



## Parish Week / Sunday, 8 December 2019

### Saturday, 7 Dec. / St. Ambrose, bishop

- 8.00 am Mass: † For the Unborn (Audrey)  
 11:00 am Memorial Mass: † Vicente Roldan  
 5.00 pm Mass: † Patricia Kang (family)

### SUNDAY, 8 DEC. / ADVENT 2-A

#### ■ Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo

- 9.00 am Mass: † Matty D'Souza (family)  
 10.30 am Mass: † DeVerno & Shea families (Pamela DeVerno)  
 12.00 pm Mass: † Harry Yu (family)  
 1.30 pm Infant Baptisms  
 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

### Mon., 9 Dec. / Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Dana Mazare (Carol Morra)  
 9.15 am ► St. Albert School Reconciliation  
 7.00 pm Mass: Int. 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
 Anastasia & Al Williams (Rosemary Ferrer)

### Tuesday, 10 Dec.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Annamma Thomas (Abha James)  
 7.00 pm Mass: † Cristeta Garcia (Cristeta, Kirsten, Evelyn)

### Wednesday, 11 Dec. / St. Damasus I, pope

#### ■ Advent Day of Confessions

- 8.00 am Mass: † Luigi Deccico (Emma)  
 4.00 pm Confessions (to 5.00 pm)  
 7.00 pm Mass: † Ossie Ameresekere (family)  
 - St. Albert School Family Advent Mass  
 7.30 pm Confessions (to 9.00 pm)

### Thursday, 12 Dec. / Our Lady of Guadalupe

- 8.00 am Mass: † Barbara Sator (Cortinovis family)  
 9.00 am Jean Vanier CSS Advent Mass  
 7.00 pm Mass: † Aloysius Bastiampillai (family)

### Friday, 13 Dec. / St. Lucy, virgin

- 8.00 am Mass: † Susairaj Sebastian  
 (Rosemary Senegal Gudur & family)  
 7.00 pm Mass: † Jesus Eustaquaia Veras (family)

### Saturday, 14 Dec. / St. John of the Cross, priest & doctor

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (Audrey)  
 5.00 pm Mass: Int. Loretta D'Mello (friends)

### SUNDAY, 15 DEC. / ADVENT 3-A

#### ■ Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea

- 9.00 am Mass: † Kevin Anthony Pierre (family)  
 10.30 am Mass: † Gumersindo Figueroa (Ellen Cruz & family)  
 12.00 pm Mass: Int. Wedding Anniversary  
 Ray & Dolly Aglipay (family)  
 1.00 pm Knights of Columbus  
 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

# The Advent Wreath

## Second Sunday of Advent

At the beginning of Mass, the Priest will call a family to light the Advent Candle. At the end, the congregation prays:

**Father, You sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of the Messiah. Help us to prepare our hearts that Christ may be born in them, and to prepare the world that Christ may restore the Kingdom.**

**We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Today's Candle lighters are:

- 5.00 pm: **Felisa & Jose Lumbres**  
 9.00 am: **Margaret & Vijay Vase**  
 10.30 am: **Mario Francis & family; Mark Francis & family**  
 12.00 pm: **Marites Ordinario; Kevin & Rhea**  
 7.00 pm: **Irma, Jun, France & Christina Jeresano**

## Pray for the Deceased

**Jose Adriano Furtado Ruby Beck**  
**Rosanna Ghorbel Ruby Pereira**

**Jesudasan Santhana Mary**  
**The 118 unarmed protesters killed**  
**by paramilitary forces in Khartoum, Egypt**



## Advent Day of Confessions

Wednesday, 11 December: 4-5 pm, 7.30-9 pm

As part of our ongoing program of spiritual growth, **Cardinal Collins** invites Catholics of the Archdiocese to receive the *Sacrament of Reconciliation* on a DAY OF CONFESSIONS in Advent.

In our parish, it will be on: **Wednesday, 11 December.**

Parishioners may come for Confession from 4.00 – 5.00 pm, and again following the 7.00 pm evening Mass, from 7.30 – 9.00 pm.

## COMING UP

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- 18 Dec. St. Maria Goretti School Family Advent Mass  
 (Caroling, 6:45 pm; Mass, 7.00 pm)  
 22 Dec. **4<sup>th</sup> 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**  
 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: *Christmas*  
 28 Dec. Knights of Columbus **Goretti Night dinner dance,**  
 in St. M.G. School (7.00 pm)  
 29 Dec. Feast of the **Holy Family;**  
 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: *Maintenance*

## 2020

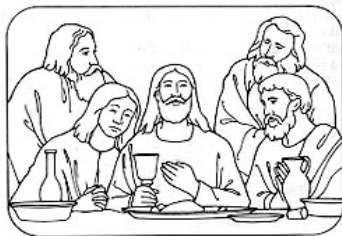
- 1 Jan. The Solemn Feast of **Mary, Mother of God**

## Website [stmariagoretti.archtoronto.org](http://stmariagoretti.archtoronto.org)

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

# Sacramental Preparation

## Reconciliation, 1<sup>st</sup> 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, 1<sup>ST</sup> COMMUNION and CONFIRMATION preparation on Saturday. The catechists, **Mukesh Kapadia** and **Fr. Elias**, provide the instruction and calendar.

## Feast of the Immaculate Conception

9 December 2019



Parishioners may wish to know that, this year, the major liturgical feast of The *Immaculate Conception* will be celebrated on

Monday, 9 December 2019

Normally, this feast is celebrated on 8 December; but this year, that day is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent, which has priority.

## 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.

Many thanks to all our faithful parishioners for your generous support of our wonderful parish through your weekly stewardship!

### 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.

My Offering	
Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Mt. 6:21	Name: _____
	Address: _____
	Amount: _____

# 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."

## St. Vincent de Paul Advent Appeal

During Advent, as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior, we recall many in our community who are less fortunate and who could benefit from our prayers and almsgiving.

Our parish St. Vincent de Paul Society seeks your support for the help we provide to the poor. Envelopes will be made available at the doors of the Church so that you can help us to extend Christ's love to our neighbors who are in need.

## 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.

## Advent Retreat St. Barnabas, 7 Dec.

St. Barnabas Parish will be having an Advent Retreat on Saturday, 7 December, from 9 am – 3 pm. Our retreat speaker is **Dr. Josephine Lombardi** from St. Augustine Seminary; the schedule will be as follows:

- 9:00 am Morning Mass
- 9:45 am Light Breakfast (provided by the parish)
- 10:15 am First Session
- 11:45 am Lunch (Bring your own)
- 12:45 am Second Session
- 2:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 2:45 pm Benediction and Closing Remarks

## Pope Francis

*Birthday: 17 December 1936*

Let us remember in our prayers our Holy Father, **Pope Francis**, who will celebrate his birthday on 17 December.

May God bless, guard and protect him, and guide his ministry as Vicar of Christ and Shepherd of the faithful in the Church on earth.







*Above:* **Samantha Brielle Noval** receives the Sacrament of Baptism at the parish 5.00 pm Mass on 24 August.

*Right:* **Best Anthony Osedebamhen** receives the Certificate for his Baptism, which was on 8 September 2019.

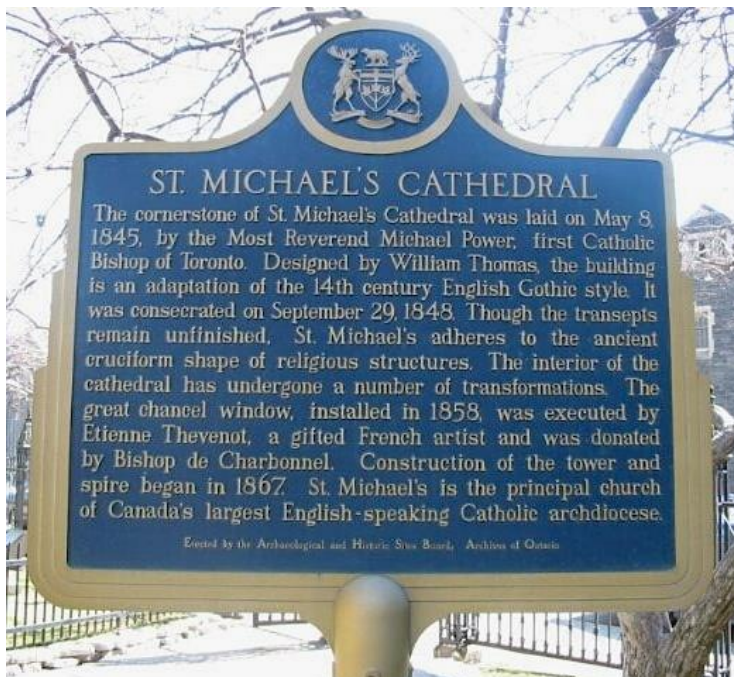






## The Bishops of Toronto

Toronto has had 12 bishops in its 177 years of history, from its first, the saintly Bishop **Michael Power** in 1842, to its current, Archbishop **Thomas Cardinal Collins**, who was installed on 30 January 2007.





# From Bishops Power to Collins, 175 years of faithful leadership

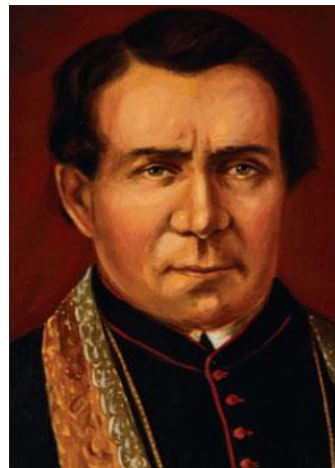
The CATHOLIC REGISTER, 25 May 2017

## **Bishop Michael Power**

A native of Halifax, Michael Power was founding bishop of the Diocese of Toronto and the first Anglophone bishop born in Canada.

He arrived in Toronto in 1842 and quickly went to work building Canada's newest diocese, which at the time encompassed the Niagara Peninsula, all of southwest Ontario to Windsor and north to Lakes Huron and Superior.

Among his achievements was founding St. Michael's Cathedral. Work began in April 1845; however, Bishop Power did not live to see it completed. As he ministered to immigrants dying of typhus, he contracted the disease and died in 1847 shortly before his 43<sup>rd</sup> birthday. He was buried beneath his unfinished cathedral.



## **Bishop Armand François Marie de Charbonnel**

Toronto had no bishop for 30 months until Pope Pius IX consecrated Armand François Marie de Charbonnel in the Sistine Chapel by Pope Pius IX on May 26, 1850 and succeeded Bishop Power.

Over the next decade, he doubled the number of priests and parishes. He

built 23 new churches as the Catholic population grew to 43,000. He used personal funds to finish the Cathedral and brought the Basilian Fathers, the Christian Brothers and the Sisters of St. Joseph to Toronto to staff schools and look after the poor.

He retired in 1860 and adopted a monastic life in his native France. He died in 1891 at the age of 88.

## **Archbishop John Joseph Lynch C.M.**

Irish-born, John Lynch became Toronto's coadjutor bishop in 1859 and one year later took over from Bishop de Charbonnel. He became Toronto's first archbishop in 1870 when Toronto was raised to an archbishopric by Pope Pius IX.



Under Archbishop

Lynch, 70 priests were ordained as he built 40 churches and 7 convents, while aiding the Sisters of St. Joseph in serving the poor and opening Sunnyside Orphanage. He also welcomed the Redemptorist Priests, Carmelite Sisters, Sisters of the Precious Blood and Sisters of the Good Shepherd to Toronto.

He fell ill in 1882 and was assisted by Auxiliary Bishop Timothy O'Mahoney until his death in 1888 at age 72.



## **Archbishop John Walsh**

John Walsh was made archbishop in a ceremony marred by some Orangeman pelting his carriage with stones as he went to St. Michael's Cathedral. Irish born, he came to Toronto from Sandwich (now Windsor, Ont.), where he had served as bishop since 1867.

He continued the work of his predecessors in solidifying Catholic health, education and social services. He also undertook a Cathedral restoration by adding St. John's Chapel and redecorating the Cathedral's interior. As St. Michael's Cemetery neared capacity, he opened Mount Hope Cemetery in 1898. He also founded the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

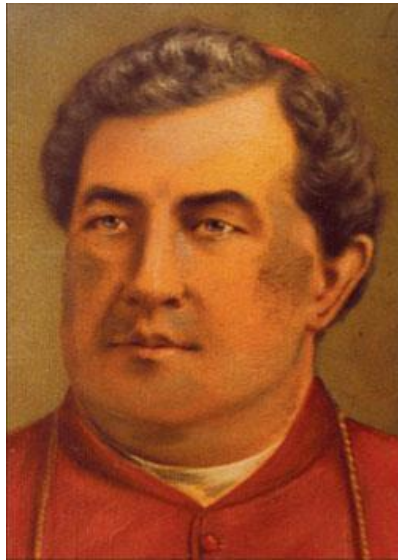
Archbishop Walsh died in 1898 at age 68 and was buried in St. Michael's Cathedral.

### **Archbishop Denis O'Connor C.S.B.**

Denis O'Connor was born in Pickering, schooled at St. Michael's College, ordained by Bishop John Lynch in 1863 and became Bishop of London in 1890.

Made Archbishop of Toronto in 1899, he was a disciplinarian who enforced a doctrinal rigour that upset some priests and laity. He stressed religious instruction in schools. A proponent of fiscal restraint, he opened just four new parishes despite a sharp rise in the Catholic population. He did, however, commission a shrine to honour the Jesuit martyrs in Huronia, which eventually became the Martyrs' Shrine.

Ill health and the burdens of office caused him to resign in 1908. He died in 1911.



### **Archbishop Fergus McEvay**

Fergus McEvay accomplished much in just three years as Toronto archbishop. Born in Lindsay and educated at St. Michael's College, he was made Bishop of London in 1899 and replaced Denis O'Connor as Toronto archbishop in 1908.

He quickly established seven new parishes and approved construction of 10 churches. He also founded the Canadian Catholic Extension Society (which became Catholic Missions In Canada) and assured generations of Canadian ordinations by launching construction of St. Augustine's Seminary.

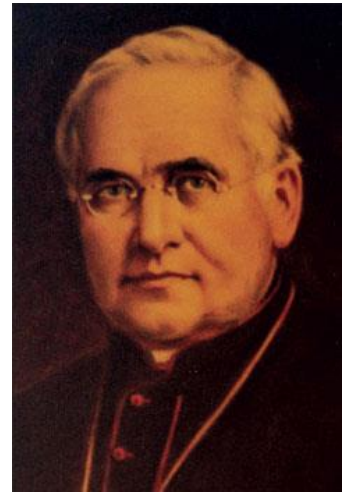
Suffering from a blood disease since his arrival in Toronto, Archbishop McEvay, age 58, died on May 10, 1911 — before the seminary opened — and was interred at St. Augustine's.

### **Archbishop Neil McNeil**

A Nova Scotia native, Neil McNeil served two years as Archbishop of Vancouver before 22 years as Archbishop of Toronto, starting in 1912. They were years in which Toronto's Catholic population doubled.

In addition to completing St. Augustine's Seminary, Archbishop McNeil created 32 new parishes, including parishes for non-English speaking immigrants.

He also campaigned for fair distribution of taxes to Catholic schools, and encouraged good relations between Catholics and Protestants, leading to the creation of the Federation of Catholic Charities. He oversaw the launch of the China Mission Seminary (later the Scarborough Foreign Missionary Society) and the Newman Club. He died on May 25, 1934, buried at St. Augustine's Seminary.



### **Archbishop James Cardinal McGuigan**

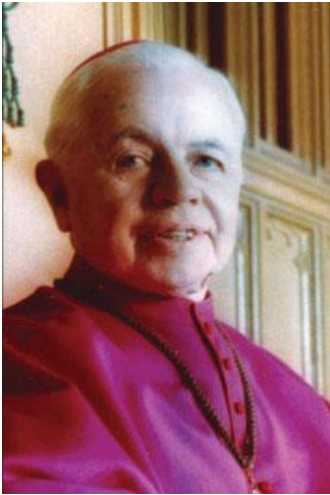
James McGuigan was made Archbishop of Regina at age 35 and remained five years before being named Archbishop of Toronto in 1934. The PEI native led the archdiocese for an unprecedented 36 years. In 1946, he became Canada's first-English speaking cardinal, and participated in the 1958 conclave that elected Pope John XXIII.

He initiated successful fundraising campaigns to pay the debt on St. Augustine's Seminary, raise money for Catholic Charities, open high schools and add new parishes with ethnic priests to serve the immigrants who poured into Toronto following World War II.

Assisted for health reason after 1961 by coadjutor Archbishop Philip Pocock, he resigned in 1971 and died in 1974.







### **Archbishop Philip Pocock**

Philip Pocock became a bishop at age 37. He went from Saskatoon to Winnipeg as Archbishop, and to coadjutor and Archbishop of Toronto in 1971.

Born in St. Thomas, Ont., he arrived as Vatican II was being implemented and managed the transition by creating a senate of priests, a pastoral council and by

urging laity to become more active in parish life.

During his seven years, several new parishes were opened. But he is best remembered for launching ShareLife after removing Catholic Charities from the United Way.

Health issues caused him to resign as archbishop in 1978 but he remained an active priest until his death at age 78 in 1984.



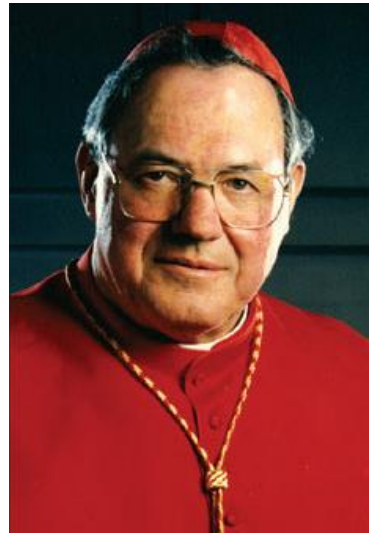
### **Archbishop Gerald Emmett Cardinal Carter**

A Montreal native, Gerald Emmett Carter made his mark in Catholic education in his home city before being named Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of London and then Bishop in 1964. He was appointed Archbishop of Toronto in 1978. One year later, he was elevated

to the College of Cardinals.

The cardinal was active in improving race relations, fighting against abortion, protecting the rights of Catholics and securing affordable housing for low-income families, senior citizens and the disabled. He was also active in opening Covenant House for street youth and in gaining full government funding for Catholic high schools.

He resigned in 1990 and died in 2003 at age 91.



### **Archbishop Aloysius Cardinal Ambrozic**

A native of Slovenia, Aloysius Ambrozic was appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto in 1976. He became coadjutor Archbishop to Cardinal Carter in 1986, became Archbishop in 1990 and was elevated to the College of Cardinals in 1998.

As archbishop for 16 years, he saw Canada's largest diocese become a multicultural, multi-racial community that grew from 1.1 to 1.6 million Catholics. He built 25 new churches, most in the rapidly expanding suburbs around the city, as ethnic parishes and groups flourished. He also created an office of youth ministry to develop spiritual and social programs for young people.

He retired as archbishop in 2006 and died in 2011 at age 81.



### **Archbishop Thomas Cardinal Collins**

After nine years in Alberta as Bishop of St. Paul and then Archbishop of Edmonton, Guelph native Thomas Collins returned to Ontario to be installed in 2007 as Archbishop of Toronto. He was made a cardinal in 2012. He has led

efforts to welcome refugees and highlight the global persecution of Christians. He has denounced assisted suicide and euthanasia while arguing for conscience-protection rights for health care professionals.

In 2012, he issued a *Pastoral Plan* for the archdiocese. He also led a successful *Family of Faith* campaign, which has exceeded \$170 million in donations and pledges to support the goals of the Pastoral Plan. In 2016 he rededicated St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica after an extensive restoration which has greatly increased its seating capacity and accessibility.



# Late Fall Colours

Many thanks to our garden helpers, who carefully assist in maintaining the flower bed at the office entrance, as well as the compost bed along the Kennedy Road lawn, where our Repair & Renewal team has been raising the ground level in order to compensate for the subsidence after the main drainage repair projects that necessitated the excavation of that area from 2015-17.

Now, as Winter approaches, a light layer of fallen leaves helps to build up the mulch cover that suppresses weed growth and provides insulation against some of the effects of winter temperatures.

