



## Parish Week / Sunday, 16 February 2020

### Saturday, 15 Feb.

- 8.00 am Mass: † The unborn (Audrey Caza)  
 5.00 pm Mass: Int. Margaret Wong (friends)  
 6.30 pm Catholic Women's League Spaghetti Supper

### SUNDAY, 16 FEB. / 6-A

#### ■ Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea

- 9.00 am Mass: † Frank & Joan DeVerno (Pamela)  
 10.30 am Mass: † Ernesto & Lydia Rodas (family)  
 12.00 pm Mass: † Lalita D'Souza (Joseph)  
 1.00 pm Knights of Columbus  
 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

### Monday, 17 Feb. / Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

- 8.00 am Mass: † Isabel, Jose & Hilarion Trinidad (Hilda)  
 7.00 pm Mass: † Rocque & Cecile Araujo (family)

### Tuesday, 18 Feb.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Isabel Galicia (Antonio)

### Wednesday, 19 Feb.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Benita Chew Ang (family)  
 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo  
 7.30 pm St. Albert School Confirmation Family Info Nite

### Thursday, 20 Feb.

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Donald Cruise 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday (Valerie)

### Friday, 21 Feb. / St. Peter Damian, bishop & doctor

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Joel Benedict (mother)  
 11.00 am ► Ina Grafton Nursing Home Mass

### Saturday, 22 Feb. / Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

- 8.00 am Mass: † Paolo & Rosa Lo Monaco (Narasco family)  
 4.00 pm St. Albert School 1<sup>st</sup>. Communion family instruction  
 5.00 pm Mass: † Gabriel, Francis & Christy Andreas  
 (Maria Subramaniam)

### SUNDAY, 23 FEB. / 7-A

#### ■ Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo

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

#### ■ ShareLife Bake Sale

- 9.00 am Mass: † Leo Moraes (Evelyn Walsh)  
 10.30 am Mass: † Adelle Diaz (family)  
 11.30 am Catholic Women's League  
 12.00 pm Mass: Int. 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday Shirley Juan (family)  
 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

## Focus on the Word

### 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Sirach 15.15-30; 1 Corinthians 2.6-10; Matthew 5.17-37

*O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you. Amen.*

## Pray for the Deceased

The 160 Fulani herders killed in the machete attack by Dozo hunters in Mali

## ShareLife Bake Sale: 22/23 February

Join us on Saturday and Sunday, 22 & 23 February, 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.

## CWL Family Day celebration 15 February

Our parish *Catholic Women's League* will be hosting a Family Day celebration on Saturday, 15 February in the North Classroom on the Hall level. Entrance is \$5, which covers a spaghetti dinner and fun activities for the whole family.

The *Catholic Women's League* calls its members to grow in faith and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service.

## COMING UP

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| 23 Feb. | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection: <i>Maintenance</i>  |
| 26 Feb. | <b>Ash Wednesday:</b> <i>Lent</i> 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  |
| 2 Mar.  | Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)   |
| 8 Mar.  | Infant Baptism (1:30 pm)  |
| 12 Mar. | St. Albert School Reconciliation (9:15 am)  |
| 14 Mar. | World Day of Prayer (1:00 pm)   |
| 15 Mar. | – Knights of Columbus (1:00 pm)   |
| 21 Mar. | C.W.L. <i>Tax Clinic</i> (9.00 am–3:00 pm);<br>– STEWARDSHIP LENTEN MINISTRY REFLECTION (11.30 am – 2.30 pm)  |
| 22 Mar. | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection: <i>Maintenance</i>  |
| 23 Mar. | ► St. Albert School Mass (1:00 pm)  |
| 26 Mar. | St. Maria Goretti School Reconciliation (8:45 am);  |
| 31 Mar. | St. M.G. Goretti School Mass (12:30 pm)   |
| 21 Apr. | <b>Queen Elizabeth II: birthday</b> (1926)  |

## 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

Kindly remember in your prayers our parish youth who are preparing for their *First Holy Communion* and *Confirmation*:

19 February: **St. Albert School**

**Confirmation Family Information Night**

MASS: 7.00 pm; MEETING: 7.30 pm.

22 & 24 February: **St. Albert School**

**1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Family Instruction #2**

SATURDAY: 4.00 pm; MONDAY: 6.00 pm.

27 February: **St. Maria Goretti School**

**Confirmation Family Information Night**

MASS: 7.00 pm; MEETING: 7.30 pm.

29 February: **St. Maria Goretti & St. Albert Schools**

**1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Family Information Night**

**make up session - SATURDAY: 10.00 am.**

5 March: **St. Maria Goretti School**

**Confirmation Class Instruction #1**

7 & 9 March: **St. Maria Goretti School**

**1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Family Instruction #1**

SATURDAY: 4.00 pm; MONDAY: 6.00 pm.

## Sunday Mass Slips

The Candidates have begun using their SUNDAY MASS SLIPS. The slips represent their wish to join the action of all parishioners in offering their prayers and gifts to God, and opening their hearts to Jesus. After the *Intercessions*, the Candidates bring their completed slips and gather at the Offertory Gift table at the head of the main aisle, and form a line behind the pews. Candidates walk behind the Gift Bearers when the Servers lead them to the Altar.

The Candidates place their unfolded slips in the basket held by the Priest, bow to the Cross, and then return to their pew.

## Stewardship Ministry Reflection 21 March

All parish Liturgical and Service ministry participants are invited to a STEWARDSHIP LENTEN MINISTRY REFLECTION at 11.30 am on Saturday, 21 March. See the details in the website bulletin.

## CWL Spiritual Bouquet for 2020 Ordinandi

The Catholic Women's League is compiling a *Spiritual Bouquet* for the Deacons who will be ordained to the Priesthood this year for the Archdiocese of Toronto. Parishioners are invited to offer prayers and devotions (Masses, Rosaries, etc.) freely and lovingly. Sign up at the Spiritual Bouquet table in the Vestibule.

## Bundle Up Sunday

16 February

On the weekend of 15/16 February, the *St. Vincent de Paul Society* will collect gently-used clothing to support the needy. A St. Vincent de Paul bin will be in front of the Church; bring your donation, and help others in our community.



## Knights of Columbus

Pope Francis said, "*The Church is called to be a community of brothers and sisters who accept and care for one another and serve as a leaven of reconciliation and unity for the whole human family.*" This summarizes the vision of the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.

The current Executive of our parish KOC Council:

<b>Fr. Edwin Galea</b>	<i>Chaplain</i>
<b>SK Melvin Zamora</b>	<i>Grand Knight</i>
<b>Lancy Gomes</b>	<i>Deputy Grand Knight</i>
<b>SK Worrick Russell</b>	<i>Financial Secretary</i>
<b>SK Cezar Corbillon</b>	<i>Chancellor</i>
<b>Gaspar Thuram</b>	<i>Recorder</i>
<b>SK Louis Gomes Pereira</b>	<i>Treasurer</i>
<b>SK Willie Mulla</b>	<i>Lecturer</i>
<b>Robert Scherz</b>	<i>Advocate</i>
<b>Rene De Vera</b>	<i>Warden</i>
<b>Dr. David Mazumdar</b>	<i>One Year Trustee</i>
<b>Frank Escobal</b>	<i>Second Year Trustee</i>

## Stewardship

2019 Receipts, 2020 Envelopes

The Charitable *Tax Receipts* for all recorded donations during 2019, as well as the 2020 *Sunday Offertory Envelopes* are ready for pick up in the Office Lobby after Mass.

Many thanks to all of our faithful parishioners, for your devoted and generous support of our dear Parish.



## Tithing

Whether there is a crisis or not, we have to make difference, for our God is Great. Determine through your faith that the shadow of the Almighty will be upon you. Even if work is slow and prosperity is limited, things will be different because you will act by faith. Every Sunday, every Day of the Lord, is a time of consecration for tithers. Present your tithe to the Almighty along with your thanksgiving for all blessings received. That way, you will honour God and ensure the secure ministry of the Church.

The Lord of hosts has sworn, "As I have designed, so shall it be; and as I have planned, so shall it come to pass." - *Isaiah 14:24*

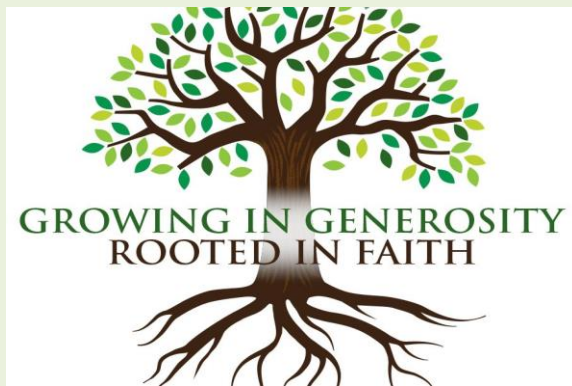
Therefore the Lord the God of Israel declares, "I promised that your family and the family of your ancestor should go in and out before me forever;" but now the Lord declares, "Far be it from me; for those who honor me I will honor, and those who despise me shall be treated with contempt." - *1 Samuel 2:30*

What is the real purpose of the tithe? It serves the practical function of supporting vital church ministries. However the deeper purpose of the tithe is to *learn to fear the Lord*. God has promised to give wisdom and blessing to those who fear Him. "Set aside a tithe of all the yield of your seed that is brought in yearly from the field. In the presence of the Lord your God, you shall eat the tithe of your grain, your wine, and your oil as well as the firstlings of your herd and flock, so that you may learn to fear the Lord our God always." (Deuteronomy 14:22-23)

# Stewardship Lenten Ministry Reflection



WHAT MAKES YOU GRATEFUL?  
ARE YOU TAKING TIME TO DEVELOP  
AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE?



Saturday, 21 March 2020 11.30 am – 2.30 pm

## Holy Mass is the Highest Form of Prayer

"The Mass is the most perfect form of prayer!"  
(Pope Paul VI)

The Season of Lent culminates in Holy Week, extending from Palm Sunday to Easter. The most sacred time of this week is called the '**Sacred Triduum**' - Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. These three holy days begin with the Last Supper, in which Jesus gave himself to his disciples in the Eucharist.

By dying, Jesus destroyed our death; by rising he restored our life. The Eucharist Celebration is the solemn representation of our Lord Jesus Christ to the Father in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world. It's the source and summit of the Christian life. Participating in the Eucharist unites us most fully with the Holy Trinity – God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit – and with one another. We join with Christ and the community of believers in giving thanks and praise to God the Father.

"At the Last Supper, on the night he was betrayed, our Savior instituted the Eucharistic Sacrifice of his Body and Blood. He did this in order to perpetuate the sacrifice of the cross throughout the centuries until he should come again, and so to entrust to his beloved spouse, the Church, a memorial of his death and resurrection: a sacrament of love, a sign of unity, a bond of charity, a paschal banquet in which Christ is consumed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us" ( See the Vatican II document, SACROSANCTUM CONCILIUM, 47).

The Blessed Sacrament is the *Sacrament of Sacraments*.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist (*Holy Mass*) is the highest form of prayer, where we encounter Jesus Christ in His real presence. At the Consecration, the bread and wine become the true body and blood of Jesus Christ. The Council of Trent (1545 to 1563) taught the following:

"The consecration of the bread and wine effects the change of the whole substance of the bread into the substance of the Body of Christ our Lord, and of the whole substance of the wine into the substance of his Blood. And the holy Catholic Church has fittingly and properly called this change *transubstantiation* (meaning the *change of substance*).

Jesus renews his sacrifice upon the altar. He is the Priest, Lamb and the Altar. The real presence of Jesus is adored in the Holy Eucharist throughout the world. The Eucharistic species reserved in the tabernacles are designated by this same name. The meaning of the 'Eucharist' and the manner of its celebration was handed down by the Apostles. Our holy Mother inspired the Apostles through her role in the Mass, Apostles' Creed and Way of the Cross.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church in its glossary says:

"The Eucharist or principal sacramental celebration of the Church, was established by Jesus at the Last Supper, in which the mystery of our salvation through participation in the sacrificial death and glorious resurrection of Christ is renewed and accomplished. The Mass renews the paschal sacrifice of Christ as the sacrifice offered by the Church. It is called *Mass* (from the Latin '*missa*'). because of the *mission* or *sending* with which the liturgical celebration concludes."

Since the passion, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, the memorial of the Lord's Passion and Resurrection has been celebrated throughout the world from dawn to dusk in Eucharistic Celebration. The miracle of God's physical presence to us at every Mass is the truest testament to Christ's love for us and His desire for each of us to have a personal relationship with Him.

Numerous Eucharistic Miracles have occurred all over the world: The Miracle of Lanciano (8<sup>th</sup> century); the Corporal of Bolsena (13<sup>th</sup> c.); the Miracle of Santarém (13<sup>th</sup> c.); the Hosts of Siena, Italy (18<sup>th</sup> c.); the Miracle of Chirattakonam, India (21<sup>st</sup> c.); the Miracle of the parish church of Saint Mary in Buenos Aires, Argentina (1992); the Miracle of the parish church of Saint Anthony of Sokółka, Poland (12 October 2008), to name a few.





Above: **Eileen and Desmond Ramkissoo** receive a Blessing for their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, 31 January 2020.

## Focus on the Word

### 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*A Scriptural look at today's readings, from the viewpoint of the Theology of the Body.*

Sirach 15:15-20

Psalms 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Matthew 5:17-37

*I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 5:20)*

*In the Sermon on the Mount the Spirit gives New Form to our Desires*

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus proclaims: "Unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and the Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven" (Matt 5:20). What would these words have sounded like to the Jews who heard them? The Scribes and the Pharisees were considered the most righteous of all. The problem was, in Saint John Paul II's language, while they conformed to the ethic, their ethos was far from God. An *ethic* is an external norm or rule. *Ethos* refers to a person's inner world of values, what attracts and repulses him deep in the heart. In the Sermon on the Mount, Christ is not only confirming God's ethical code, he is calling us to a new ethos. We could read Christ's words about adultery, for example, as follows: "You've heard the ethic not to commit adultery, but the problem is that your ethos is off: you desire to commit adultery." So what are we supposed to do? This is precisely where the Gospel becomes good news: We are not left to our own flaws, weakness, and sinfulness. In the "Sermon on the Mount ... the Spirit of the Lord gives new form to our desires, those inner movements that animate our lives." (CCC 2764). *Come, Holy Spirit! Come give new form to our desires!*