



[ l-r: Wedding at Cana ✕ Epiphany of the Magi ✕ Baptism at the Jordan ]

## Parish Week / Sunday, 19 January 2020

### Saturday, 18 Jan.

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Fr. Elias (friend)  
 5.00 pm Mass: † Charlotte & Louis Hector Wijesingha  
 (Errol & Malini)

### SUNDAY, 19 JAN. / 2-A

■ *Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Alfred & Victoria (family)  
 10.30 am Mass: † Giovanni Diliso (family)  
 12.00 pm Mass: Int. William Cenizal (family)  
 1.00 pm Knights of Columbus  
 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

### Monday, 20 Jan. / St. Sebastian, martyr

- 8.00 am Mass: † Alois Aschauer (wife)  
 7.00 pm Mass: Int. Mary & Antonia Oshiozekhai (Mary)  
 7.30 pm St. Maria Goretti School 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation &  
 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Family Info Meeting

### Tuesday, 21 Jan. / St. Agnes, virgin & martyr

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Mary & Antonia Oshiozekhai (Mary)  
 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo  
 7.30 pm St. Maria Goretti School 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation &  
 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Family Info Meeting

### Wednesday, 22 Jan.

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Mary & Antonia Oshiozekhai (Mary)

### Thursday, 23 Jan. / St. Marianne Cope, virgin

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Mary & Antonia Oshiozekhai (Mary)  
 12.30 pm St. Maria Goretti School Mass (New Year)

### Fri., 24 Jan. / St. Francis de Sales, bishop & doctor

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Mary & Antonia Oshiozekhai (Mary)  
 6.30 pm Memorial Mass: † Alphonsus Annammah

### Saturday, 25 Jan. / Conversion of St. Paul, apostle

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Bernadette Gamboa on her birthday  
 (Danilo Sampoleo)  
 3.30 pm Memorial Mass: † Michele Morra  
 4.00 pm St. Albert Sch. 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation Family Instruction  
 5.00 pm Mass: † Gabriel, Francis & Christy Andreas  
 (Thanesh Thanarajan)

### SUNDAY, 26 JAN. / 3-A / WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

■ *Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo*

■ *2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Maintenance*

■ *Presentation: Catholic Cemeteries (Frank Jannetta)*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Michael Morra (Carol)  
 10.30 am Mass: † Americo De Caires (Patrick)  
 11.30 am Catholic Women's League  
 12.00 pm Mass: † Sebastian & Mildred Gomes (family)  
 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

## Focus on the Word

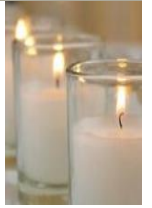
### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Isaiah 49.3-6; 1 Corinthians 1.1-3; John 1.29-34

*Almighty ever-living God, who govern all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times. Amen.*

### Pray for the Deceased

Fr. Boniface Reinhart Hedy Yi Lee Chan  
 Fr. Joseph Mok Tak Fu Chua Kuan  
 Billy Ying Ming Ong Josefina Bertao  
 Fr. Liborio Tavares



The 176 victims of the Ukrainian Airlines plane shot down on the outskirts of Tehran, Iran

“What we once enjoyed and deeply loved, we can never lose; for all that we love deeply becomes part of us.” - Helen Keller

## Sunday School

### 10.30 am Mass



New parishioners may be interested to know that St. Maria Goretti Parish hosts a *Sunday School for Kids* 3 to 6 years old on the Hall level, during the 10.30 am Mass. It's a great service to the children. Kids who want to join the Sunday School should assemble in front of the Altar with their catechists just before the Entrance Procession at the beginning of Mass. They will receive the Priest's blessing, and then they will be led to the Stage area downstairs for the Sunday School. For details, call: **Anna** or **Maria**, 416-875-0324.

## COMING UP

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| 2 Feb.  | Presentation: <i>Christopher Leadership</i>  |
| 3 Feb.  | Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)  |
| 4 Feb.  | ▶ St. Albert School Mass (9:30 am)   |
| 6 Feb.  | St. Maria Goretti School 1 <sup>st</sup> Reconciliation (8:45 am);<br>- St. Albert School 1 <sup>st</sup> Reconciliation (7:00 pm)   |
| 9 Feb.  | Infant Baptism (1:30 pm)   |
| 13 Feb. | St. Maria Goretti School Mas (8:45 am)   |
| 23 Feb. | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection: <i>Maintenance</i>   |
| 26 Feb. | <b>Ash Wednesday: Lent</b> begins;<br>- Day of <i>Fast and Abstinence</i> ;<br>- Parish Mass (8.00 am);<br>- St. Maria Goretti School Liturgy (8:45 am);<br>- ▶ St. Albert School Liturgy, <i>Junior</i> (9:30 am);<br>- ▶ St. Albert School Liturgy, <i>Senior</i> (10:30 am);<br>- Parish Mass (7.00 pm) |
| 27 Feb. | St. Maria Goretti School CONFIRMATION Info Night:<br>- Mass, 7:00 pm; Meeting, 7:30 pm   |

## 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.

# 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation, 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Information Meetings

Parents with children ready to enroll as Candidates for

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION  
are invited to attend one of the Information Meetings this month:

FOR ST. MARIA GORETTI SCHOOL:

**Monday or Tuesday - 20 or 21 January**

Mass will be celebrated at 7.00 pm, and the *meeting* will follow immediately in the Church.

This invitation is extended to all families who have:

- Children in Grade 2 in our Catholic Schools;
- Children in private and public schools who have been enrolled in the Saturday Sacramental Preparation classes, which begin each year in September.

We also welcome:

- Families with children enrolled in Catholic schools in Grade 3 or above, and who have not yet received these Sacraments;
- Families with children in private and public schools who have just moved into our parish and would like information on enrolling the children in our Saturday classes *next* September, to prepare for these Sacraments in 2020.

## Altar Servers 25 January

Would you like to be an Altar Server? The New Year Training Series for our new Altar Server Candidates will begin at 9.00 am on Saturday, 25 January. Applicants must be members of registered parish families, and have made their 1<sup>st</sup> Communion

## Christopher Leadership 9 February

The next Christopher Leadership Course will begin on: 9 February at St. Theresa Shrine; Sundays, 6-9 pm. *Visit:* [clctorontoeast.com](http://clctorontoeast.com)



## Sister Faustina's Prayer for Holy Priests

In her *Diary*, St. Faustina frequently wrote how important Priests were to her for spiritual direction, and she often prayed and offered sacrifices on their behalf. Below is her prayer for holy priests:

O my Jesus, I beg you on behalf of the whole Church:  
Grant it love and the light of your Spirit,  
and give power to the words of Priests so that  
hardened hearts might turn in repentance to You.  
O Lord, give us holy priests; You yourself maintain  
them in holiness. O Divine and Great High Priest,  
may the power of Your mercy accompany them  
everywhere and protect them from the Devil's traps  
and snares which are continually being set for the souls  
of Priests. May the power of Your mercy, O Lord,  
shatter and bring to naught all that might tarnish  
the sanctity of Priests, for You can do all things.

# The Lectionary

The *Lectionary* is the book that contains the collection of Scripture readings appointed for worship throughout the Liturgical Year, which begins on the *1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent*, and concludes with the week following the Feast of *Christ the King* the following year.

The use of scheduled readings from the Scriptures developed in the early Church, and followed the pattern that existed in Judaism.

After the Second Vatican Council (1962–1965), the Holy See promulgated the document *Ordo Lectionum Missae* (Order of the Readings for Mass), which revised the structure of the Lectionary. It introduced an arrangement by which the readings on Sundays and on some principal feasts recur in a three-year cycle, with four passages from Scripture being used in each celebration, typically: from the Old Testament; a Psalm; from the New Testament; and a Gospel. On weekdays only three passages (including a Psalm) are used, in a two-year cycle.

The Sunday Lectionary, which is organized in a three-year cycle of readings, is based on the three *Synoptic Gospels*. These are the Gospels which use a common three-year calendar for the public ministry of Jesus Christ. The years are designated A, B, or C. The year of the cycle does not change on 1 January, but on the First Sunday of Advent (usually late November) which is the beginning of the Liturgical Year.

**Year A** is based on the Gospel of **Matthew**

**Year B** is based on the Gospel of **Mark**

**Year C** is based on the Gospel of **Luke**

The Gospel of John, which was written much later than the Synoptic Gospels, and which follows a different pattern, focusing on the Eucharist, does not have its own dedicated year. Instead, it is read throughout Easter, and is used for other liturgical seasons including Advent, Christmas, and periodically in Lent. It is also used extensively during Year B, since the Gospel of Mark is comparatively short. In the middle of the Ordinary Time sequence that year, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter of John's Gospel is read.

In Canada, the Bible translation used for the Lectionary is the NRSVCE – the *New Revised Standard Version, Catholic Edition*.

## Stewardship

2019 Receipts,  
2020 Envelopes

The Charitable *Tax Receipts* for all recorded donations during 2019 are in the Vestibule. They may be picked up after Mass.

Many thanks to all our faithful parishioners for your generous support of our wonderful parish through your weekly stewardship! This is an act of honour to God, our Creator.

Parishioners are reminded to pick up their *2020 Sunday Offertory Envelopes* in the Office Lobby after Mass. They are for registered parishioners only; if you are new to the parish and have not yet registered, *welcome to our neighbourhood!* Go to the Office window, introduce yourself, and complete a *registration form*.



# Word of God Sunday

## 26 January 2020

**Pope Francis'** Apostolic Letter, his *Motu Proprio* titled, "APERUIT ILLIS," published on 30 September 2019, decrees that "the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and proclaim of the Word of God."

The timing of the document is significant: 30 September is the Feast of **Saint Jerome**, the man who translated most of the Bible into Latin, and who famously said: "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ." This year also marks 1600 years since his death.

The title of the document, "Aperuit illis", is equally important. They are its opening words, taken from St Luke's Gospel, where the Evangelist describes how the Risen Jesus appeared to His disciples, and how "He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures."

### *A response to requests*

Recalling the importance given by the Second Vatican Council to rediscovering Sacred Scripture for the life of the Church, Pope Francis says he wrote this Apostolic Letter in response to requests from the faithful around the world to celebrate the Sunday of the Word of God.

### *An ecumenical value*

In the *Motu proprio* (literally, "of his own initiative"), Pope Francis declares that "the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God". This is more than a temporal coincidence, he explains: the celebration has "ecumenical value, since the Scriptures point out, for those who listen, the path to authentic and firm unity."

### *A certain solemnity*

Pope Francis invites local communities to find ways to "mark this Sunday with a certain solemnity". He suggests that the sacred text be enthroned "in order to focus the attention of the assembly on the normative value of God's Word". In highlighting the proclamation of the Word of the Lord, it would be appropriate "to emphasize in the homily the honour that it is due," writes the Pope.

"Pastors can also find ways of giving a Bible, or one of its books, to the entire assembly as a way of showing the importance of learning how to read, appreciate and pray daily with Sacred Scripture."

### *The Bible is for all*

The Bible is not meant for a privileged few, notes the Pope. It belongs "to those called to hear its message and to see themselves in its words." The Bible cannot be monopolized or restricted to select groups either, he writes, because it is "the book of the Lord's people, who, in listening to it, move from dispersion and division towards unity."

### *The importance of the homily*

"Pastors are primarily responsible for explaining Sacred Scripture and helping everyone to understand it", writes Pope Francis. Which is why the homily possesses "a quasi-sacramental character". The Pope warns against improvising or giving "long, pedantic homilies or wandering off into unrelated topics."

Rather, he suggests using simple and suitable language. For many of the faithful, he writes, "this is the only opportunity they have to grasp the beauty of God's Word and to see it applied to their daily lives."

### *Sacred Scripture and the Sacraments*

The Pope uses the scene of the Risen Lord appearing to the disciples at Emmaus to demonstrate what he calls "the unbreakable bond between Sacred Scripture and the Eucharist." Since the Scriptures everywhere speak of Christ, he writes, "they enable us to believe that His death and resurrection are not myth but history, and are central to the faith of His disciples."

When the sacraments are introduced and illumined by God's Word, explains the Pope, "they become ever more clearly the goal of a process whereby Christ opens our minds and hearts to acknowledge His saving work."

### *The role of the Holy Spirit*

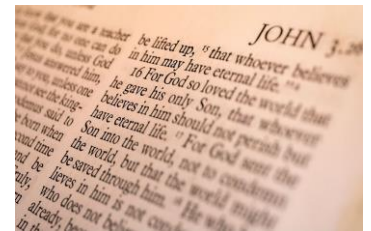
"The role of the Holy Spirit in the Scriptures is primordial", writes Pope Francis. "Without the work of the Spirit, there would always be a risk of remaining limited to the written text alone". The Pope continues: "This would open the way to a fundamentalist reading, which needs to be avoided, lest we betray the inspired, dynamic and spiritual character of the sacred text". It is the Holy Spirit who "makes Sacred Scripture the living word of God, experienced and handed down in the faith of His holy people."

Pope Francis invites us never to take God's Word for granted, "but instead to let ourselves be nourished by it, in order to acknowledge and live fully our relationship with Him and with our brothers and sisters."

### *Practicing mercy*

The Pope concludes his Apostolic Letter by defining what he describes as "the great challenge before us in life: to listen to Sacred Scripture and then to practice mercy." God's Word, writes Pope Francis, "has the power to open our eyes and to enable us to renounce a stifling and barren individualism and instead to embark on a new path of sharing and solidarity." The Letter closes by noting that Our Lady accompanies us "on the journey of welcoming the Word of God," teaching us the joy of those *who listen to that Word, and who keep it.*

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# Головна Новини 2020 Ukrainian Airlines Flight PS752 Passenger List

Last updated 14.00, 8 January 2020

## **Surname, Name, Year of Birth**

Abaspourqadi Mohamm 1986  
Abbasnezhad Mojtaba 1993  
Abtahiforoushani Seyedmehran 1982  
Aghabali Iman 1991  
Agha Miri Maryam 1973  
Ahmadi Motahereh 2011  
Ahmadi Muh Sen 2014  
Ahmadi Rahmtin 2010  
Ahmadi Sekinhe 1989  
Ahmady Mitra 1973  
Amirliravi Mahsa 1989  
Arasteh Fareed 1987  
Arbabbahrami Arshia 2000  
Arsalani Evin 1990  
Asadilari Mohammadhossein 1996  
Asadilari Zeynab 1998  
Ashrafi Habibabadi Amir 1991  
Attar Mahmood 1950  
Azadian Roja 1977  
Azhdari Ghanimat 1983  
Badieli Ardestani Mehraban 2001  
Bashiri Samira 1990  
Beirutli Mohammad Amin 1990  
Borghei Negar 1989  
Choupannejad Shekoufeh 1963  
Dadashnejad Delaram 1993  
Daneshmand Mojgan 1976  
Dhirani Asgar 1945  
Djavadi Asll Hamidreza 1967  
Djavadi Asll Kian 2002  
Ebnoddin Hamidi Ardalan 1971  
Ebnoddin Hamidi Kamyar 2004  
Ebrahim Niloufar 1985  
Ebrahimi Khoei Behnaz 1974  
Eghbali Bazoft Shahrokh 1960  
Eghbali Bazoft Shahzad 2011  
Eghbalian Parisa 1977  
Elyasi Mohammad Mahdi 1991  
Emami Sayedmahdi 1959  
Emami Sophie 2014  
Eshaghian Dorcheh Mehdi 1995  
Esmaeilion Reera 2010  
Esnaashary Esfahani Mansour 1990  
Faghihi Sharieh 1961  
Falsafi Faezeh 1973  
Falsafi Faraz 1988  
Farzaneh Aida 1986  
Feghahati Shakiba 1980  
Foroutan Marzieh 1982  
Ghaderpanah Iman 1985  
Ghaderpanah Parinaz 1986  
Ghafouri Azar Siavash 1984  
Ghandchi Daniel 2011  
Ghandchi Dorsa 2003  
Ghasemi Ariani Milad 1987  
Ghasemi Dastjerdi Fatemeh 1994  
Ghasemi Amirhossein 1987  
Ghasemi Kiana 2000  
Ghavi Mandieh 1999  
Ghavi Masoumeh 1989  
Gholami Farideh 1981  
Ghorbani Bahabadi A 1998  
Golbabapour Suzan 1970  
Gorji Pouneh 1994  
Haghjoo Saharnaz 1982  
Hajesfandiari Bahareh 1978  
Hajiaghavand Sadaf 1992  
Hajighassemi Mandieh 1981  
Hamzei Sara 1986  
Hasani/sadi Zahra 1994  
Hashemi Shanrzad 1974  
Hassannezhad Parsa 2003  
Hatefi Mostaghim Sahan 1987  
Hayatdavoudi Hadis 1992  
Jadidi Elsa 2011  
Jadidi Pedran 1991  
Jamshidi Shadi 1988  
Jebelli Mohammaddam 1990  
Kadkhoda Zaden Mohammaddam 1979  
Kadkhodazaden Kasha 1990  
Karamimoghadam Bahareh 1986  
Katebi Rahimen 1999  
Kaveh Azaden 1979  
Kazerani Fatemeh 1987  
Khadem Forough 1981  
Kobiuk Olga 1958  
Lindberg Emil 2012  
Lindberg Erik 2010  
Lindberg Raheleh 1982  
Lindberg Mikael 1979  
Madani Firouzeh 1965  
Maghsoudlouestarabadi Siavash 1976  
Maghsoudlouestarabadi Paria 2004  
Mahmoodi Fatemeh 1989  
Malakhova Olena 1981  
Malek Maryam 1979  
Maleki Dizaje Fereshteh 1972  
Mamani Sara 1983  
Mianji Mohammadjavad 1992  
Moeini Mohammad 1984  
Moghaddam Rosstin 2010  
Mohammadi Mehdi 1999  
Molani Hiva 1981  
Molani Kurdia 2018  
Moradi Amir 1998  
Morattab Arvin 1984  
Moshrefrazavimoghaddam Soheila 1964  
Mousavi Daria 2005  
Mousavi Dorina 2010  
Mousavibafrooei Pedram 1972  
Nabiyi Elnaz 1989  
Naderi Farzahan 1981  
Naghibi Zahra 1975  
Naghieb Lahouti Mehr 1987  
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Pourghaderi Ayeshe 1983  
Pourjam Mansour 1966  
Pourshabanoshibi Naser 1966  
Pourzarabi Arash 1993  
Raana Shahab 1983  
Rahimi Jiwan 2016  
Rahimi Razgar 1981  
Rahmanifar Nasim 1994  
Razzaghi Khamsi Ni 1974  
Rezai Mahdi 2000  
Rezae Hossain 1999  
Saadat Saba 1998  
Saadat Sara 1996  
Saadat Zeinolabedin 1990  
Saati Kasra 1972  
Sadeghi Alvand 1990  
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Sadeghi Sahand 1980  
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Sadr Niloufar 1958  
Sadr Seyednoojan 2008  
Saeedinia Amirhosse 1994  
Safarpoorkolour Pe 1999  
Saket Mohammadhosse 1986  
Salahi Moh 1988  
Saleheh Mohammad 1987  
Saraeian Sajedah 1993  
Setareh Kokab Hamid 1988  
Shadkhoo Sheyda 1978  
Shaterpour Khiaban 1988  
Soltani Paniz 1991  
Tahmasebi Khademasa 1984  
Tajik Mahdi 1999  
Tajik Shahram 1998  
Tarbhai Afifa 1964  
Tarbha Alina 1988  
Toghian Darya 1997  
Zarei Arad 2002  
Zibaie Maya 2004  
Zokaei Sam 1977  
*Lord, have mercy on  
their souls.*



*Below:* On the Feast of the BAPTISM OF THE LORD, 12 January, **Pope Francis** Baptized 32 infants during a Mass held in the Sistine Chapel.

The words of the Rite in Latin:  
“EGO TE BAPTIZO IN NOMINE PATRIS  
ET FILII ET SPIRITUS SANCTI.”





*Our Mother of Perpetual Help, pray for us. Keep us close to your Son, our Saviour.*



*Above:* **Costantina** and **Giuseppe Grande** on their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, surrounded by their three sons and immediate family.

*Below:* **Uluru Rock** remains a solitary figure on the Australian horizon, in the midst of wild fires that have devastated the country.





**Dawson Christian Dominic Kai Lumilan** receives a Blessing for his very first birthday,

28 November 2019. Lola Cherry, Mommy Christine and Fr. Edwin join him in prayer.