers, Jeremiah
Molina, Andrea
Santos, Alexandra

Thank you to the Bible Sponsors

Many thanks to all parishioners who kindly sponsored BIBLES for the RCIA candidates for the *Rite of the Catechumenate*.

Please keep all the Adult and Youth candidates in your prayers.

Early Initiation Rite, 16 November

On Saturday, 16 November, some of the participants who have been involved since the *Rite of Election* earlier this year will celebrate the *Early Initiation Rites* at the 5.00 pm Mass.

Becoming a Catholic

Most adults become a Catholic over a long period of time. They were Baptized as infants, grew up in a Catholic home, and received their education in Catholic schools. These people were gradually initiated into the full life of the Church through the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

Other adults who were never Baptized have been initiated into the Catholic Church after a process of formation, prayer and discernment. This initiation is marked by the celebration of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist at the annual Easter celebration. The Church welcomes new members. The *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* (RCIA) is a process for initiating new members. It is a restoration of the original **Catechumenate** used in the early Church, and specifically mandated by the Church at the *Second Vatican Ecumenical Council* ("Vatican 2"), held from 1962-65.

A Spiritual Odyssey

Finding begins in seeking.
The answer is found in the heart that loves.

God is love. Because He exists, He can only be love, because love is the greatest, most beautiful, most natural thing. When we live love, we are missionaries.

Every time He turns toward us, it is to put more love into our life and all around us. It is to share with us what He Himself is, so that, by allowing ourselves to be transformed by His love, we may continuously become mirrors of His love.

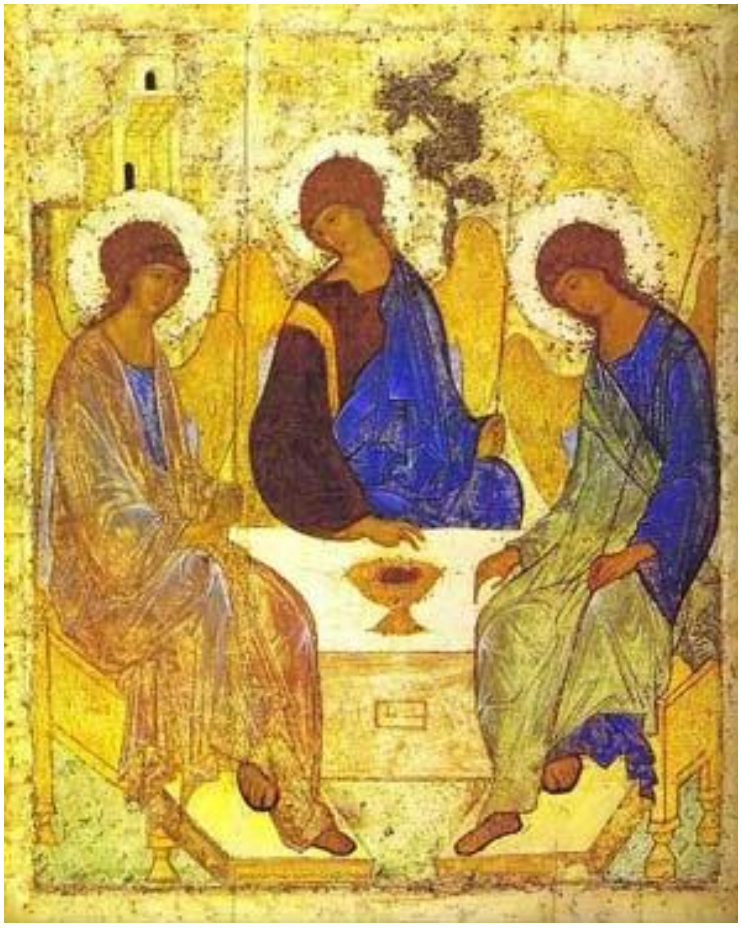
When we allow the light of His love to enter us, what else can we want but to live in love? To be a missionary is to enter into this all-encompassing stream of love.

Jesus is the first missionary, because He was sent into the world to announce and to live His Father's love.

Under the influence of the Spirit, Jesus sent his disciples out to witness the Good News of God's love.

All that God wants is love, for everyone.

God has a plan – one of love. What else could God desire but love? He wants love to be everywhere. Because of His love for us, God invites us to plunge into His universe of love.



[*Russian icon of the Trinity, Andrei Rublev, 1410*]

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Four Exorcists Urge Day of Fasting, Prayer & Reparation on 6 Dec. 2019

B. A. Dail, Monday 11 Nov. 2019 at 7:29 pm.

The 4 Priests suggest the Rosary and prayers to the Sacred Heart, as well as "some form of penance, such as fasting, abstinence and other forms of mortification," for the purpose of driving out any diabolic influence within the Church that has been gained as a result of recent events."

The exorcists, who have requested anonymity due to the sensitivity of their ministries, cited in a particular way the controversy that took place during the recent Pan-Amazon Synod, when statues purportedly of Pachamama, a goddess worshiped by indigenous Andeans, were incorporated into various synod events.

The full statement follows:

In light of recent events regarding the Pachamama ritual in the Vatican Gardens, the subsequent procession of the idol into St. Peter's, as well as placing the idols in St. Maria in Traspontina Church, we are reminded of the words of St. Paul (1 Corinthians 10:20), "Do I say, that what is offered in sacrifice to idols, is anything? Or, that the idol is anything? But the things which the heathens sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God. And I would not that you should be made partakers with devils."

The Psalms (95:5) tell us that "all the gods of the Gentiles are devils: but the Lord made the heavens." These events bring home the reality that (Ephesians 6:12) "our wrestling is not against flesh and blood; but against principalities and power, against the rulers of the world of this darkness, against the spirits of wickedness in the high places." These events bring home the reality that we are in spiritual warfare and that warfare is happening within the Church, itself.

We therefore encourage all Catholics who recognize the evil of the events to join us in a day of prayer and penance on December 6th, for the purpose of driving out any diabolic influence within the Church that has been gained as a result of these recent events — along with any other events.

We are asking all of those who participate to do the following for this intention:

1) Pray the Rosary;
2) Take on some form of penance, such as fasting, abstinence and other forms of mortification;
3) Offer the prayers to the Sacred Heart, as seen below.

Other recommended acts which we encourage others to do for this intention is make a Holy Hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament and attend Mass that day, offering the merits of the Mass for this intention.

May the Divine Mercy rest upon all of us.

Act of Consecration of the Human Race to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Most sweet Jesus, Redeemer of the human race, look down upon us humbly prostrate before Thy altar. We are Thine, and Thine we wish to be; but, to be more surely united with Thee, behold each one of us freely consecrates himself today to Thy Most Sacred Heart. Many indeed have never known Thee; many too, despising Thy precepts, have rejected Thee. Have mercy on them all, most merciful Jesus, and draw them to Thy Sacred Heart.

Be Thou King, O Lord, not only of the faithful who have never forsaken Thee, but also of the prodigal children who have abandoned Thee; may they quickly return to their Father's house lest they die of wretchedness and hunger.

Be Thou King of those who are deceived by erroneous opinions, or whom discord keeps aloof; call them back to the harbor of truth and unity of faith, so that soon there may be but one flock and one Shepherd.

Be Thou King of all those who are still involved in the darkness of idolatry or of Islamism; refuse not to draw them all into the light and kingdom of God. Turn Thine eyes of mercy toward the children of that race, once Thy chosen people: of old they called down upon themselves the Blood of the Savior; may it now descend upon them a laver of redemption and of life.

Grant, O Lord, to Thy Church assurance of freedom and immunity from harm; give peace and order to all nations, and make the earth resound from pole to pole with one cry: Praise to the Divine Heart that wrought our salvation; to It be glory and Honor forever. Amen.

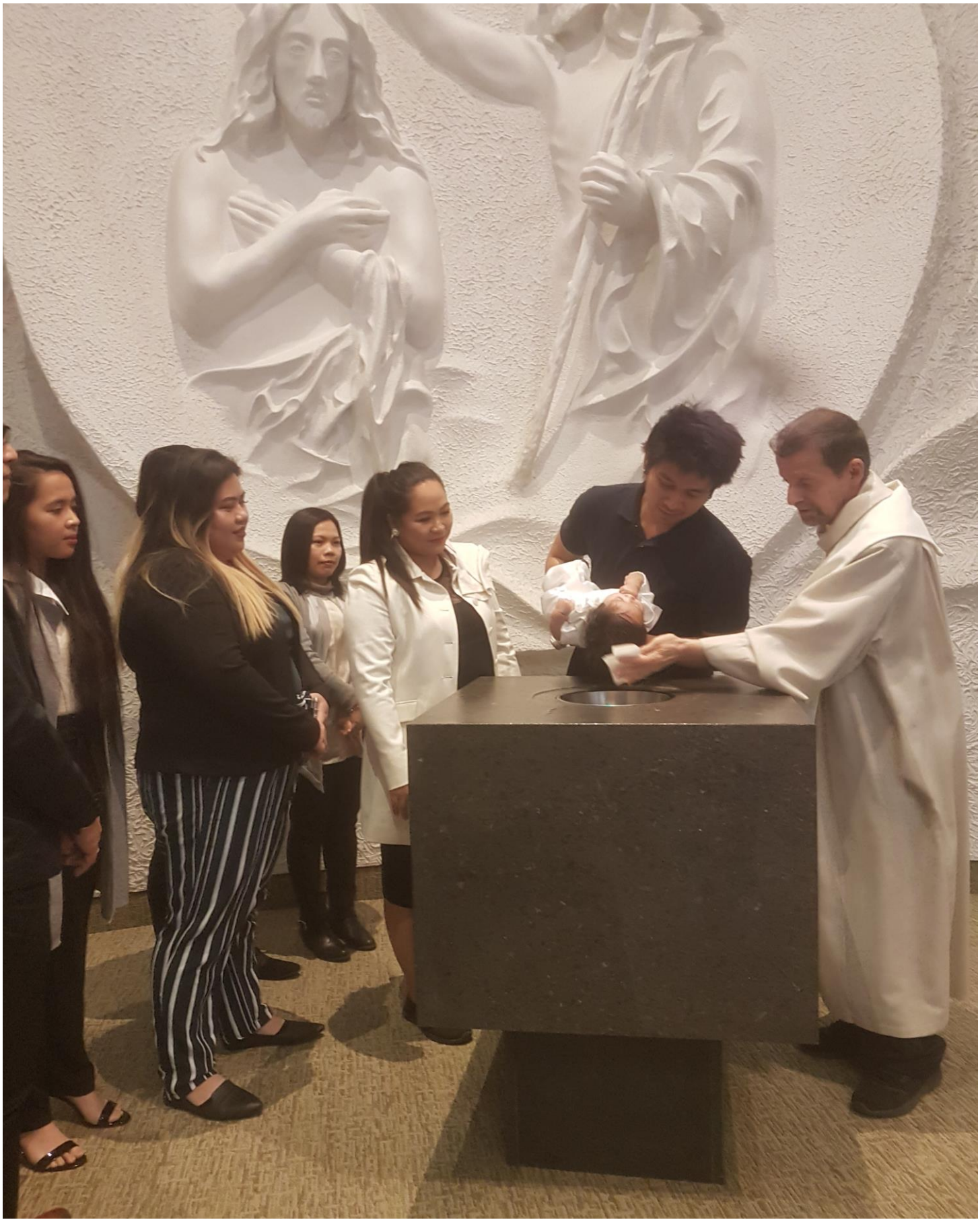
For the *Act of Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus* and other resources, see the National Catholic Register website.

CHIESA SANTA MARIA IN TRASPONTINA, *the titular Church of* **Cardinal Gerald Emmett Carter** of Toronto, during his time of service in the College of Cardinals, *1979-2003*.

10 NOVEMBER 2019

Once again, St. Maria Goretti Parish has the honour of welcoming **Bishop Jose Romeo Orquejo Lazo**, who last visited our parish on Sunday, 23 July 2017, when he presided at our 10.30 am Mass. At that time, he was the bishop of the diocese of *San Jose de Antique*, where he had served since 2009.

On February 14, 2018, **Pope Francis** appointed Bishop Lazo as the 6th Archbishop of the Archdiocese of *Jaro*, in the province of Iloilo. On 10 November 2019, the new Archbishop presided at our 10.30 am Mass, accompanied by **Fr. Nathaniel Gentizon** and our own parish clergy.



Under the prayerful and loving watch of his parents and sponsors, **Keith Angelo Mulla** receives the Sacrament of Baptism on 10 November 2019.

In the background: the *bas relief* of THE BAPTISM OF JESUS BY JOHN THE BAPTIST at the Jordan River.