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χ	Χριστός	=	Christ
θ	θεός	=	God
ύ	υιός	=	Son
ς	σωτήρ	=	Savior

Parish Week † 30 August 2020

Saturday, 29 Aug. / Passion of St. John the Baptist

8.00 am Mass: † The unborn (Audrey Caza)
 10.00 am Funeral Mass: † Melinda Coady
 5.00 pm Mass: † Beatriz Remedios 1st Death Anniversary (family)

SUNDAY, 30 AUG – 22 A

■ Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo

■ 2nd Collection: Maintenance

9.00 am Mass: † Paulina Palandra (Carol Morra)
 10.30 am Mass: † Ernesto & Lydia Rodas (family)
 12.00 pm Mass: † Serapion Claudio (family)
 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday, 31 Aug.

8.00 am Mass: † Rosanna Ghorbel (family)
 3.00 pm Memorial Mass: † Henry Carta
 7.00 pm Mass: † Dale Sharpe (Kathleen Ryan)

Tuesday, 1 Sept.

8.00 am Mass: † Bertoromo & Isabella Lavanga (Christina Serafico)

Wednesday, 2 Sept. / Blessed Andre Grasset

8.00 am Mass: † Carolina Mac Callum (William & Maria Cenizal & family)

Thurs., 3 Sept. / St. Gregory the Great, pope & doctor

8.00 am Mass: † Gerner Castro (Wife Erlinda)

Friday, 4 Sept. / Blessed Dina Belanger

8.00 am Mass: † Adelita Oliveros (Pilar Palma)
 6.00 pm Holy Hour
 7.00 pm Mass: † Paul Vaz (Elizabeth)

Saturday, 5 Sept. / St. Teresa of Calcutta

8.00 am Mass: † Zenon Dyguanglo (Anna Marie)
 12.00 pm Wedding: Larissa Vase & Benjamin Zupansky
 5.00 pm Mass: † Frances, Gabriel & Christy Andreas (family)

SUNDAY, 6 SEPT – 23 A

■ Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea

9.00 am Mass: † Theresa & Joseph (Mary)
 10.30 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving Kristofer Cruz (family)
 12.00 pm Mass: † Arnulfo Castro (family)
 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Focus on the Word

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Jeremiah 20.7-9; Romans 12.1-2; Matthew 16.21-27

God of might, giver of every good gift, put into our hearts the love of your name, so that, by deepening our sense of reverence, you may nurture in us what is good and, by your watchful care, keep safe what you have nurtured. Amen.

Pray for the Deceased

Delroes Del Rosario

Magtanggol Valisno

The 3 victims of the Athabasca

Glacier bus rollover in Alberta



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

Two Friends linked by History

Princess Diana greets **Mother Teresa** and her sisters in New York City in 1997.

The Princess was injured in a car crash in the Cours Albert 1^{er} road tunnel, Paris, on 31 August that year, aged 36, and died at the Pitié-Salpêtrière Hospital.

Mother Teresa died on 5 Sept., aged 87, in the Missionaries of Charity Mother House on Acharya Jagadish Chandra Bose Road, Kolkata, India.



13 September: *ShareLife* Appeal

On 13 September, the 2nd collection will be the *Freewill* Offering for our annual *ShareLife Appeal*, supporting 33 Catholic agencies and 10 grant recipients that respect the sanctity of all human 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)

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.

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

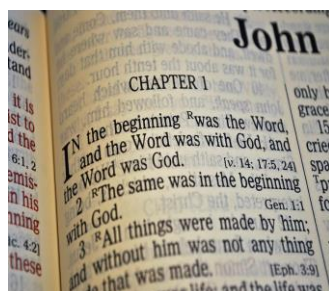
If we pray, we will believe; if we believe, we will love; if we love, we will serve. - Mother Teresa of Kolkata

The Bible's Power

*When you carry the Bible,
Satan has a headache.*

*When you open it, he collapses.
When he sees you reading it,
he loses his strength.*

*When you stand on the Word
of God, Satan can't hurt you!*



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!)



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.

As it becomes available, pertinent information will be posted directly on our website home page.

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

Bidding Prayer

Lord, give peace to our troubled world, and give all Your children security of mind and freedom from anxiety. Amen.

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.

ShareLife 2020

Living the Gospel!

Parish Campaign Progress

\$ 8,151,328
of \$13,800,000

59%
of goal



ShareLife Sunday Collections

will take place 12/13 September and 10/11 October

Remember our SHARELIFE Agencies at this critical time

Community / Family Services

Catholic Community Services of York Region, Catholic Cross-cultural Services, Catholic Family Services of Durham, Catholic Family Services Peel-Dufferin, Catholic Family Services of Simcoe County, Catholic Family Services of Toronto, *FertilityCare* Toronto, Natural Family Planning Association

People with Special Needs

Mary Centre, *Our Place* Community of Hope, Saint Elizabeth Health Care, St. Bernadette's Family Resources Centre, St. Michael's Homes / Matt Talbot Houses, *Silent Voice* Canada (*ministry to the deaf*)

Children and Youth

Catholic Children's Aid Society of Toronto, Catholic Settlement House Day Nursery, *Covenant House*, Sancta Maria House / **Young**

Parents:

Rosalie Hall, Rose of Durham, Rose of Sharon, Vita Centre / **Seniors:**

Les Centres d'Accueil Heritage, Loyola Arrupe Centre, Providence Healthcare, Society of Sharing

Affiliated Organizations

Camp Ozanam (*Society of St. Vincent de Paul*), Good Shepherd Ministries, Birthright International



Living the Gospel by providing for those in need

By donating to ShareLife, you help support over 40 agencies to serve the most vulnerable people in our community – of any faith, age, or background.

Our next **ShareLife Appeal** is on 13 Sept.

Many thanks to all our generous *ShareLife* supporters for your dedication to this service that enables us to live the Gospel.

The *ShareLife* 2020 collections that could not be taken during the time of pandemic shutdown have been postponed to:

13 September

11 October (*Thanksgiving*)

and a final collection on **8 November**.

As this point, we are just over the half way point of our ShareLife 2020 goal of \$13.8 million. We are determined to reach our 2020 goal and with ongoing support of our parishes, we know we can get there!

Please make a sacrificial gift to *ShareLife* through our parish campaign.

The next *ShareLife* offering will be on 13 Sept. Please donate, and help us reach our goal!



Three New Titles of Mary 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.

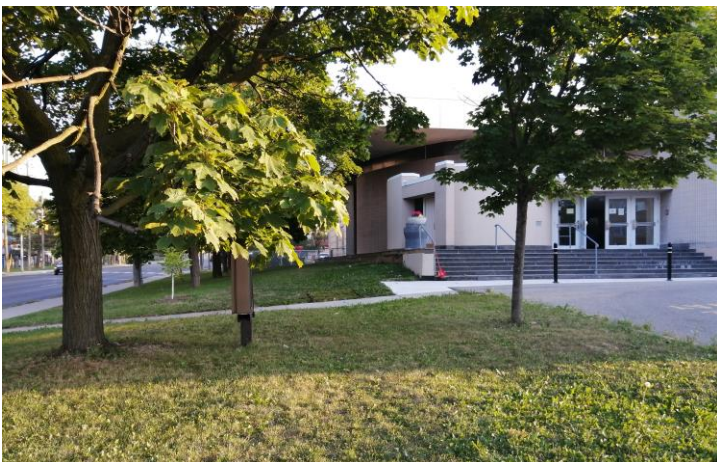
“With recent progress to reduce the spread of Covid -19, we are able to ease restrictions on these special ceremonies,” said **Christine Elliott**, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. “We have taken deliberate steps to increase testing and increase our ability to track and contain this virus. As we 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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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.



Great Canadian Cities

Breathing during the Pandemic



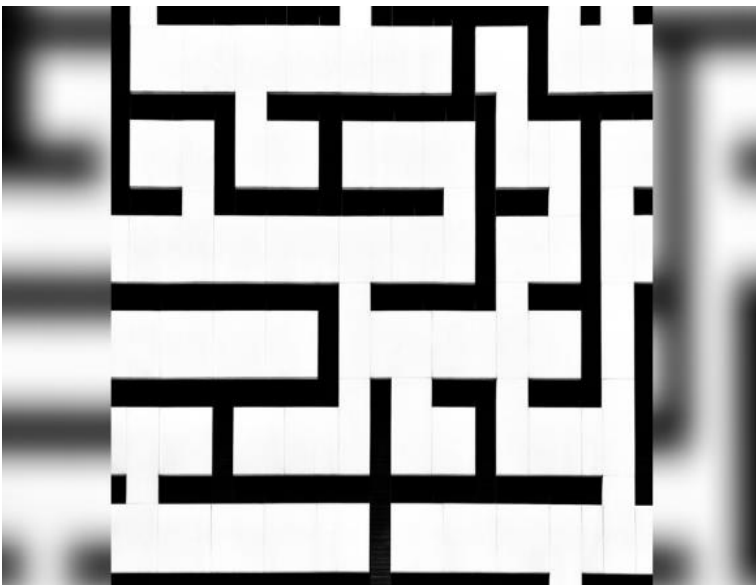
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Edmonton, Alberta

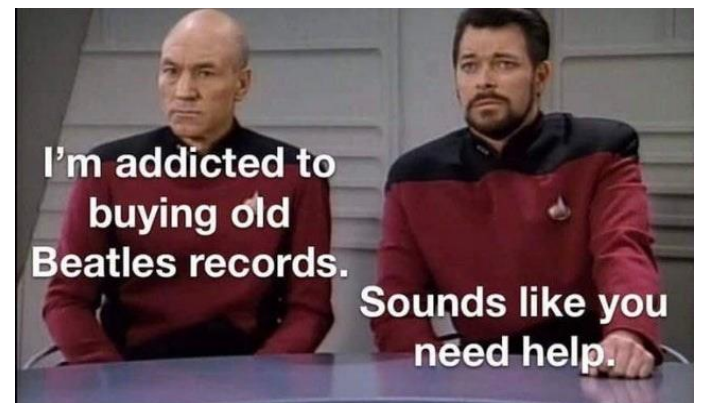
Pandemic Exercises

Plan a maze for your garden to let the kids have fun.



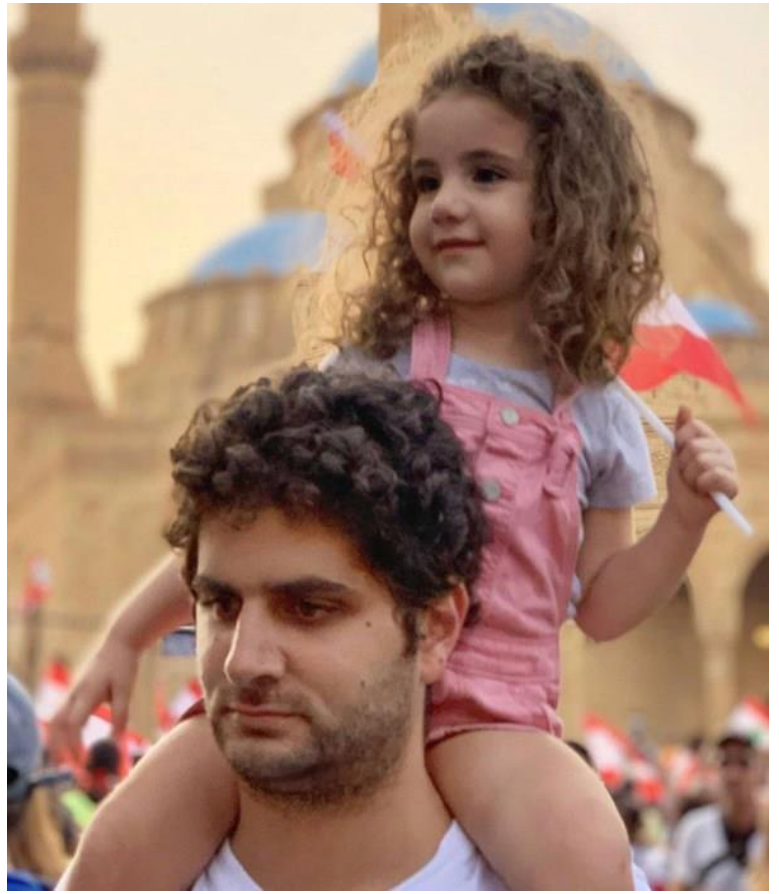
Offbeat Humour

Relief for the Pandemic





Baby **Paul Achondo** was one of 23 people killed in a mass shooting on 3 August 2019 in a Walmart store in El Paso, Texas, committed by a white supremacist



Alexandra Naggear, 3, with her dad Paul. Alexandra was killed in the Beirut port explosion on 4 August. The force of the blast threw her and her mother into a wall.



Covid 19 Pandemic Memorial

To honor the victims of the current pandemic, architecture firm Gómez Platero has conceptualized a new monument that will be built in Uruguay. The project, called the “*World Memorial to the Pandemic*,” will be situated on the edge of a waterfront that is only accessible via a sprawling pedestrian walkway. At the center of the circular structure is a hollow opening that allows visitors to observe the ocean below. The monument’s design will be pre-assembled for on-site construction to help minimize the impact on the surrounding natural environment.





Keeping in touch. **Joyce Durban** enjoys a pleasant Summer day in her home in Treverton Park. Joyce assisted in the Parish Office for over ten years after her dear husband, Carl, passed away in 2008.





Manny & Riza Nitoral's dog **Charlie** celebrates his 5th birthday, 22 July 2020. He had been present at the last *Blessing of Animals* in October 2019, held on the Saturday nearest the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

The annual *Blessing of Animals*, usually held on or near the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, is an important way in which we express our care for Creation. Pope Francis reflected on this theme in his first Encyclical, *Laudato Si*.

