



*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,  
We will remember them.*

## Parish Week † 25 Oct. 2020

**Saturday, 24 Oct. / St. Anthony Mary Claret, *bishop***

■ 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the United Nations, in San Francisco

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Fr. Elias Chachati (friend)
- 2.00 pm Memorial Mass: † Abella Deangkinay
- 5.00 pm Mass: † Rayappu Bastiampillai (family)

**SUNDAY, 25 OCT. / 30-A**

■ *Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati*

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

- 9.00 am Mass: † Rita Bastiampillai (Caroline)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Agnes Diaz (family)
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Michael Dennis Solomon (Anne-Marie)
- 1.00 pm Catholic Women's League
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

**Monday, 26 Oct.**

- 8.00 am Mass: † Deceased members of Balatbat family (Clarita Rodriguez)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Int. Thanksgiving Birthday (Cristeta Villanueva)

**Tuesday, 27 Oct.**

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Fr. Elias (friend)
- 5.30 pm Memorial Mass: † Teofilo Mondala

**Wednesday, 28 Oct. / Ss. Simon & Jude, *apostles***

- 8.00 am Mass: † Lalita D'Souza (Joseph)

**Thursday, 29 Oct.**

- 8.00 am Mass: † Beatriz Remedios (family)

**Friday, 30 Oct.**

- 8.00 am Mass: † Randy Garcia (Vinah)

**Saturday, 31 Oct.**

- 8.00 am Mass: † James Larkin (Alice)
- 5.00 pm Mass: Int. Isabelle Gracias & † Mike Gracias (friends)

**SUNDAY, 1 NOV. / ALL SAINTS**

■ *Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Vaz & D'Silva family (Lydia & family)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Frank & Joan DeVerno (Pamela)
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Dionisio & Jean Azur (family)
- 2.30 pm 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Mass for Saturday Class
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

## Focus on the Word

**30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**

**Exodus 22.21-27; 1 Thessalonians 1.5-10 ; Matthew 22.34-40**

*Almighty ever-living God, increase our faith, hope and charity, and make us love what you command, so that we may merit what you promise. Amen.*

### Pray for the Deceased

**Edward Walter Arscott,  
Dominga Costales, Maria Famiglietti,  
Jose Narvaez, Jose Tolentino**

The 300 victims of the August floods in Central Africa



### November Masses

During the month of November, the month of the *Holy Souls*, in addition to our regular weekday 8.00 am morning Mass, there will be an evening Mass: Monday to Friday at 7.00 pm.

### Book of Remembrance

During November, the month of the *Holy Souls*, we will remember all the faithful departed of our families at our daily Masses. Parishioners may add the names of deceased family members in our November *Book of Remembrance*, in front of the pulpit.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: 25 October, *Maintenance*

The 2<sup>nd</sup> collection on Sunday, 25 October, will be for the support of our major parish projects through the *Maintenance Collection*.

### COMING UP

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- 2 Nov. **Feast of All Souls;**
- Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
- 8 Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: **ShareLife;**
- Infant Baptism (1:30 pm)
- 15 Nov. - 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: **Shepherds' Trust;**
- Knights of Columbus (1:00 pm)
- 23 Nov, CWL Meeting (11:30 am)
- 29 Nov. **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent;**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: **Maintenance;**
- Catholic Women's League (1:00 pm),
- 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration;
- **Fr. Edwin:** 40<sup>th</sup> Ordination Anniversary (1980-2020)
- 7 Dec. Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
- 13 Dec. Infant Baptism (1:30 pm)

### Website [stmariagoretti.archtoronto.org](http://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.

# Coming to Mass

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*. 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**

## 1 November: *Feast of All Saints*

Parishioners may be interested to know that this year, a major liturgical feast falls on Sunday, 1 November: the *Feast of All Saints*. This Feast takes precedence over an *Ordinary Time* Sunday. Our liturgical ministers, and especially our Lectors, should note that it is not the "31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time." Please prepare for the correct Readings. See the texts in the website bulletin.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Communion and Confirmation

The celebrations of 1<sup>st</sup> HOLY COMMUNION and CONFIRMATION, which were to take place after Holy Week, will be rescheduled later in the year. 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 are in the process of resuming. Stay in touch, and details will be published regularly.

The First Communion for the Saturday Class will be held at 2.30 pm on Sunday, 1 November.

## 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 RCIA meets on Friday evenings, and the RCIC meets periodically on Saturday mornings; their next meeting is on 7 November.

☺ Your sabbath smile

*Simple Home Remedies, #104:*

*A mouse trap placed on top of your alarm clock will prevent you from rolling over and going back to sleep after you hit the snooze button.*



## Sisters of St. Joseph

### 170 Years in Toronto: 1851-2020

The Archdiocese of Toronto thanks the **SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH** for their tireless service to our parishioners, as the religious order enters its 170th year in Toronto.

On 7 October 1851 the first of the Sisters of St. Joseph arrived in Toronto from Philadelphia to care for the children who were orphaned by the typhus epidemic. Under the direction of **Mother Delphine**, the first leader of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Toronto, the order quickly grew.

Since then, the Sisters have served the most vulnerable members of society and helped build some of the most enduring Catholic institutions in the Archdiocese of Toronto, including the St. Michael's Hospital, St. Joseph's Health Centre and Providence Healthcare (*now jointly known as Unity Health*).

More recently, the Sisters of St. Joseph have created ministries as diverse as the *Furniture Bank*, which helps those in need to turn a living space into a home; and the *Fontbonne Ministries*, which brings people together at a time when we are increasingly isolated.

Over the next year, the Sisters of St. Joseph will tell the story of their time in Toronto via their website and social media sites. You can learn more about their contribution to our community.

Sisters of St. Joseph, we couldn't imagine the Archdiocese of Toronto without you!

## Bidding Prayer

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



## 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.

# ShareLife 2020

## Living the Gospel!

Parish Campaign Progress

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

**59%**  
of goal



**ShareLife Sunday Collections**  
13 September, 11 October and 8 November

**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 **8 November**

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 pandemic shutdown were 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 on Sunday, 8 November. Please donate, and help us reach our goal!

# Sisters of St. Joseph

170 Years in Toronto: 1851-2020

## History

The Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Toronto (CSJ) was founded in 1648 in Le Puy-en-Velay, France, by six women and a Jesuit priest, **Jean-Pierre Médaille**. From the start, the Sisters' religious life included service to and with people who were sick, poor, at risk and vulnerable.

Although the Congregation spread rapidly to the surrounding towns, the French Revolution saw the dissolution of the communities, the confiscation of properties and the dispersal of the Sisters, several of whom were guillotined. **Jeanne Fontbonne**, known as Sister St. John, was imprisoned and almost lost her life. After her release, she was able to refound the community in 1807 at the local bishop's request. From the new headquarters in Lyons, the congregation flourished.

In 1836, Sisters went to St. Louis, Missouri, to open a teaching mission. In 1851, at the request of Bishop de Charbonnel, **Sister Delphine Fontbonne** and three other Sisters left Philadelphia for Toronto to run an overcrowded orphanage amid the typhus and cholera epidemic in Toronto. From this beginning, the Sisters went on to establish ministries in education, social services, health care and foreign missions. Over the years, the Sisters set up facilities to meet newly recognized needs. In the 1970s, they founded two organizations for recovering alcoholics, now operating as *St. Michael's Homes*. The 1980s and 1990s saw individual Sisters founding agencies such as Daily Bread Food Bank and Furniture Bank.

An independent congregation, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Toronto are linked to other Canadian Congregations of Sisters of St. Joseph through a federation. They continue to help people in many ways, nurturing community with neighbour, especially with people who are homeless, alienated and poor and also with women at risk. They continue to maintain their long tradition of meeting unmet needs with life-giving ministries.



# The Feast of all Saints

## 1 November

All Saints Day is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated annually on 1 November. The day is dedicated to the Saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven. It should not be confused with All Souls Day, which is observed on 2 November, and is dedicated to those who have died and not yet reached heaven.

Although millions or even billions of people may already be saints, All Saints Day observances tend to focus on known, *canonized* Saints. These are the Saints who are recognized in the “Canon of the Saints” by the Catholic Church.

All Saints Day is generally considered a Holy Day of Obligation, meaning all Catholics are required to attend Mass on that day, unless they have an excellent excuse, such as serious illness. In Canada, it is not a Holy Day of Obligation (unless it falls on a Sunday), although attendance at Mass on the day is highly recommended.

All Saints Day was formally started by Pope Boniface IV, who consecrated the Pantheon at Rome to the Virgin Mary and all the Martyrs on 13 May in 609 AD. Boniface IV also established All Souls Day, which follows All Saints.

The Holy Day was moved to 1 November by Pope Gregory III in the 700’s, as a day dedicated to the Saints and their relics.

The Catholic practice celebrates all those who have entered heaven, including Saints who are recognized by the Church as well as those who are not.

Holy day customs vary around the world. In the United States and much of the West, the day before is Halloween, which is usually celebrated by dressing in costumes, often with themes of death. Children go door-to-door in costume, “trick-or-treating,” that is soliciting candy from their neighbors. The 2020 Covid-19 pandemic has suppressed much of that, which is no great loss, since the day has lost much of its connection to its religious origins.

In countries, such as Portugal, Spain and Mexico, traditional practices include offerings made to the dead. across much of Europe, the day is commemorated with offerings of flowers left on the graves of the dead. In Eastern Europe, candles are lit on graves instead of offerings of flowers.

In some places, such as the Philippines, graves can be painted and repaired by family members.

## Readings for the Feast

1<sup>st</sup> Reading     **Revelation** 7.2-4, 9-14

Psalm 24     *Response:* Lord, this is the company of those who seek Your face.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading     **1 John** 3:1-3

Gospel     **Luke** 2:22-40

## First Reading

A Reading from the Book of Revelation

I, John, saw an Angel ascending from the rising of the sun, having the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four Angels who had been given power to damage earth and sea, saying, “Do not damage the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have marked the servants of our God with a seal on their foreheads.” And I heard the number of those who were sealed, one hundred forty-four thousand, sealed out of every tribe of the people of Israel.

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

And all the Angels stood around the throne, around the elders and the four living creatures; they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.”

Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.”

The Word of the Lord.





## Responsorial Psalm Psalm 24

**R: Lord, this is the company of those who seek Your face.**

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the river. *R. (Raise hand.)*

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? Someone who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up their soul to what is false. *R. (Raise hand.)*

That person will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of their salvation. Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. *R. (Raise hand.)*



## Second Reading

A Reading from First the Letter of John

Beloved: See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

And all who have this hope in God purify themselves, just as he is pure.

The Word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. **R:** Alleluia.

Come to me, all you that are weary and heavy-burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord.

**R:** Alleluia.



## Gospel

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord.





Lorenzo Berardinetti

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October 4 is the feast day of St Francis of Assisi. He is buried here at the lower level of the Basilica of St Francis of Assisi. Among other things, he is the Patron Saint of Animals, the Environment and Merchants. Fittingly, in these days, the world is being drastically changed with damage to the environment, poor treatment of animals and pets. Help us, St Francis!





## Mama's Bible

Four brothers left home for college, and they became successful as a doctor, lawyer, teacher and engineer.

One evening, they chatted after having dinner together.

They discussed the 95<sup>th</sup> birthday gifts they were able to give their elderly mother who had moved to Florida .

The first said, "You know, I had a big house built for Mama."

The second said, "And I had a large theater built in the house."

The third said, "And I had my Mercedes dealer deliver an SL600 to her."

The fourth said, "You know how Mama loved reading the Bible and you know she can't read anymore because she can't see very well. I met this preacher who told me about a parrot who could recite the entire Bible. It took ten preachers 7 years to teach him. I had to pledge to contribute \$50,000 a year for five years to the church, but it was worth it. Mama only has to name the chapter and verse, and the parrot will recite it."

The other brothers were impressed.

After the celebration Mama sent out her "Thank You" notes.

She wrote:

"Milton,

The house you built is huge. I only live in one room, but I have to clean the whole house. Thanks anyway."

"Marvin,

I am too old to travel. I stay home; I have my groceries delivered, so I never use the Mercedes. The thought was good. Thanks."

"Michael,

You gave me an expensive theatre with Dolby sound and it can hold 50 people, but all of my friends are dead, I've lost my hearing, and I'm nearly blind. I'll never use it. Thank you for the gesture just the same."

"Dearest Melvin,

You were the only son to have the good sense to give a little thought to your gift. The chicken you sent was delicious Thank you so much."

Love,  
*Mama*





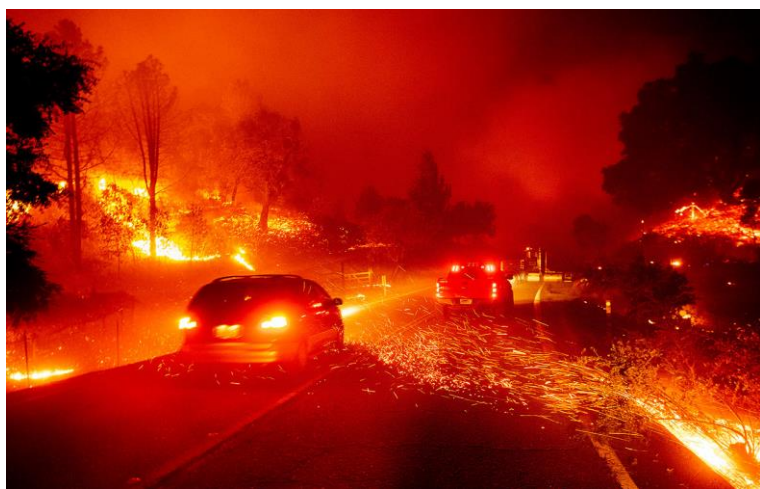
Above: **Ethan James Joson** enjoys a Blessing with his family on the occasion of his 1<sup>st</sup> Visit to Church after his birth. The photo was taken immediately after the *Infant Baptism Parent-Godparent Meeting* on 5 October.

☺ Your sabbath smile





# California Wildfires 2020    Pandemic: Keeping safe





*Above:* AUTUMN MOON, 21 September 2020  
**(Lorenzo Berardinetti)**

