



Parish Week † 22 Nov. 2020

Saturday, 21 Nov. / Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8.00 am Mass: † Victoria & Alfred (family)
5.00 pm Mass: † Arthur Braganza (children)

SUNDAY, 22 NOV. / CHRIST THE KING

■ *Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo*

9.00 am Mass: † Beatriz Remedios (Audrey Caza)
10.30 am Mass: † Beatriz Remedios (friends)
12.00 pm Mass: † Lalita D'Souza (Joseph)
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday, 23 Nov. / St. Clement I, pope & martyr

8.00 am Mass: † Conrado Lamila (Magdalena)
7.00 pm Mass: † Catherine Ella Cruickshank (Anne-Marie)

Tu., 24 Nov. / St. Andrew Dung-Lac, priest & Companions, martyrs

8.00 am Mass: † Michele Picciola (Irma & family)
7.00 pm Mass: Int. Fr. Elias Chachati (friend)
8.00 pm Memorial Mass: † Rosanna Nang

Wed., 25 Nov. / St. Catherine of Alexandria, virgin & martyr

8.00 am Mass: † Santhiapillai Sebastampillai (Juliet)
7.00 pm Mass: † Marianito Alviso (daughter)
8.00 pm Children's Choir Mass for the Intention of Fr. Edwin,
on his 40th Anniversary of Ordination

Thursday, 26 Nov.

8.00 am Mass: † Deceased Maulion family members (Corine)
7.00 pm Mass: † Eduardo Villanueva (Cristeta)

Friday, 27 Nov.

8.00 am Mass: † Pauline Ramroop (Vanessa Rampersaud)
7.00 pm Mass: † Zeca Almeida (daughter Ondine)

Saturday, 28 Nov.

8.00 am Mass: † Souls in Purgatory (Audrey Caza)
5.00 pm Mass: † Ernesto & Lydia Rodas (family)

SUNDAY, 29 NOV. / ADVENT 1-B

■ *Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati*

■ *2nd Collection: Maintenance*

■ *Fr. Edwin Galea: 40th Ordination Anniversary*

9.00 am Mass: † John & Olga Pereira
10.30 am Mass: † Beatriz Remedios (friends)
12.00 pm Mass: † Deceased members of CWL Council (SMG)
1.00 pm Catholic Women's League
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Focus on the Word

Christ the King Sunday, Year A

Ezekiel 34.11-17; 1 Corinthians 15.20-28; Matthew 25.31-46

Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise. Amen.

Pray for the Deceased

Fabio Colella, Francesco Ferrante, Salvatore Malandrino, Nicasio Pardo, Fortunata Raqueza, Carmine Valerio

The **56,000** victims of the current humanitarian crisis in Yemen



A New Liturgical Year

The current liturgical year, "A," ends with the week after the Feast of **Christ the King**, which this year is on:

22 November 2020.

The next Sunday is the **1st Sunday of Advent**:

29 November 2020.

It starts a new Liturgical Year, "B" in our 3-year cycle of readings. The Sunday Gospels will be from the evangelist **Mark**.

Catholic Women's League

60th Anniversary of the Parish Council



The CWL will meet on Sunday, 29 November, to mark the 60th Anniversary of the founding of the St. Maria Goretti Council. This occasion will also allow the League to congratulate **Fr. Edwin** on his 40th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood.

COMING UP

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7 Dec. Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
8 Dec. Solemn Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary
12 Dec. Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe;
- Memorial Mass: † Johnny Lalicon (12.30 pm)
13 Dec. Infant Baptism (1:30 pm)
20 Dec. 4th Sunday of Advent;
22 Dec. Fr. Armand Joseph Desaulniers: death anniversary (1988)
24 Dec. Christmas Eve Masses begin at 7.00 pm
25 Dec. Christmas: Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord
2nd Collection: Christmas
27 Dec. Feast of the Holy Family;
- 2nd Collection: Maintenance

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 *First Communion* and *Confirmation* celebrations that were postponed due to the pandemic shutdown are being rescheduled. See pages 3 and following for more details.

1st Communion and Confirmation

The celebrations of 1st HOLY COMMUNION and CONFIRMATION, which were to take place after Holy Week, are now being rescheduled in the near future. Candidates in our schools who were prepared to receive these Sacraments in April and May will be given information to take home, so that families can prepare properly. Refer to the website bulletin for more details.

The *Saturday Class* 1st Communion was held on 1 November.

The *St. Maria Goretti School* 1st Communions will be held:

Wednesday	2 December	5.30 pm
Thursday	3 December	5.30 pm
Saturday	5 December	2.30 pm
Sunday	6 December	2.30 pm
Wednesday	9 December	5.30 pm
Thursday	10 December	5.30 pm
Saturday	12 December	2.30 pm



The *RCIC* 1st Communion will held on 5 December, at 12 noon.

Stewardship

2021 Sunday Envelopes

Parishioners are invited to pick up their *2021 Sunday Offertory Envelopes* in the Vestibule.

This year, due to the pandemic circumstances, we will need to observe special precautions to ensure that the procedure is safe. The envelopes are set out in alphabetical order, by the first letter of the family name. Only a few letters will be added each week, to allow for a more phased-out process, and to make it possible to maintain social distancing. Please follow the direction of the volunteers.

The envelopes are for registered parishioners only; if you are new to the neighbourhood and have not yet registered, *welcome!* You will need to come to the Office window, fill out a *registration form*, and join our parish.

My Offering	
<i>Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.</i> - Matt. 6:21	Name: _____
	Address: _____
	Amount: _____

Sunday Missals

The 2021 Sunday Missals will be delivered soon. Due to the pandemic, there have been staff shortages and production delays. As soon as the Missals have arrived, we will notify Parishioners through this bulletin, which can be read on our website, and by the verbal Announcements at all Masses.

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. This year, due to the pandemic, Parishioners may not write in the actual book itself. There is an email address created by the Committee specifically for the November book is:

mariagorettichurch@gmail.com



Please use this option to submit your names; it will eliminate the need to line up at a table near the Book in the Church.

Parishioners who prefer to write their names on pages may do so. Please bring your page with your completed list and leave it in the marked November Remembrance box on the table near the pulpit.

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 regularly on Friday evenings at 7.30 pm, and the RCIC meets periodically on Saturday mornings; their next meeting is on 5 December.

The Liturgy for the Candidates who were ready to receive their Sacraments of Initiation at Easter this year, but who prevented from doing so due to the pandemic shutdown, will be celebrated at 12.00 noon on Saturday, 5 December.

ADVENT PREPARATIONS

Christmas Flowers

Parishioners are invited to sponsor this year's display of CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS in our Sanctuary. Donation envelopes are at the Office window.



If you wish to *dedicate* your flowers, please fill out the "Christmas Flower" form in the donation envelope. Dedications will be accepted until noon on Monday, 21 December.

The forms are intended to remember *one person* for each pot donated. If you wish to honour more than one person, you may submit the name of a pair who share a common family name; or, for many persons, "For the members of the _____ Family."

R&R Report

The next Parish R&R Report will be presented at all Masse this Sunday, 21/22 November.



Fragrance Irritation and Allergies

The chemicals used in many cosmetics may cause allergic reactions in some people, including breathing problems, asthma and dermatitis (itchy rash). Please refrain from wearing cosmetics with discernable fragrances to Church.

Advent Day of Confessions

Wednesday, 9 December: 4-5 pm, 7.30-9 pm

As part of our ongoing program of spiritual growth, **Cardinal Collins** invites Catholics of the Archdiocese to receive the *Sacrament of Reconciliation* on a DAY OF CONFESSIONS in Advent.

In our parish, it will be on: **Wednesday, 9 December.**

Parishioners may come for Confession from 4.00 – 5.00 pm, and again following the 7.00 pm evening Mass, from 7.30 – 9.00 pm.

☺ Your sabbath smile

Better to be quarrelling than to be lonely. Irish Proverb

Diocesan Pandemic Norms

Message from Cardinal Collins, 17 November

Thank you for all that you continue to do during these challenging days. As you are aware, at this time, the City of Toronto, Region of Peel and York Region are now in the Province of Ontario's "Control" stage (Red Zone). Over the past week, I have been in regular dialogue with local officials in these areas to convey the effective measures that parishes have been implementing through the *WorshipSafe* protocol and to better understand the challenges faced by local municipalities in trying to reduce the rapid spread of Covid-19. While we know that our 30% capacity restrictions as well as our extensive health and safety protocols have been extremely effective, we must also seriously consider the direction of local medical officers asking that places of worship further restrict attendance at liturgical services.

At this time I am directing parishes in York, Toronto and Peel Regions to implement the following measures:

By Tuesday, 24 November 2020, parishes must restrict attendance at all liturgical celebrations (Sunday & Daily Mass, Weddings, Funerals, Baptisms, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, etc.) to 50 worshipers in the entire building, excluding those who are involved in ministry (Priest, cantor, greeters, etc.).

As outlined in our protocols, ensure strict adherence to sanitization, distancing and other measures.

Only essential meetings should take place in parish halls or other Church spaces at this time. They should be restricted to 10 people and ensure that all appropriate health and safety measures are in place (use of masks, hand sanitizer, physical distancing, etc.). Virtual meetings should replace in-person meetings wherever possible.

Parish offices: follow Phase 2 – *Limited Operations*.

I recognize this is an extremely challenging and difficult situation for clergy, pastoral teams and parishioners. We must also be mindful of our primary concern – our love of neighbour and our collective need to reduce the potential transmission of Covid-19 during this period of pandemic. We will continue to keep you updated with any other relevant information. Thank you once again for your incredible work.



Cardinal Thomas Christopher Collins,
Archbishop of Toronto

Philippines Relief

In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Philippines is struggling through one of the worst typhoon seasons in decades after six significant storms made landfall on the Southeast Asian nation in just three weeks. The Archdiocese of Toronto is accepting humanitarian relief donations to help those affected by these devastating disasters.

Recently, Typhoon Vamco (known locally as Ulysses) hit the Philippines on Wednesday, 11 November 2020, killing 67 people and displacing about 325,000 others from their homes. This was just 10 days after Super Typhoon Goni (known locally as *Rolly*), one of the strongest typhoons ever recorded, damaged almost 25,000 homes in the Philippines.

The Archdiocese of Toronto has partnered with *Caritas Canada* and *Development and Peace* to help the people of the Philippines. *Caritas* is working to provide essential emergency needs for 9,750 people affected by the typhoons in the provinces of Catanduanes and Albay, Philippines.

Sadly, the Philippines has received no respite during this year's typhoon season and its people need our help. Our faith calls us to aid those who are suffering. If you can, please donate to this relief effort. Envelopes are available at the Church doors after Sunday Mass, and at the Parish office after weekday Mass.

R&R Report 22 November

The next R&R report will be made at all Masses on 21/22 November, detailing the work completed on the Rectory and Church exterior stairs, the Kennedy Road side lawn subsidence repair, and the work underway on our security cameras.

Palms for the King of Kings

This Sunday, on the Feast of Christ the King, the blessed **Palms** from Holy Week will be distributed after Mass. Parishioners may collect a Palm from one of our volunteers as you leave the Church after Mass.



For Parishioners unable to come to Church on Sunday, Palms will be available at our weekday Masses.



Fr. José Manuel De Jesús Ferreira, *r.i.p.*

A 39-year-old priest in the city of San Carlos, Venezuela, was murdered on 20 October 2020, just after celebrating a private Mass for several parishioners. The victim was **Fr. José Manuel De Jesús Ferreira**, a member of the congregation of the Priests of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and parish priest of the San Juan Bautista Diocesan Eucharistic Shrine in the Diocese of San Carlos.

Fr. Ferreira was saying goodbye to parishioners at the door of the parish house. Several armed men came by and subdued them in order to enter the house and rob it. One of the assailants held one of the parishioners, and when Fr. Ferreira tried to help that person, he was shot in the chest.

In a statement, Bishop Polito Rodríguez of San Carlos, said, “Faith in these moments sustains us. It is true that sadness and pain overwhelm us, but above all we trust in the Lord, because from Him we come and towards him we go.”

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Fr. Ferreira often celebrated Mass via the Pastoreña 89.7 FM radio station and other local stations, with a message that “Jesus wants us all to get involved in love towards the needy and not be indifferent.”

Venezuela suffers from one of the worst homicide rates in the world. Fr. Ferreira was born in Caracas on 25 November 1980, to Portuguese immigrants. He was the third of four siblings. Due to the political instability in Venezuela, his mother returned to Madeira, Portugal. He was ordained on 19 December 2009.

During his ministry as a Deacon, and later as a Priest, he was in charge of the pastoral work in the parish of “Nuestra Señora del Carmen” in Mariara. Those who knew Fr. José Manuel know of his charismatic and dynamic spirit, always interested in initiating innovative activities.

Let the Earth breathe





Above: 22 October 2020 - **Eesah Annora Anderson**, between her parents Jason and Aprille, receives the blessing for her First Visit to Church after her birth on 19 June 2020.

Below: 19 October 2020 – **Daphne Dias** holds up one end of the Ordinary Time cover she crafted for the new Offertory Table that was obtained for the Church by **Fr. Elias**.





Above: Killarney Provincial Park, Ontario

Below: Christmas Market in Schwabisch Hall, Germany



Above: Valletta, Malta

Below: High Park, Toronto





Above: A **Monarch Butterfly** feeding on its migratory journey from Canada to Mexico.

Below: **Pistachio**, the green-furred dog, born 9 October 2020 in Pattada, Sicily, Italy. (Photo: Cristian Mallocci)





Claude Monet's garden at Giverny, France.

