

Parish Week

✠ 16 August 2020

Saturday, 15 Aug. / Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 8.00 am Mass: † Cyril Bastiampillai (family)
 4.00 pm FATIMA SCARBOROUGH GROUP Marian Devotions
 5.00 pm Mass: † Venancio & Maria Luiza Gomes-Pereira (Louis & Sandra)

SUNDAY, 16 AUG. / 20-A

- *Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea*
 ■ *43rd anniversary of the death of Elvis Presley*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Peter Pitchay (Mary Joseph)
 10.30 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving 38th Wedding Anniversary (Ronald & Jane Pinto)
 12.00 pm Mass: Int. Thanksgiving Birthday/Anniversary (Anastasia)
 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday, 17 Aug.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Tracey Lynn Betteridge (Alfred Haley)
 5.00 pm Memorial Mass: † Alicia Delfin
 7.00 pm Mass: † Beatriz Maria Remedios (Wijesinghe family)

Tuesday, 18 Aug.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Ray Young (Carol Morra)

Wednesday, 19 Aug. / St. John Eudes, priest

- 8.00 am Mass: † Maria Lombardi (Carol Morra)

Thursday, 20 Aug. / St. Bernard, abbot & doctor

- 8.00 am Mass: † Zaida Palada Elep (David's family)

Friday, 21 Aug. / St. Pius X, pope

- 8.00 am Mass: : † Dara Aria (Tess Bautisia)
 11.00 am ► Ina Grafton Nursing Home Mass

Saturday, 22 Aug. / Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 8.00 am Mass: † Dagma & Jerry (family)
 5.00 pm Mass: † Gabriel, Francis & Christy Andreas (Vincent Ambrose)

SUNDAY, 23 AUG. / 21-A

- *Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati*

- 9.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (Clara Mazumdar)
 10.30 am Mass: † Michael & Bertina Reteiff (Tina & Jerry Koenig)
 12.00 pm Mass: † Michael Dennis Solomon (Anne-Marie)
 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo



Mother of Perpetual Help

Let Mary bring peace into your life. Pray for your special intentions at the Monday Novena Mass to *Our Mother of Perpetual Help*. Rosary at 6.40 pm, Mass at 7 pm.

O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.

Focus on the Word

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
Isaiah 56.1-7; Romans 11.13-32; Matthew 15.21-28

O God, who have prepared for those who love you good things which no eye can see, fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of your love, so that, loving you in all things and above all things, we may attain your promises, which surpass every human desire. Amen.

Pray for the Deceased

Hema Arputhamalar
Pierina Di Giacomo
Francesco Geraci
Monina Orpiana Lim
Pedro Porte

Kevin Caillier
Fr. Thomas Garvey
Agnes Lang
Eileen Joy Paligutan

The 162 victims of the jade mine landslide in Myanmar

1st Communion and Confirmation

The celebrations of 1st HOLY COMMUNION and CONFIRMATION, which were to take place after Holy Week, will be rescheduled later in the Fall. Updates will be provided regularly, and dates publicized as soon as possible, to give families a chance to prepare properly to celebrate these vital, affirming and life-giving events

Prayer for the Unborn

*Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much.
 I beg you to spare the life of (baby's name),
 the unborn baby that I have spiritually
 adopted who is in danger of abortion.*

(Prayer of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen; Say this every day for 9 months to save a baby's life!)



COMING UP

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- 7 Sept. LABOUR DAY public holiday
 20 Sept. Stewardship Sunday
 29 Sept. Feast of **St. Michael the Archangel**.
 Patron of the Archdiocese of Toronto
 1 Oct. **Bishop Michael Power**, death anniversary (1847)
 3 Oct. Blessing of Animals (4.00 pm);
 - pets not required to wear face masks

Website stmariagoretti.archtoronto.org

For the *Prayer to St. Michael*, and details of other events in our Parish, see pages 3 and following in the website bulletin.

The parish Priests have celebrated private Masses daily during the period of the *Covid 19 shutdown*, honouring the Intentions requested by our Parishioners.



Fatima Marian Devotions Feast of the Assumption

4.00 pm, 15 August ☩ All are welcome

The *Fatima Scarborough Group* is holding Devotions to our dear Mother at 4.00 pm in our Church on Saturday, 15 August, the Solemn Feast of the Assumption. Devotions will conclude in time for participants to attend the 5.00 pm Mass.

Resuming Masses

at our Church on Wednesday, 17 June 2020

From a Letter first published on 15 June 2020. For the full text, see the bulletin for 21 June 2020.

Dear members of St. Maria Goretti Parish,
Things look a little different as we have returned to Church. As we re-open, we must do so in *phases*. Our capacity is limited due to directives from the Province of Ontario.

We warmly invite you to consider how you might share your time and talents as a *Volunteer*. The many tasks required for re-opening are significant and we need more Volunteers than ever to help. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact **Gavin Moniz** at: gavinmo@hotmail.com.

Returning to Sacramental life and gathering as a community is sustenance essential for our faith community. We are happy to welcome you back.

Sincerely in Christ,

**Fr. Edwin Galea, Fr. Elias Chachati,
Deacon Ramon Villardo**

Face Masks Mandatory

New Law: 7 July 2020

A by-law was passed that makes the use of masks or face coverings inside all public places mandatory, including Churches. We are still in the middle of a pandemic and need to minimize any spread of Covid-19.

Thank you for your co-operation as we take care of one another and keep our community safe and healthy.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Edwin

Re-opening Committee

Many thanks to **Gavin Moniz**, and the members of the Parish Re-opening Committee, for their dedication to our faith community, and for their help in making sure that everything is in order to allow us to reassemble, in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Provincial government and the Archdiocese of Toronto.

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Thanks to everyone for your patience, collaboration and prayer. – **Fr. Edwin Galea**

Morning Prayer

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, I begin this day by thanking you, Lord, for having preserved me overnight. I will try to make all I do today pleasing to You and in accordance with Your will. My Mother Mary, watch over me today. Dear St. Joseph, my Guardian Angel, and all you holy saints of God, pray for me.

RCIA, RCIC



Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults & Children

Pray for all in our parish R.C.I.A. process, who preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation; as well as the youth in our parish R.C.I.C. process. Due to ongoing precautions to deal with the Covid 19 pandemic, groups meetings cannot be held at the Church. However, instruction is being provided on line, and information is being disseminated through email messages. Spiritual support is also provided through the resources printed in this bulletin, and through the various links provided by the Archdiocese on the parish website.



Prayer before Mass

Receive, O Holy Trinity, One God, this Holy Sacrifice of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. I, Your unworthy servant, now desire to offer this to Your Divine Majesty by the hands of Your Priest, with all the Sacrifices which have been and will be offered to You, in union with the most Holy Sacrifice offered by Christ our Lord at the Last Supper, and on the Altar of the Cross. Amen.



The Queenship of Mary ✠ 22 August

Pope Pius XII established this feast in 1954. The Queenship of Mary has its roots in Scripture. At the Annunciation, the Archangel Gabriel announced that Mary's Son would receive the throne of David and rule forever. At the Visitation, St. Elizabeth calls Mary "Mother of my Lord." As in all the mysteries of Mary's life, she is closely linked with Jesus: Her Queenship is a share in Jesus' Kingship. We can also recall that in the Old Testament the mother of the king has great influence in court.

In the 4th century Saint Ephrem called Mary "Lady" and "Queen." Church fathers and doctors continued to use the title in history. Hymns of the 11th to 13th centuries address Mary as Queen: "Hail, Holy Queen," "Hail, Queen of Heaven." The Dominican *Rosary* and the Franciscan *Crown*, as well as numerous invocations in Mary's litany, celebrate her Queenship.

The feast is a logical follow-up to the Assumption, and is now celebrated on the octave day of that feast. In his 1954 encyclical, *To the Queen of Heaven*, Pius XII points out that Mary deserves the title because she is Mother of God, due to her:

- (1) Association as the "New Eve" with Jesus' work of redemption;
- (2) Preeminent perfection;
- (3) Intercessory power.

As Saint Paul says in Romans 8:28–30, God has predestined human beings from all eternity to share the image of his Son. All the more was Mary predestined to be the mother of Jesus. As Jesus was to be king of all creation, Mary, in dependence on Jesus, was to be queen. All other titles to Queenship derive from this eternal intention of God. As Jesus exercised his kingship on earth by serving his Father and his faithful flock, so Mary exercised her Queenship. As the glorified Jesus remains with us as our king till the end of time (Matthew 28:20), so does Mary, who was assumed into heaven and crowned Queen of heaven and earth.

Capacity for Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals

Ontario Eases Restrictions, 12 June 2020

Ceremonies Attendees Will Still be Required to Practice Physical Distancing

The Ontario government is providing more flexibility on the number of attendees permitted at indoor and outdoor wedding and funeral ceremonies, in recognition of the importance of being with loved ones during the moments that matter most. Based on positive public health trends the government is extending the number of people allowed to attend an indoor wedding or funeral ceremony to a maximum of 30 per cent capacity of the ceremony venue.

Wedding and funeral ceremonies taking place *outdoors* will be limited to 50 attendees.

For all ceremonies, those attending must follow proper health and safety advice, including practising physical distancing from people who are not from the same household or their established 10-person social circle.

"With recent progress to reduce the spread of Covid -19, we are able to ease restrictions on these special ceremonies," said **Christine Elliott**, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. "We have taken deliberate steps to increase testing and increase our ability to track and contain this virus. As we loosen these measures, I strongly urge everyone to remain careful and cautious as we are all still at risk."

The changes came into effect on Friday, 12 June 2020 at 12:01 am. The maximum number of people allowed at indoor or outdoor wedding and funeral *receptions* stays at 10 people.

As the Covid -19 outbreak evolves in Ontario, further direction will be provided on capacity restrictions for Weddings and Funerals going forward.

Visit Ontario's Covid-19 website to learn more about how the province protects Ontarians from the virus.

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Three New Titles of Mary

Pope Francis has approved the inclusion of three additional invocations in the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, also called the Litany of Loreto.

In a 20 June letter to all the Presidents of Bishops' Conferences, **Cardinal Robert Sarah**, prefect of the Congregation for the Divine Liturgy and the Discipline of the Sacraments, said that these invocations should be inserted in the Marian litany:

Mater misericordiae
Mater spei
Solacium migrantium

Cardinal Sarah wrote, "The titles and invocations which Christian piety has reserved for the Virgin Mary over the course of the centuries, as the privileged and sure way to an encounter with Christ, are innumerable."



The Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, also known as the Litany of Loreto, has been an approved prayer for the intercession of Mary by the Church since the late 16th century, with its usage recorded even prior.

It consists of the recitation of formal and informal titles of Mary, followed by the request to Mary to "pray for us." The litany can be prayed in Latin or the vernacular.

Cardinal Sarah noted where each invocation should be added, using the Latin formulations.

"Mater misericordiae," which means, "*Mother of mercy*," should be placed after "Mater Ecclesiae."

"Mater spei," which means "*Mother of hope*," should follow "Mater divinae gratiae."

"Solacium migrantium," which means "*Comfort of migrants*," should follow "Refugium peccatorum."

The letter of Cardinal Sarah was issued on the Memorial of the *Immaculate Heart of Mary*. He wrote:

"With every good wish and kind regard, we wish to entrust this notification to you for your information and application. The Church which walks along the pathways of history as a pilgrim towards the heavenly Jerusalem and enjoys inseparable communion with Christ her Spouse and Saviour, entrusts herself to her who believed in the word of the Lord. We know from the Gospel that the disciples of Jesus had in fact learned from the beginning to praise her as '*Blessed among women*' and to count on her maternal intercession."

Prayer to St. Michael



Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou,

O Prince of the Heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

St. Maria Goretti

In St. Maria Goretti Parish, we continue to seek the intercession of our dear Patroness throughout the year. Families are encouraged to include the Prayer to St. Maria Goretti in their daily spiritual exercises, and to ask for her powerful aid in our common struggle against the forces of evil in our daily lives.



Prayer to St. Maria Goretti

O Saint Maria Goretti, who, strengthened by God's Grace, did not hesitate, even at the age of twelve, to shed your blood and sacrifice life to defend your virginal purity, deign to look graciously on the unhappy human race, which has strayed far from the path of eternal salvation.

Teach us all, and especially modern youth, with what courage and haste we should flee anything that could offend Jesus and defile our souls with sin. Obtain for us from God great horror of sin so that, keeping our souls undefiled, we may live holy lives on earth and win eternal glory in heaven. Amen.

Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to you do I come; before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer me. Amen.



The Don Valley Parkway

The highway built for the Golden Mile

Begun in 1954 and completed in 1966, the Don Valley Parkway is a 15 km long expressway that runs from the Gardiner Expressway in downtown Toronto to Highway 401. The Parkway is a vital transit artery in Toronto's travel network as it is the sole expressway connecting the north and south ends of the city.

The Don Valley Parkway, often referred to as the DVP, runs east of the Don River through Toronto's vibrant Don River Valley parklands. In its 15 km length, the DVP is primarily six lanes with 12 exits.

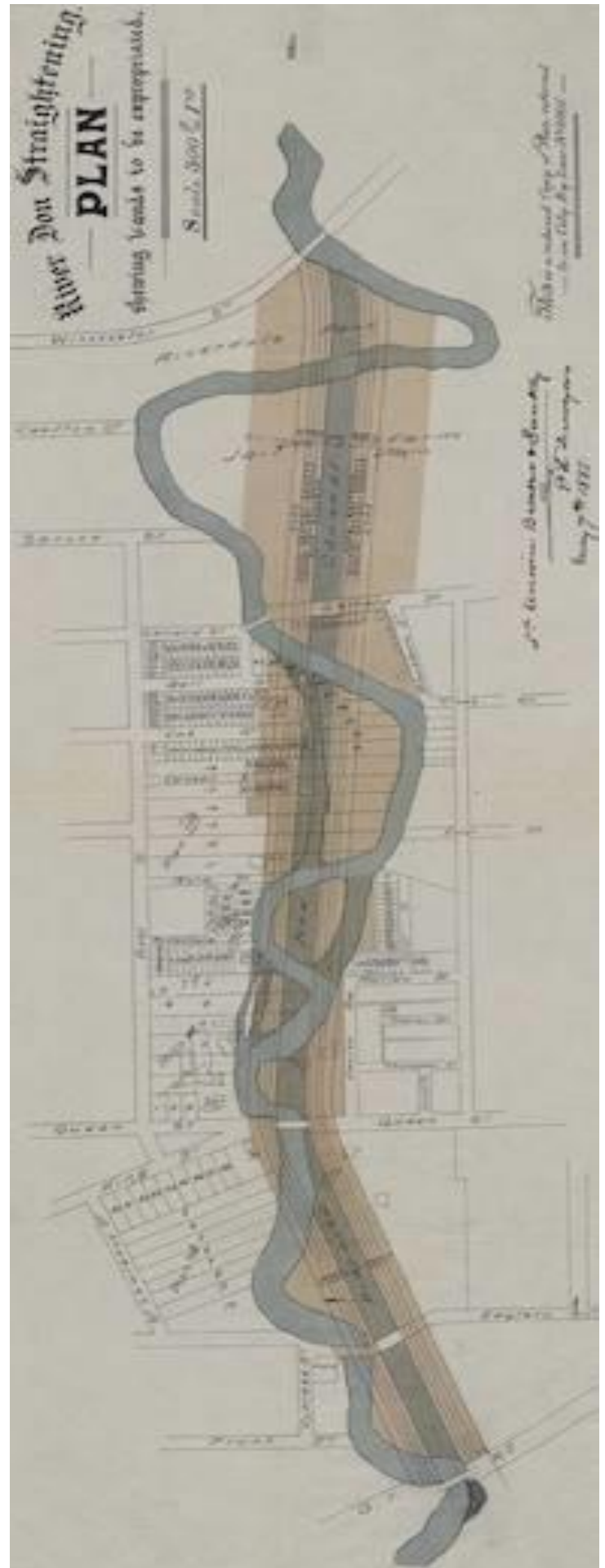
The DVP north of Hwy. 401 continues as Hwy. 404.

Traffic often exceeds its original design of 60,000 vehicles per day. The parkway has designated bus lanes to allow passing during slow traffic.

On June 7, 2010, a section of the expressway was dedicated by former Toronto mayor David Miller as part of the Route of Heroes.

The Don River Valley, formed during the last ice age, has played an important role in the development of Toronto from its beginning as the Town of York. Using the power of the river, the first sawmill was erected at today's Todmorden Mills by 1795[33] and other industry was founded soon after, including a grist mill, paper mill and brewery by 1828.[34] Railways were introduced into the valley after 1850 with the building of tracks into Toronto. By 1900, the Don River south of today's Bloor Street was straightened into a channel for boating purposes, with roadways and industry built on both banks.[35] North of Bloor Street, the wide valley floor became dominated by industrial concerns of the Taylor family, including the Don Valley Brick Works.[36] The area from the Forks of the Don and north along the river valleys had been lumbered and farmed, such as at Milne Hollow, but several natural areas remained by the 1950s.

The construction of the Don Valley Parkway was a major undertaking that changed much of the Don valley. While industrial areas existed both near the mouth of the Don River and the area of today's Leaside Bridge, several natural areas remained in those places where the steep sides of the valley had dissuaded large-scale urban development. The post-war growth period of Toronto provided an impetus to build a new automobile route into central Toronto, and the route through the valley was chosen to avoid expropriation of existing development and provide access for new development in the Metropolitan Toronto region. The construction of the six-lane highway modified the valley through the removal of hills, other earth works and the rerouting of the Don River. Since completion, the parkway has not been changed significantly, other than adding one partial interchange at Wynford Drive and updating its infrastructure to current standards.





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Above: The Don River in its natural state, sitting in a broad floodplain, and surrounded by a forest of various trees. The Don River and surrounding Valley has played a vital role in the development of Toronto. In 1795, the first sawmill was erected at Todmorden Mills, quickly followed by a paper mill and brewery. These industries used the River to power their plants, and the industrialization of the Valley began.

Below: The Don Roadway under construction, looking north. The road ran along the eastern bank of the Don River, from near the mouth of the river at Lake Ontario, up to Winchester Street. When this section of the Don Valley Parkway was constructed in the 1960s, most of the Don Roadway was incorporated into the new highway, leaving only a stub in the vicinity of the Keating Channel, at the South end.





1949 O'Connor Drive turns onto Eglinton Ave. heading East.



1959 Queen Elizabeth at the new Golden Mile Plaza.



1975 O'Connor Drive meets Eglinton Ave. E., with the Golden Mile Plaza on the left, and Eglinton Square at the right.

Photos of Eglinton Avenue, looking East, from Victoria Park Avenue. In 1949, traffic had to use O'Connor to head downtown, since Eglinton Avenue (like all the main East-West Streets) did not cross the Don Valley. Eglinton and Lawrence and Sheppard, etc., were all connected over the Don River when the Parkway was built.

For post-Second World War Scarborough, the Golden Mile lived up to its billing. A mixture of farmland and munitions plants along Eglinton Avenue between Victoria Park Avenue and Birchmount Road turned into a pot of gold for the municipal tax coffers.

It also fulfilled the 1950's suburban dream of living and working in wide open spaces. Queen Elizabeth II made a stop at the Loblaw's store in the Golden Mile Plaza, a beacon of modern prosperity, during a 1959 royal visit. Scarborough Township purchased 225 acres of the General Engineering Company's wartime production facilities in 1948 with an eye to increase its tax base to fund anticipated growth. Within a decade, the Golden Mile boasted industrial plants owned by major manufacturers, including Frigidaire, Inglis, SKF and Thermos, which created tens of thousands of jobs.

While the East end of the Golden Mile focused on industry, the West became a retail hub. Golden Mile Plaza was the largest strip mall in Canada when it opened in 1954, and was complemented by Eglinton Square to its South. Golden Mile Motors became one of the busiest General Motors dealerships in the country. Many of those vehicles were driven off the lot into the subdivisions across Scarborough that housed the influx of workers who boosted Scarborough's population from 25,000 in 1945 to nearly 250,000 by 1964.

By **Jamie Bradburn**

The GEC Co factory in Scarborough was an important munitions facility supporting the allied war efforts during WWII. Some remaining buildings are hard to see, as they have been hidden under years of additions. Some have been repurposed as car repair facilities.

Built in 1941, the GEC Co complex of 172 buildings was operated by a staff of nearly 6000, which were predominantly women. GEC Co covered a large area, between Eglinton Ave. E., Hymus Rd., Warden Ave. & Birchmount Rd.) primarily because the facility was designed with safety in mind. The risk of explosions was high, so the specially designed buildings were spread out, only joined together by long galleyways that were double tiered, to avoid collisions when workers crossed paths while transporting materials. This caution proved beneficial as no significant accident occurred.

After end of the war, many of the buildings were converted to emergency housing because of a major shortage in the City. By 1955, the surplus GEC Co lands were purchased by Scarborough as the foundation for a new "Golden Mile" of industry.



Map and photos: The Don Valley before the Parkway, when the Parkway opened, and the Parkway today.

The original five-mile stretch of the Don Valley Parkway that opened on 31 August 1961 ran from Bloor Street up to Eglinton Avenue. North and South of these ends, work was already underway on additional phases that would reach the Gardiner to the South, and the 401 to the North.

The Don Valley Parkway, along with the Gardiner Expressway, is one of Toronto's busiest municipal routes. It is the sole North-South expressway into Toronto's downtown, which was not in the original plans. The Parkway was planned as one of a series of expressways to provide commuter routes to downtown from the expanding suburbs. The two other planned expressways were not built, due to well-organized

Grand Opening: 31 August 1961

activist opposition: (1) The **Scarborough Expressway**, along the South edge of the tracks that pass through Main, St. Clair, Eglinton and Guildwood Stations, and (2) The **Spadina Expressway**, planned for traffic from the north-west of the GTA.

On 31 August 1961, in a few short minutes after the barricades were flung open to a line of eager motorists, the DVP rapidly became impassible. While the South end of the road at Bloor was almost completely silent - so few cars "I could have sat down in the middle of the road and boiled a three-minute egg," in the words of reporter Fred Hollett - the intersection with Eglinton was a parking lot.

The delay was called "one of the worst traffic jams in Metro history." It held up the motorists for 20 minutes.