



Parish Week † 13 Sept. 2020

Saturday, 12 Sept. / Most Holy Name of Mary

- 8.00 am Mass: † Mary Tung Fung & Joseph Tam (Angela)
 4.00 pm FATIMA SCARBOROUGH GROUP Marian Devotions
 5.00 pm Mass: Int. Francina Searwar (Mom, Agnes)

SUNDAY, 13 SEPT – 24 A

- Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati
 ■ 2nd Collection: ShareLife Appeal

- 9.00 am Mass: † Michael Pisciola (Emma De Ccico)
 10.30 am Mass: † Rosario Rebello (family)
 12.00 pm Mass: † Dirma Gonzales (Alma)
 1.30 pm Infant Baptism
 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday, 14 Sept.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Gaudencio Batula
 7.00 pm Mass: † Basanio Bermudez (Eden, Lito & family)

Tuesday, 15 Sept. / Our Lady of Sorrows

- 8.00 am Mass: † Agnes Joseph (Greta)

Wednesday, 16 Sept. / St. Cornelius, pope & Cyprian, bishop

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Sheila Gomes (Greta)

Thursday, 17 Sept. / St. Robert Bellarmine, bishop & doctor

- 8.00 am Mass: † Orlando, Virginia & Arnel Tolentino

Friday, 18 Sept.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Marcus Brerianna (family)
 11.00 am ► Ina Grafton Nursing Home Mass

Saturday, 19 Sept. / St. Januarius, bishop & martyr

- 8.00 am Mass: † Alicia Yason DeLeon (Celia)
 1.00 pm Wedding: Mitchell George & Carmen O'Shaughnessy
 5.00 pm Mass: † Ravindra Das (family)

SUNDAY, 20 SEPT – 25 A

- Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo
 ■ 2nd Collection: Needs of the Church in Canada

- 9.00 am Mass: † Billy & Ludy Ombac
 10.30 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (Margaret Cruz)
 12.00 pm Mass: † Jesus Serneo (Helen)
 1.00 pm Knights of Columbus
 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Focus on the Word

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A Sirach 27.30-28.7; Romans 14.7-9; Matthew 18.21-35

Look upon us, O God, Creator and ruler of all things, and that we may feel the working of your mercy, grant that we may serve you with all our heart. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Pray for the Deceased

Susan Mercado, Brigido Rivera

The 100 victims of the explosion in Beirut, Lebanon



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.

The Catechism classes held at the Church for students not in our Parish Schools will resume in October. As the schools reopen in September, we will be able to finalize the schedule of meetings. Stay in touch, and details will be published regularly.

2nd Collection

13 September: ShareLife Appeal, Rescheduled Offering

On 13 September, the 2nd collection will be the first *Rescheduled* Offering for our annual *ShareLife Appeal*, supporting 33 Catholic agencies and 10 grant recipients that respect the sanctity of all human life. See page 3 in the website bulletin for details.

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20 Sept.

Stewardship Sunday

27 Sept.

2nd Collection: *Maintenance*

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*

5 Oct.

Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)

11 Oct.

Infant Baptism (1:30 pm)

18 Oct.

2nd Collection: *World Mission*

25 Oct.

2nd Collection: *Maintenance*;

- CWL Meeting (11:30 am)

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 *ShareLife* Collections that were postponed due to the pandemic shutdown have been rescheduled. See page 3 for details on how we can work together to reach our goal.

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,

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

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.

Sincerely in Christ,

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

Face Masks Mandatory

On 7 July, a new by-law was passed that makes the use of masks or face coverings inside all public places mandatory. We are still in the middle of a pandemic. 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

Fatima Marian Devotions

**4.00 pm,
12 September
In Honour of
the Nativity
of Mary, the
Mother of God**

To mark the Birthday of Our Lady (8 Sept.), the Fatima Scarborough Group is holding Marian Devotions

at 4.00 pm on Saturday, 12 Sept., which is actually the Feast of the Most Holy Name of Mary. All are welcome. Devotions will conclude in time for participants to attend the 5.00 pm Mass.

Loving parents show hope in a world filled with travail. As they welcome a new child into the world, that infant has the potential to be a channel of God's peace in the world.

This is all true in a magnificent way in Mary. If Jesus is the perfect expression of God's love, Mary is the foreshadowing of that love. If Jesus has brought the fullness of salvation, Mary is its dawning.



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.

The group meetings at the Church will resume in October. Throughout September, we will be finalizing the schedule of meetings, with priority given to the Candidates who were almost finished their preparation for Initiation before the pandemic shutdown began in March. Stay in touch. Details will be published regularly, and the email communication and online instruction for current Candidates will continue.



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 September

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 the 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 this Sunday, 13 September. Please donate, and help us reach our goal!

Feast of the Holy Name of Mary 12 September

This feast is a counterpart to the Feast of the HOLY NAME OF JESUS; both have the possibility of uniting people as brothers and sisters in Christ.

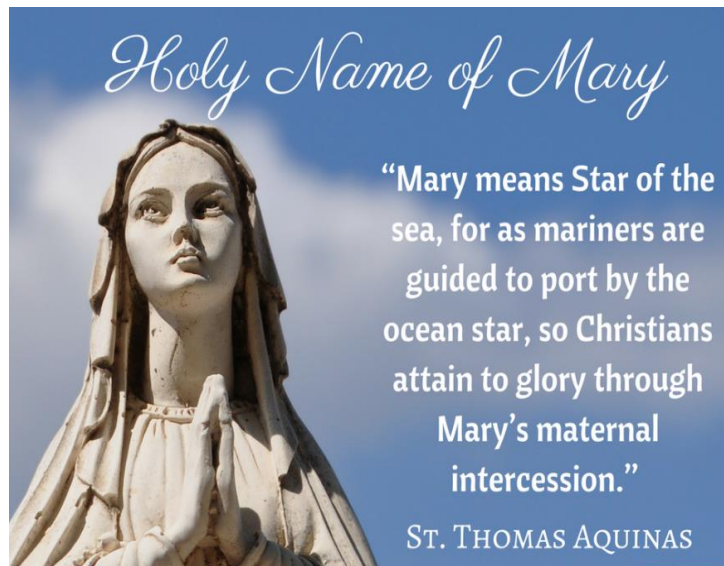
The feast of the Most HOLY NAME OF MARY began in Spain in 1513, and in 1671 was extended to all of Spain and the Kingdom of Naples.

In 1683, **John Sobieski**, King of Poland, brought an army to the outskirts of Vienna to stop the advance of the Muslim armies loyal to Mohammed IV of Istanbul (Constantinople). After Sobieski entrusted himself to the Blessed Virgin Mary, he and his soldiers totally defeated Mohammed's armies.

Pope Innocent XI extended the observance of this feast to the entire Church.

Reflection

Mary always points us to God, reminding us of God's infinite goodness. She helps us to open our hearts to God's ways, wherever those may lead us. Honored under the title "Queen of Peace," Mary encourages us to cooperate with Jesus in building a peace based on justice, a peace that respects the fundamental human rights of all peoples.



Fr. Dominic Borg, ocd

Congratulations to **Fr. Dominic Borg** of the Carmelite Order, who on 27 August 2020 was appointed the Chaplain to the DISCALCED NUNS OF THE ORDER OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY OF MOUNT CARMEL, located in Zephyr, Ontario. Fr. Borg had previously served as pastor of Our Lady of Fatima Parish, on St. Clair Avenue East, near Pharmacy.

Fr. Dominic, may God bless you in your ministry.



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.



Pope's Representative in Beirut

**Meeting of His Eminence,
Cardinal Pietro Parolin,**

**Secretary of State of His Holiness
Pope Francis,**

**with Religious Leaders of Beirut
in remembrance of the tragic
explosion of 4 August 2020.**

**St. George Maronite Cathedral,
Beirut, 3 September 2020**

Dear Brother Bishops and dear Representatives of the different Religious communities and of humanitarian organizations present in Beirut.

Dear friends, I would like to thank Monsignor Paul Abdel Sater, Maronite Archbishop of Beirut, for welcoming us all to this fraternal meeting. I am also grateful to all of you present here for joining us in this moment of recollection and prayer. We are still shocked by what happened a month ago. We ask God to give his peace to all the victims of the tremendous and tragic explosion that rapid ripped through the heart of the City. We pray that God may render us strong to care for every person who was affected and to accomplish the task of rebuilding Beirut.

As I arrived here, the temptation was to say that I would have liked to meet you in different circumstances. I said “No”, however! The God of love and mercy is also the God of history and we believe that God wants us to accomplish our mission of caring for our brothers and sisters in this present time, with all its difficulties and challenges.

Dear friends, I come to your historic city to express the nearness of the Catholic Church throughout the world. His Holiness Pope Francis has asked me to come and meet you after he launched his appeal for “prayer, fasting and solidarity with Beirut” and with Lebanon. The response to the Pope’s appeal has been immediate, arriving from so many different countries, from all the continents. You are not alone!

Certainly, no one can live in a situation fearing that one’s life and that of his or her beloved ones can be threatened at any moment. That is why we stand by you in silence and solidarity to express our love. Standing by you, we find the courage to shout together: “enough”. Our suffering can help us purify our intentions and strengthen our resolve to live together



in peace and dignity, to strive for a better governance that favours responsibility, transparency and accountability. Together we can defeat violence and all forms of authoritarianism, by promoting inclusive citizenship based on the respect of fundamental rights and duties.

Dear friends, in his Message for the 52nd World Day of Peace (2018), Pope Francis wrote: “when political power aims only at protecting the interests of a few privileged individuals, the future is compromised and young people can be tempted to lose confidence, since they are relegated to the margins of society without the possibility of helping to build the future.”

I cannot forget to mention today the unique value of Lebanon, part of the Holy Land that was visited by Our Lord Jesus Christ and his apostles, and by his Mother, beloved by all Lebanese, the Holy Virgin Mary. All of us, as religious leaders, we have a primary mission to give hope to an afflicted population, to honour and serve our brothers and sisters in humanity, starting by the most vulnerable. Let us help each other to accomplish our mission.

The beautiful examples of solidarity that are being lived all over Beirut strengthen our hope and inspire our future actions. Together with religious leaders, we also have representatives of different faith-based and civil society organizations. I know that all of you are bearing the biggest part of the responsibility and deploying great efforts not to abandon anyone in these tragic circumstances. May you continue to offer an example of sincere solidarity, faithful to the Lebanese tradition of resilience, creativity and mutual support.

Finally, I wish to repeat quite clearly the appeal of Pope Francis to the International community: Do not leave Lebanon alone! Lebanon needs the world, but the world also needs the unique ongoing experiment of pluralism, living in solidarity and freedom that is Lebanon.

Together, we will rebuild Beirut! God bless you!



Great Canadian Cities

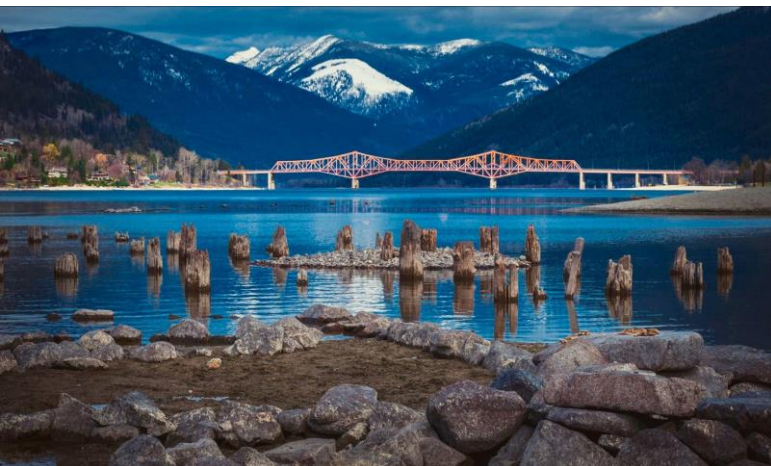
Breathing during the Pandemic



Vancouver, British Columbia



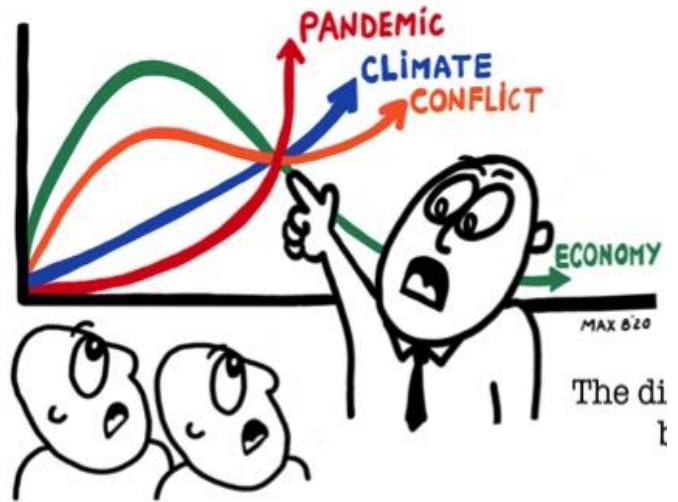
Victoria, British Columbia



Nelson, British Columbia

Pandemic Humour

Relief for stressful times



"The disasters are collaborating better than we are!"

