



Parish Week

Christ the King

Sunday,
24 November 2019

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)
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday, 25 Nov. / St. Catherine of Alexandria, virgin & martyr

8.00 am Mass: † Jerry Laird (Julie McLaughlin)
7.00 pm Mass: † Toks Oshinowo (family)

Tuesday, 26 Nov.

8.00 am Mass: † Eduardo Villanueva
7.00 pm Mass: † Deceased members of D'Cunha family (Esme & Mike)

Wednesday, 27 Nov.

8.00 am Mass: † Beatriz Remedios (family)
7.00 pm Mass: † Deceased members of Crasto family (Esme & Mike)

Thursday, 28 Nov.

8.00 am Mass: † Zeca Almeda (Ondine)
7.00 pm Mass: † Ernesto & Lydia Rodas (family)

Friday, 29 Nov.

■ *Fr. Edwin: Ordination Anniversary (1980)*

8.00 am Mass: † Beatriz Remedios (family)
7.00 pm Mass: † Deceased members of Camacho family (Joy)

Saturday, 30 Nov. / St. Andrew, apostle

8.00 am Mass: Int. Fr. Elias Chachati (friend)
9.00 am Altar Servers: Fall Training Series, last session
5.00 pm Mass: † Ernesto & Lydia Rodas (family)

SUNDAY, 1 DEC. / ADVENT 1-A

■ *Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea*

9.00 am Mass: † All Souls in Purgatory (Caroline)
10.30 am Mass: Int. Fr. Elias Chachati (friend)
12.00 pm Mass: † Eileen Marie Power (Carol Houston & family)
- *Installation of Altar Server Novices*
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Focus on the Word

Christ the King Sunday, Year C

Samuel 5.1-3; Colossians 1.12-20; Luke 23.35-43

Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise. Amen.

Pray for the Deceased

Elda May Ambridge Maura Bautista
Antonio De Palma Leonida Delrosario
Frank Deneault Loveday Jones
Jude Mari Mira



The **29 victims** of the **Islamist attack in Burkina Faso**

A New Liturgical Year

The current liturgical year, "C," ends with the week after the Feast of **Christ the King**, which this year is on:

24 November 2019.

The next Sunday is the **1st Sunday of Advent**;

1 December 2019.

It starts a new Liturgical Year, "A" in our 3-year cycle of readings. The Sunday Gospels will be from the evangelist **Matthew**.

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.

COMING UP

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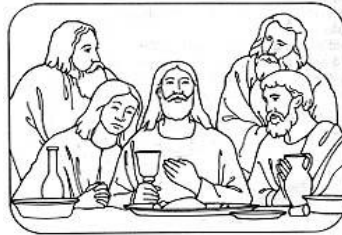
2 Dec. Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
4 Dec. St. Maria Goretti School Advent Mass (8:45 am)
8 Dec. Infant Baptism (1:30 pm)
9 Dec. **Solemn Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary**;
- St. Albert School Reconciliation (9:15 am)
11 Dec. Advent Day of Confessions;
- St. Albert School Family Advent Mass (7:00 pm)
12 Dec. Jean Vanier Catholic Secondary School Mass (9:00 am)
15 Dec. Religious Articles Sale;
- Knight of Columbus (1:00 pm)
18 Dec. St. Maria Goretti School Family Advent Mass
(Caroling, 6:45 pm; Mass, 7.00 pm)
22 Dec. **4th Sunday of Advent**;
- **Fr. Armand Joseph Desaulniers**: death anniversary (1988)
24 Dec. **Christmas Eve** Masses begin at 7.00 pm
25 Dec. Christmas: Feast of the **Nativity of Our Lord**
2nd Collection: Christmas
29 Dec. Feast of the **Holy Family**;
- *2nd Collection: Maintenance*

Website stmariagoretti.archtoronto.org

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

Sacramental Preparation

Reconciliation, 1st Communion



Students in our parish Catholic Schools receive RECONCILIATION and FIRST COMMUNION preparation in Grade 2. The parish will take care of the immediate instruction; families of enrolled students will be given a calendar at their Information Night.

Confirmation

Students in our parish Catholic Schools receive CONFIRMATION preparation in Grade 7. The parish will take care of the immediate instruction; families of enrolled students will be given a calendar at their Information Night.

Saturday Catechism

Students who are not in the Catholic Schools in our parish receive RECONCILIATION, 1ST COMMUNION and CONFIRMATION preparation on Saturday. The catechists, **Mukesh Kapadia** and **Fr. Elias**, provide the instruction and calendar.

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.

PEACE

The greatest destroyer of peace is abortion, because if a mother can kill her own child, what is left for me to kill you and you to kill me? There is nothing between.

Mother Teresa

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."

Catholic Women's League

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.

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.

Fragrance Irritation and Allergies

The chemicals used in many cosmetics may cause allergic reactions in some people, including breathing problems, asthma and dermatitis (itchy rash). Please refrain from wearing cosmetics with discernable fragrances to Church.

Catholic Education

As we continue to live in the spirit of our Thanksgiving celebration with our families, let us give thanks for the teachers, trustees and sports

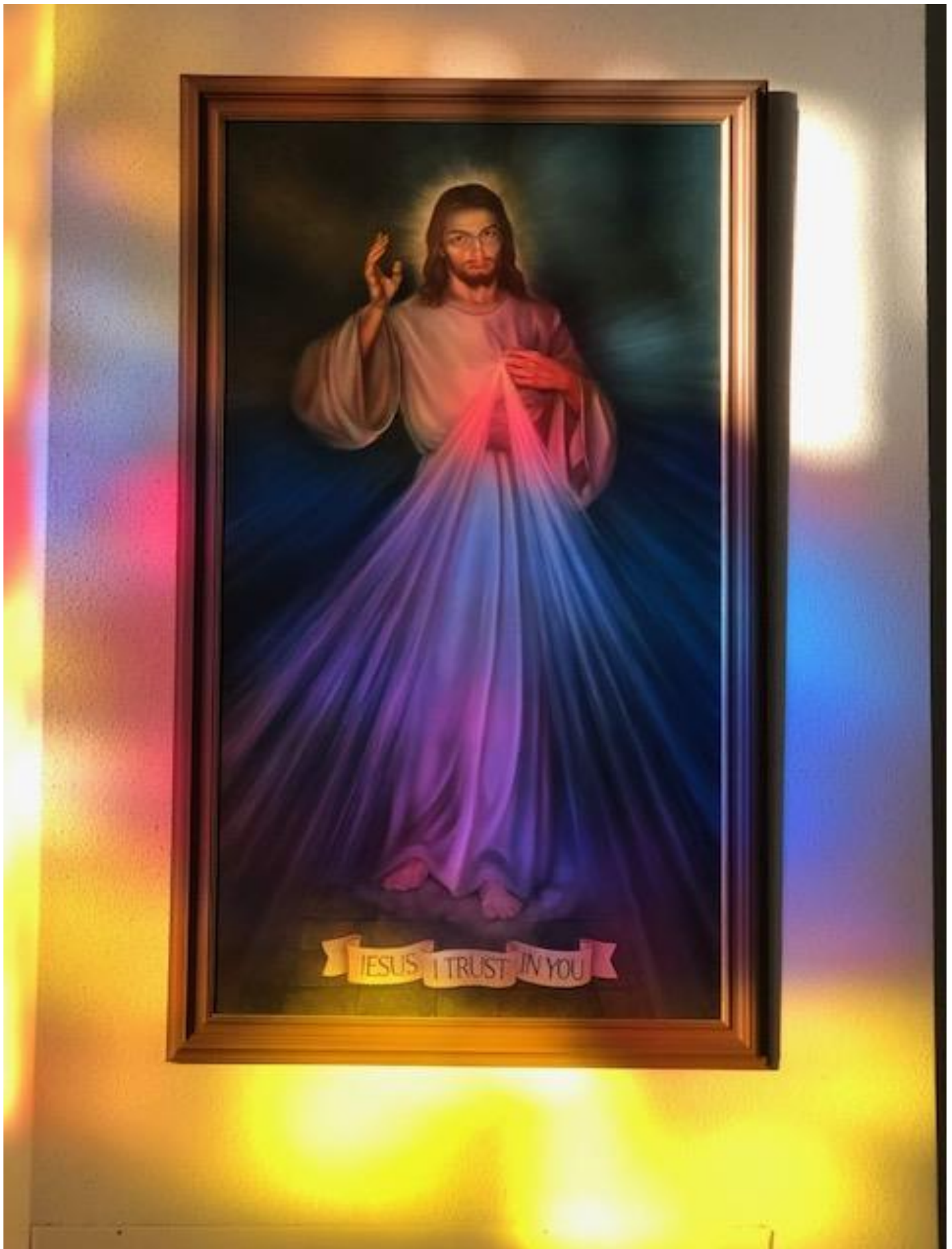
leaders in our Catholic schools who educate and encourage our youth to realize their potential as unique children of God. All are invited to celebrate the gift and blessing of Ontario's publicly funded Catholic schools by visiting: www.TogetherInFaith.ca



Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association

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.



The DIVINE MERCY image in our Church

(Photo: Cheryl Dalliday, 17 November 2019)



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults & Children

Above: Neophytes in the parish **RCIA** & **RCIC** celebrate their reception of the Sacraments of Initiation at the 5.00 pm Mass on Saturday, 16 November 2019. They are joined by their Sponsors, Facilitators and other candidates preparing for future initiation.

American Thanksgiving 28 November

Many of our parishioners have relatives and personal friends in the United States. Let us remember our neighbours to the South as they prepare to celebrate their Thanksgiving this coming week.

Below: Thanksgiving Day in the U.S., 27 Nov. 1858.

ShareLife 2019, 2020

Many thanks to all who participated in the *ShareLife* Bake Sale, 20 October, as an early launch to our 2020 Parish Campaign. A total of \$975.00 was raised.

Our parish goal for 2019 was: \$43,900.00

BY WAY OF COMPARISON:

Selling price of Ernest Hemingway's former condo in Forest Hill South \$730,000.00

Cost of one of Drake's OVO tour outfits \$979,000.00

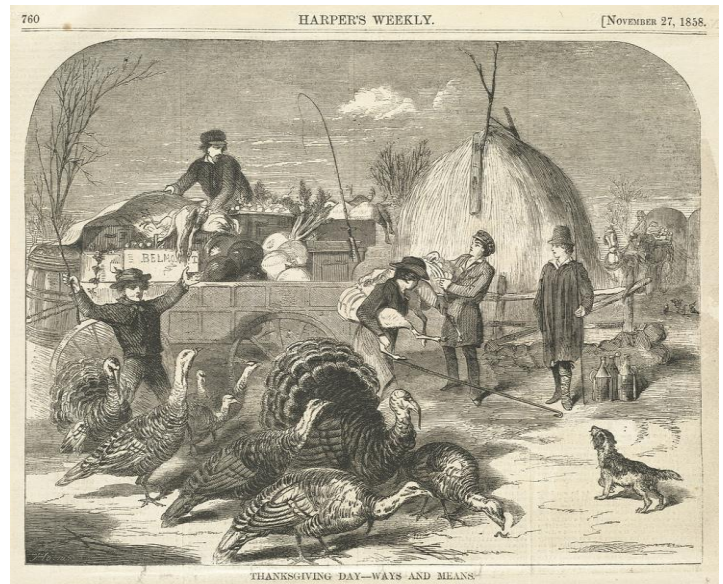
Ontario Health Expenses *1 \$ 61,612,721,787.00

Saudi Arabia \$ 83,000,000,000.00

China \$ 168,000,000,000.00

*1 Expenditure Estimates, Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (2019-20)

U.S. National Debt, 31 Dec. 2018 \$ 22,000,000,000,000.00



FROM DEATH TO LIFE

FORMER OBGYN AND
PLANNED PARENTHOOD
DIRECTOR TURNED
PRO-LIFE ADVOCATE
SPEAKS IN TORONTO
DR. KATHI AULTMAN

Free public event
Donations encouraged

Friday November 29, 2019
7-8:30 PM

St. Matthew's Church, Riverdale
135 First Avenue, M4M 1W9

For more information, contact
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November Liturgical Notes

Prayers for the Faithful Departed



The Liturgical tradition of the Church provides constant reminders to pray for our beloved dead. Funerals are conducted as *Requiem Masses* and the Priest wears black or white vestments. Most daily Masses are offered for the deceased, and Sunday Intercessions include clear and updates prayers for the dead.

We cherish these reminders to pray for the dead. Even funeral Masses are celebrated with an emphasis on the Resurrection. This gives a focus to our prayers.

This is exactly what the Church teaches: to remember, with love. The Church continues to encourage us to pray for the dead. The CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH states clearly: “Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them.”

The Catechism then gives the reason for saying this:

“All who die in God’s grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.”

We can’t know for certain if our beloved dead still need our prayers; but if they do, how ungrateful we would be if we neglected to help with our prayers and Masses.

The month of November gives us an opportunity to pray more earnestly for them.

All Souls Day is a time to remember with gratitude both the dead, as well as the living who are near and dear to us, and to thank God for them.

We owe much to those who have gone before us. We would be most ungrateful if we did not remember them in our prayer and masses.

We are also deeply indebted to good friends like you who share in our mission efforts and make our work as missionaries possible.

That is why we make this month of grateful remembrance an occasion to offer special prayers for all the members of our parish family, living and deceased.

St. Cecilia, Patroness of Musicians

Feastday: 22 November

St. Cecilia’s musical fame derives from her legend that she was beheaded and at the same time praised God, singing to Him, as she lay dying a martyr’s death. She is often depicted playing an organ or other instrument. Music societies often have been named for her.

Her feast day became an occasion for musical concerts and festivals that occasioned well-known poems by John Dryden and Alexander Pope, and music by Henry Purcell (*Ode to St. Cecilia*), George Frideric Handel (*Ode for St. Cecilia’s Day*), Charles Gounod (*Messe Solennelle de Sainte Cecile*) and Benjamin Britten, who was born on her feast day, (*Hymn to St. Cecilia*), as well as Herbert Howells with text from a poem by W. H. Auden. Gerald Finzi’s “For Saint Cecilia”, Op. 30, was set to verses written by Edmund Blunden. Frederik Magle’s *Cantata to Saint Cecilia* is based on the history of Cecilia.

The New York band Polar Bear Club refer to St. Cecilia in their song “*Song to Persona.*” David Byrne and Brian Eno’s song, *The River*, on the album, *Everything that Happens Will Happen Today*, also refers to St. Cecilia’s Day. Paul Simon (Of Simon and Garfunkel fame) wrote the song “*The Coast*” which refers to a family of musicians who take refuge in the Church of St. Cecilia. Another of Paul Simon’s songs was also in her honor, as “*Cecilia*” can be interpreted to refer to her and the frustration of song writing. English lyrics were written for a Swedish popular song “*Min soldat*” and released as “*The Shrine of Saint Cecilia.*” It was recorded by a number of American groups during the 20th century like Willie Winfield and the Harp-Tones. Others were the Bon Aires and The Andrews Sisters. Stalk-Forrest group (an early incarnation of Blue Öyster Cult) recorded a song called “*St. Cecilia*” on their album that was released in 2003 under the title *St. Cecilia: The Elektra Recordings*. Then in 2007 Radioactive Records released the album (on CD and vinyl) as *St. Cecilia: The California Album – Remastered*.





A creation titled "Tulips Bouquet" by the U.S. artist **Jeff Koons** is displayed next to the Petit Palais on 4 October 2019, in Paris. It was offered to France by Koons to pay respect to the victims of the 2015 terrorist attacks in Paris.



The Christmas Tree at the Eaton Centre is illuminated.



An Italian sight hound poses during a dog exhibition in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, on October 5, 2019.



A dog dressed as a crowned Miss Universe at a pet show in Quezon City, Philippines, on October 6, 2019.



A cat looks out from its carrier as animals and their owners gather at *Our Lady of Remedies Parish*, Malate, Manila, 6 October 2019, for an annual Blessing of Pets. (Jam Sta Rosa / AFP via Getty)



Wensleydale sheep rest in their pen prior to being judged at the annual Masham Sheep Fair in Masham, England, on October 5, 2019.

A Hurting Planet



Above & below: Hurricane Dorian devastates the Bahamas (3 September 2019)

Below: Pollution forms dangerous smog in the city of Delhi, India (14 November 2019)

