



## Parish Week † 29 Nov. 2020

### 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
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Maintenance
  - Fr. Edwin Galea: 40<sup>th</sup> 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

### Monday, 30 Nov. / St. Andrew, apostle

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Fr. Elias Chachati (friend)  
7.00 pm Mass: † Ernesto & Lydia Rodas (family)

### Tuesday, 1 Dec.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Grandparents (Bastiampillai family)  
7.00 pm Mass: Int. Fr. Elias Chachati (friend)

### Wednesday, 2 Dec.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Avelino Henriquez & family (Avelina)  
5.30 pm St. Maria Goretti School 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Mass (#1)  
7.00 pm Mass: Int. Theresa Johnson (family)

### Thursday, 3 Dec. / St. Francis Xavier, priest

- 8.00 am Mass: † Antonio Silva & family (Alderina)  
5.30 pm St. Maria Goretti School 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Mass (#2)  
7.00 pm Mass: † Angel Ruben Bautista

### Friday, 4 Dec. / St. John Damascene, priest & doctor

- 8.00 am Mass: † Regina Dungan (Maria Rodas)  
6.00 pm Holy Hour  
7.00 pm Mass: † The Unborn (Audrey Caza)

### Saturday, 5 Dec.

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Fr. Elias Chachati (friend)  
2.30 pm St. Maria Goretti School 1<sup>st</sup> Communication Mass (#3)  
5.00 pm Mass: † Rose Garcia (Go family)

### SUNDAY, 6 DEC. / ADVENT 2-B

- Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea
  - Annual Finance Council Report
- 9.00 am Mass: † Josefina Ombac (family)  
10.30 am Mass: † All Souls in Purgatory (D'Souza family)  
12.00 pm Mass: † Claire Solomon-Copeland (Anne-Marie)  
2.30 pm St. Maria Goretti School 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Mass (#4)  
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

## The Advent Wreath

### First Sunday of Advent

At the beginning of Mass, the Priest will call a family to light the Advent Candle. At the end, the congregation prays:

**Father, You awaken in us the desire for the coming of Your Son. May he kindle in us the light of his love, and bring us to the Kingdom of justice and peace You promise all people.**

**We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Today's Candle lighters are:

- 5.00 pm: **Mukesh Kapadia**  
9.00 am: **Rosalina Mopas & Zeny**  
10.30 am: **Gaspar Thuram**  
12.00 pm: **Mely & Ezmon Villardo**  
7.00 pm: **James, Janet, Zian Byron**

### Pray for the Deceased

**Nestor Bonafe Sr.,  
Bruce Freeman, Noreen Majors**

**The 200 victims of the summer  
flooding in Southern China**



### 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 **1<sup>st</sup> 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**.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: 29 November, Maintenance

The 2<sup>nd</sup> collection on Sunday, 29 November, will support of our major parish projects through the *Maintenance Collection*.

### COMING UP

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- 6 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  
13 Dec. Infant Baptism (1:30 pm)  
20 Dec. **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent;**  
22 Dec. **Fr. Armand Joseph Desaulniers: death anniversary (1988)**

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

**No Public Masses:** During the current pandemic lockdown, there will be no public Masses in Toronto and Peel. Our Church will be open for personal prayer every day from 8 am to 6 pm. The *Mass Intentions* that were booked for December before the lockdown was imposed on 23 November 2020, will all be honoured by the Priests in their private Masses.



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

The celebrations of 1<sup>st</sup> HOLY COMMUNION and CONFIRMATION, which were re-scheduled from earlier this year to December 2020, have all been suspended due to the current lockdown in Toronto and Peel. No Sacrament has been cancelled; but they will have to re-scheduled again after the lockdown is lifted. The Parish catechists are working with the school staffs to ensure that all records are retained, and that these important celebrations can be held as soon as possible.

## Advent Day of Confessions

*Wednesday, 9 December: 4 – 5 pm, 6 – 8 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 in the afternoon, 4.00 – 5.00 pm, and in the evening, 6.00 – 8.00 pm.

## Sunday Missals

The 2021 Sunday Missals have been printed, and will be delivered in time to be at the Parish Office before Sunday, 29 November.

## 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.

## R&R Report

Many thanks to the members of our Parish R&R Committee, and their helpers, who read the November Report at all Masses last Sunday, 21/22 November.

The Annual Finance Council Report is being prepared, and will be given at all Masses on Sunday, 5/6 December.



## Catholic Women's League

*60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Parish Council*

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

## 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.

We have a number of Candidates who are eagerly awaiting their Baptism, originally scheduled for Easter this year.

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.

## 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."

## 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.

## Stewardship

*2021 Sunday Envelopes*

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

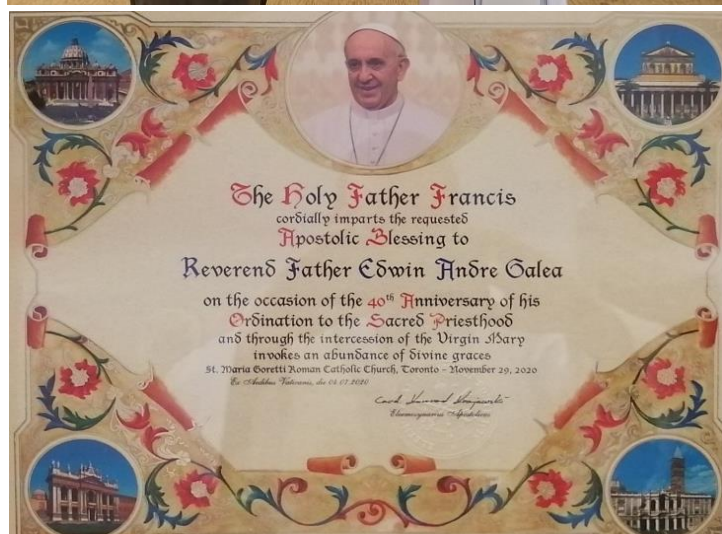
This year, due to the pandemic circumstances, we will need to observe special precautions to ensure that the procedure is safe. The envelopes are set out in alphabetical order, by the first letter of the family name. Only a few letters will be added each week, to allow for a more phased-out process, 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	
Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. <small>Matt. 6:21</small>	Name: _____
	Address: _____
	Amount: _____



# Fr. Edwin Galea 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination 29 November 1980-2020

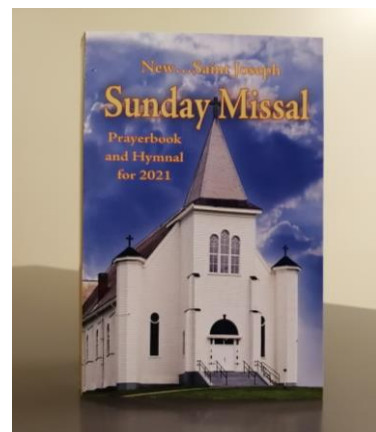


[Photos: **Bill Little** presents **Fr. Edwin** with a Papal Blessing from Pope Francis, for his 40<sup>th</sup> Ordination Anniversary, 29 Nov. 2020]

On Sunday, 29 November 2020, **Fr. Edwin Galea** celebrates his 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood. He was ordained by **Cardinal Gerald Emmet Carter** at St. Ambrose Church, Etobicoke, where he had served as a Seminarian and Deacon. He was joined at the Ordination Mass by a number of relatives from Malta including his mother Mary's brother **Carmenu** and his family; and by his father Paul's youngest brother, **Fr. Daniel Galea**, at that time assigned to the Franciscan Monastery of *San Francesco a Ripa*, off *Piazza Mastai* in Trastevere, Rome. Fr. Edwin's first assignment as a Priest was to Annunciation Parish in Don Mills. He has been at St. Maria Goretti Parish since 2007.

## Sunday Missals

The Sunday Missals have been delivered, and are now available at the Parish Office. Every family should have a Missal; it helps to guide young members through the Mass, and it provides a great way to prepare for the Scripture readings in advance. In addition, it allows Parishioners to reflect on the readings and proper prayers of Sunday Mass in the days that follow, in the comfort of their own home.



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## Palms

The blessed **Palms** of Passion Sunday (at the outset of Holy Week) were distributed at all the Masses on CHRIST THE KING Sunday, 22 November. Some Palms remain. Parishioners who would like to pick up a few for family members who are not able to come to Church on their own will find Palms available during the hours that the Church is open daily for private prayer:

8.00 am – 6.00 pm.



# Archbishop A. Sample leads rosary, exorcism to bring peace to Portland, Oregon

CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICE

Dakota Hulsey was diligently setting up tables in a downtown Portland restaurant on 17 October 2020. Out of the corner of his eye, he saw 225 people walking in procession behind the Eucharist on busy Northwest Everett Street. Hulsey paused for a moment, went to the window and gazed with folded hands, purple surgical gloves and all. “I’m not Catholic,” he said. “I just recently found God.”

What Hulsey had witnessed was a morning procession from St. Mary’s Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception to a city park where Portland Archbishop Alexander K. Sample offered a rosary for peace and conducted an exorcism for a city that has suffered riots for more than four months.

Two demonstrators have been killed over election-related division and many police injured. In early October, groups promoting indigenous rights toppled popular statues of Abraham Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt.

“There is no better time than in the wake of civil unrest and the eve of the elections to come together in prayer, especially here in Portland,” Archbishop Sample said before the procession. “The Catholic Church takes the promotion of unity, and accordingly peace, as belonging to the innermost nature of the church,” he said. “For this reason, the church fosters solidarity among peoples, and calls peoples and nations to sacrifices of advantages of power and wealth for the sake of solidarity of the human family.”

Catholics across western Oregon took part in the morning prayers Oct. 17 via livestream. There were almost 8,000 views on Facebook. “Mary, your son is the Prince of Peace,” the archbishop said as he knelt before the Blessed Sacrament, placed on an altar under spreading elm trees. “Through your intercession, may he bring peace to our cities and our communities, may his peace reign in our hearts.” Prayers were offered in English, Latin, Spanish, Vietnamese and Tagalog. The archbishop conducted a Latin exorcism rite meant to cleanse a community of evil.

The voice of a fitness coach at a nearby gym mingled with the solemn prayers, as did the wail of sirens and the general hum of Saturday morning traffic. Worshippers were not distracted; on the contrary, they seemed to revel in the mix, hoping the sacred would infuse the secular.

“What we did contrasts with what has been going on in our city and all this disarray,” said Carolina Ruth Valdez, who attends St. Stephen Church in Southeast Portland. “Jesus is the Prince of Peace. No Jesus, no peace.”



Valdez said she came because she wanted to give witness to a weary city that Jesus is with the people no matter what is happening. As the final prayers ended back on the cathedral steps, Valdez started a cheer: “Viva Cristo Rey!” The crowd responded enthusiastically and as the cathedral bells tolled the noon hour.

Sandra Kvalheim, who lives in nearby Vancouver, Washington, said it’s important for people of faith to be seen in public promoting belief and peace. “They see your run-of-the mill Catholic on the street and see that their religion is so important to them.”

Mary Miller, a member of St. Pius X Parish in Portland, said the anti-religion undertones of Portland protests worry her. She hopes the march presented a strong message: Catholics promote human rights and dignity.

“We know we need a lot more prayer, a lot more conversation about this,” Miller told the Catholic Sentinel, newspaper of the Archdiocese of Portland. “What is happening is not the right way to go about it. The church has the answer. It’s always going back to first things. What are first principles and what is our foundation in faith? I think that will address a lot of the confusion today.”

Miller’s son Justin, a student at Holy Trinity School in nearby Beaverton, hopes for an end to the violence. “I don’t want any more people to get hurt,” he said.

Organizers were prepared in case the half-mile Catholic procession met with violent foes. Nine burly Knights of Columbus from St. Anthony Parish in Tigard, Oregon, posted themselves around the event and kept an open eye. Everything went smoothly, said Scott Young, who led the guard. In fact, onlookers seemed fascinated and asked Young what was happening.

Standing in the back of the group in the park was Portland Police Officer Stephen Le, fingering a red rosary and praying along. Le grew up at Our Lady of La Vang Parish in Portland and belongs to Christ the King Parish in the suburb of Milwaukie.



# 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 Communions, 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.

*Thomas Collins*

**Cardinal Thomas Christopher Collins,**  
*Archbishop of Toronto*



## The Pandemic Odyssey *Prayer to relieve stressful times*





## Children rediscover classic toys



There is more to life? So it's not all about being masked and sanitized?

Safety is vital for health and the common good. Illness will not help the economy.

But while the protocols are being followed, children still know how to be creative.

How to cope with a pandemic: Take a second look at the toys that brought cheer to Mom and Dad in earlier years. Do you recognize these classics?



Answers: TICKLE ME ELMO, FURBY, THE SPICE GIRLS.



## Rocky the Owl

The owl that captured headlines after it was rescued in early November from the Rockefeller Center Christmas tree in New York has been returned to the wild. *Ravensbeard Wildlife Center* shared a video of the small owl, nicknamed **Rocky**, being released back into the wild. They posted; "Rocky's release was a success! She is a tough little bird and we're happy to see her back in her natural habitat."



## Tian Tian

The Smithsonian's National Zoo helped their giant panda cub and his mother celebrate Halloween. The Zoo officials fed baby **Tian Tian** and mommy **Mei Xiang** treats made of shredded carrots, applesauce and diluted apple juice.

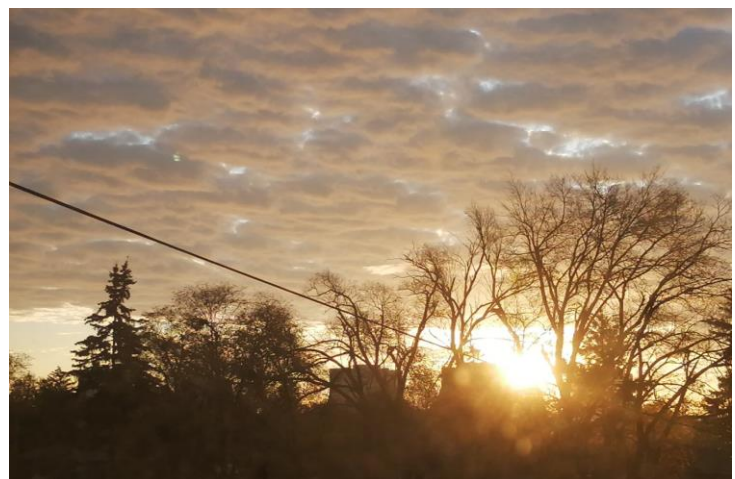


Photo: Sunrise seen from the Rectory, 10 November 2020.





*Above: **Le Morne Brabant, Mauritius**, with the spectacular and extensive coral reefs around the island.*

*Below: **Maria Tan** stands in a plot that is part of the Seeds of Hope Pinakbet climate Smart Vegetable Learning Garden.*





# Terrorist Attack In Nice

Three people were murdered in Notre Dame basilica in Nice, France, on 29 October 2020. The victims, a man and two women, were inside the basilica before the first Mass of the day. One of them, named by French media as 55-year-old **Vincent Loquès**, was a devout Catholic who reportedly worked at the basilica for more than 10 years. He was a sexton, or lay member of staff, responsible for maintenance and welcoming visitors to the church. Mr Loquès was opening the church on Thursday morning, when the attacker slit his throat, police say. A father of two daughters, Mr Loquès was known and loved by many parishioners.

They described him as a man who “always smiled” and dedicated his life “to serving the Church.” “He fed the refugees, he had a good heart,” said one person who came to pray for Mr Loquès.

A second victim has been named by the Brazilian foreign ministry as **Simone Barreto Silva**, a 44-year-old mother of three who was a caregiver for the elderly. Born in Salvador, Brazil, she had lived in France for 30 years. Severely injured, she managed to flee the attacker and took refuge in a restaurant near the church. “Tell my children I love them,” she told paramedics, according to French cable channel BFM TV. She died a short time later. Brazil's foreign ministry confirmed one citizen was among the victims of Thursday's “atrocious attack.” In a statement, President Jair Bolsonaro offered his “deepest condolences to the family.”

The third victim, a woman aged about 60, has not yet been named. She was found “almost beheaded” near the holy water font.

