



# Parish Week

*One does not live on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes  
from the mouth of God.*

**Sunday, 7 March 2021**

**Saturday, 6 Mar.**

- 8.00 am Mass: † Francesco Di Michele (family)  
10.00 am RCIC class for Youth initiation  
5.00 pm Mass: † Gabriel & Francis Andreas (Charles)

**SUNDAY, 7 MAR. / LENT 3-B**

■ *Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Lydia Marquez (family)  
10.30 am Mass: † Ernesto & Lydia Rodas (family)  
12.00 pm Mass: † Sixto Maramot Sr. (Maura)  
1.30 pm Infant Baptism  
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

**Monday 8 Mar. / St. John of God, religious**

- 8.00 am Mass: † Justo Solano (family)  
7.00 pm Mass: † Souls in Purgatory (FOSS)

**Tuesday, 9 Mar. / St. Frances of Rome, religious**

- 8.00 am Mass: † Rev. Fernando Suarez (Gina Arroya)  
7.00 pm Mass: Int. Thanksgiving for Job & Completion  
(Joseph & family)

**Wednesday, 10 Mar.**

- 8.00 am Mass: † Cyril Bastiampillai (family)  
7.00 pm Mass: Int. Tomas, Salve, Turiano & family  
(Gina Arroyo)

**Thursday, 11 Mar.**

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Glen & Gina Arroyo & family (Gina)  
7.00 pm Mass: † Maria Lauken & Joseph Wongcho  
(Angela Tam)

**Friday, 12 Mar.**

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Glen & Gina Arroyo & family (Gina)  
7.00 pm Mass: † Kyle Kazim (family)  
7.30 pm Stations of the Cross (St. Vincent de Paul)

**Saturday, 13 Mar.**

■ **Pope Francis:** Anniversary of Election (2013)

- 8.00 am Mass: † Souls in Purgatory (Audrey Caza)  
5.00 pm Mass: † Francesca Secco (Malini & Errol Wijesingha)

**SUNDAY, 14 MAR. / LENT 4-B**

■ *Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Ulysis Ibanez (Jocelyn)  
10.30 am Mass: † Rosy Rebello (family)  
12.00 pm Mass: † Michael D'Mello (Esme)  
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo



## Focus on the Word

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent, Year B**

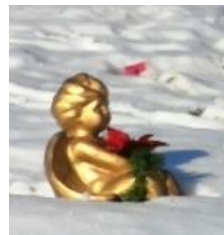
**Exodus 20.1-17; 1 Corinthians 1.18-25; John 2.13-25**

*O God, author of all mercy and goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy. Amen.*

## Pray for the Deceased

**Fr. Amedeo Nardone,  
Jose Signorelli Sr., Norma Smales**

**The 9 victims of the mining tragedy  
in Shandong Province, China**



## Lenten Masses

During Lent, there will be an evening Mass at 7.00 pm Monday to Friday, from Ash Wednesday to Holy Thursday.

## Stations of the Cross

Each Friday during Lent, the *Stations of the Cross* will be prayed congregationally after the 7.00 pm Mass.

For private use, the parish *Stations of the Cross* booklet may be obtained at the office for \$2.

The remaining Facilitators for 2021 will be:

March	12	<b>St. Vincent de Paul</b>
	19	<b>Greeters &amp; Eucharistic Ministers</b>
	26	<b>Knights of Columbus</b>
April	2	<b>Lectors</b>



## Calling all Palms

Bring in your *old blessed palms* by the Sunday before Holy Week (21 March). Kindly place them in the *palm box* in the Vestibule.

## COMING UP

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16 Mar. **PH500:** Opening Liturgy of the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Christianity in the Philippines (O.L. Assumption Church)

28 Mar.	<b>Palm Sunday:</b> <i>Holy Week</i> begins
1 Apr.	<b>Holy Thursday:</b> <i>Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper;</i> - Adoration until midnight
2 Apr.	<b>Good Friday:</b> <i>The Passion of Our Lord</i>
4 Apr.	<b>Easter Sunday:</b> <i>Resurrection of Our Lord;</i> 2 Collections: (a) <i>Offertory</i> ; (b) <i>Easter</i>

5 Apr.	Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
10 Apr.	Wedding: Molinaro – Chakraborty (1:00 pm)
11 Apr.	Infant Baptism (1.30 pm)
18 Apr.	<b>ShareLife</b> Sunday

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

**No Public Masses:** During the current pandemic lockdown, there are no public Masses. Our Church is open for personal prayer every day from 8 am to 6 pm; and to 7 pm on Fridays. The *Mass Intentions* booked by our Parishioners will all be honoured by the Priests in their private Masses.



The 2021 *Ordinandi*.

## 2021 *Ordinandi* Dinner, 2 March

Parishioners are asked to remember in prayer the 7 *Ordinandi* (the transitional Deacons who will be ordained to the Priesthood) for 2021, from *St. Augustine* and *Redemptoris Mater* Seminaries:

**Walter Flynn, Arthur Lee, Michel Quenneville, Andrew Taylor, Patrick Salah, Christian Lindenbach and Kevin Adriano.**

The annual *Ordinandi Dinner* will be held virtually on 2 March.

The Catholic Priest is a man configured to **Christ** as Head and Shepherd, to become “another Christ” and to act “in the person of Christ.” The candidates for Priesthood at St. Augustine Seminary are prepared for this vocation to be ministers of God’s Word (prophet), ministers of the *Eucharist* and the *Sacraments* (Priest), and servant-leaders to God’s people. The Formation Program is a 6-year (or more) course of study encompassing four elements: intellectual, pastoral, and spiritual formation, and communal life. The Seminary as, at one and the same time, a House of PRAYER, a House of STUDY, and a House of COMMUNITY LIVING.



**Kyle Ezekiel Varvara King** at the *Rite of Election*, preparing for his upcoming Baptism, with mother **Annesha** (left), RCIC Facilitator **Alain** (behind) and Godfather **Raphael** (right).

## Sacramental Preparation

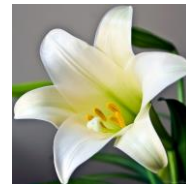
All families of the Candidates for 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion and Confirmation have been eagerly waiting for news as to how the preparation process would proceed. The pandemic has created a challenging situation. We will continue to monitor the situation and to work with our Catholic Schools and Parish Catechists in order to determine what can be done to move forward on these extremely important events in the lives of our Youth.

## Pope Francis in Iraq 5– 8 March 2021

Parishioners are asked to remember **Pope Francis** as he concludes his historic visit to Iraq. It is an *Apostolic Journey* over four days and to four Iraqi provinces. He will visit BAGHDAD, the plain of UR, linked to the memory of **Abraham**, the city of ERBIL, as well as MOSUL and QARAQOSH in the plain of NINEVEH.

## Easter Flowers

Parishioners are invited to sponsor this year’s display of EASTER FLOWERS in our Sanctuary. Envelopes are available at the office.



## Stewardship

### 2020 Receipts, 2021 Envelopes

The Charitable *Tax Receipts* for all recorded donations during 2020 are in the Vestibule. They may be picked up after Mass.

Many thanks to all our faithful parishioners for your generous support of our wonderful parish through your weekly stewardship! This is an act of honour to God, our Creator.

Parishioners are invited to pick up their 2021 *Sunday Offertory Envelopes* in the Vestibule after Mass. They are for registered parishioners only; if you are new to the parish and have not yet registered, *welcome to our neighbourhood!* Go to the Office window, introduce yourself, and complete a *registration form*. Phone ahead to confirm access to the Office during the pandemic.

Ensure that you have your own box: *the number on the label and on the envelopes* must be identical. If you notice any discrepancy, advise the parish office right away. If you use someone else’s envelopes, your donation would be credited to the other person.

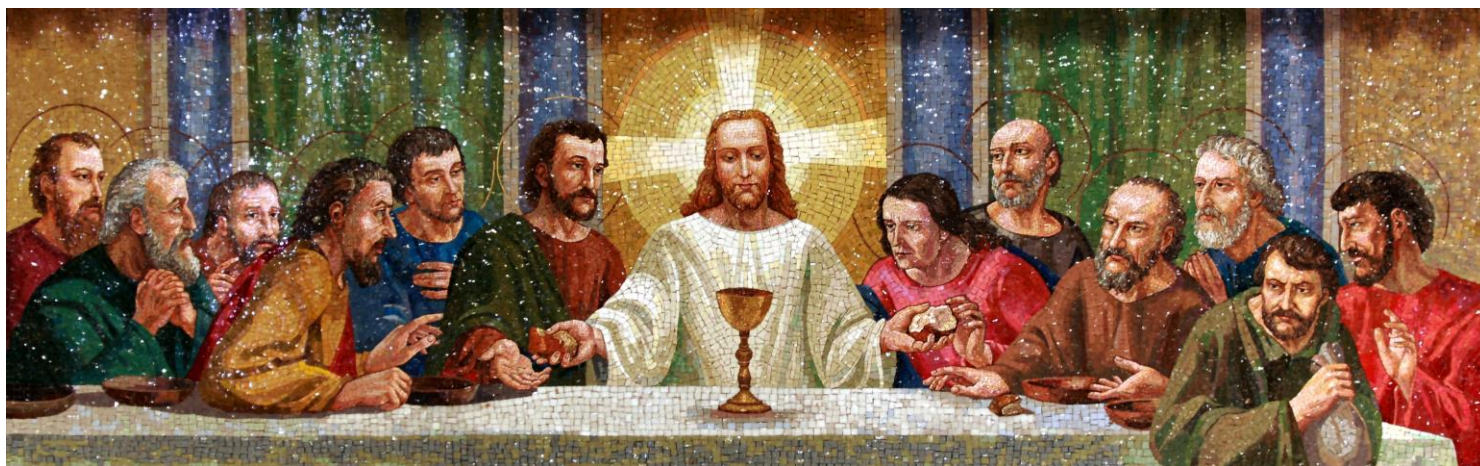
Please write the amount of your *donation* in the space on the front of your envelopes. (If you do not, our financial advisors must stop to do so, and this *really* slows down the recording process.)

### Tithing

Whether there is a crisis or not, we have to make difference, for our God is Great. Determine through your faith that the shadow of the Almighty will be upon you. Even if work is slow and prosperity is limited, things will be different because you will act by faith. Every Sunday, every Day of the Lord, is a time of consecration for tithers. Present your tithe to the Almighty along with your thanksgiving for all blessings received. That way, you will honour God and ensure the secure ministry of the Church.

The Lord of Hosts has sworn, “As I have designed, so shall it be; and as I have planned, so shall it come to pass.” - *Isaiah 14:24*





## The Archdiocese of Toronto presents: Seven Parish Vitality Webinars

The Formation Office of the Archdiocese of Toronto is presenting a seven-part 2021 **Parish Vitality Webinar Series** that features engaging speakers on practical topics to promote parish vitality.

Below is a brief description of each webinar

### 1. Stellar Communications that Get Your Parish Noticed (18 March, from 2:00pm -3:30pm)

How do you create dynamic parish messaging that grabs attention, makes your message a “must read,, and then moves the reader to act? Sharing with us a formula for well-crafted parish messaging is industry pro **Mike DiCosola** from *Diocesan*, and **Neil McCarthy**, Director of PR and Communications for the Archdiocese.

Guest Presenter: Mike DiCosola is the Director of Digital Services for Diocesan and has almost 20 years of experience as a Chief technology Officer in print communications and recently gave an inspiring talk at the International Catholic Stewardship Council’s 2020 conference entitled, “Blessed Are the Communicators: They Shall Inspire Great Stewardship.”

### 2. Amazing Videos on a Shoestring Budget (28 April from 10:00am-11:30am)

The Pandemic has taught us to find new and creative ways to engage people. Video can also provide an inspirational way to invite Parishioners to join a parish ministry, invite them to a parish special event, celebrate an important parish milestone, etc. This webinar will teach insider secrets on how to create professional looking videos “on the cheap” to share in electronic communications. We will also present a unique storytelling model to create compelling short videos.

Guest presenters: **Mark Brosens** from PR and Communications, **Benedict (Ben) Tabucan** from Ben + Krys Films, and **Quentin Schesnuik** from the Office of Formation for Discipleship.

### 3. The Power of Personal Witness (12 May, from 10.00 – 11.30 am)

One of the tools we have to invite other people to get involved in our parish communities is personal witness. If done right, personal witness can be a powerful call to action. We have all heard someone share a compelling story that moved us to want to support a great cause. We will explore how you can invite parishioners to share their personal witness to build up your parish ministries in a safe, structured, and inspirational way. During the webinar, the Formation Office will also unveil a new resource from the Archdiocese that you can use to create lay witness talks in a parish setting.

Guest presenter: **Dr. Josephine Lombardi**, Associate Professor of Pastoral & Systematic Theology and Field Education; Director of Lay Formation.

### 4. How to Build a Parishioner Re-Engagement Campaign – from Scratch ! (10 June, from 10.00 – 11.30 am)

Many Parishioners have actively volunteered in secular charities, but some have never considered the prospect of sharing their time and talents in their Parish. Why is this? By the grace of God, we have the renewed hope of being able to gather again in our parish communities in larger numbers as vaccinations roll out. The focus of this webinar is to create a Parishioner re-engagement campaign built on *Stewardship Sunday* and beyond!

Guest presenter: **Fr. Jarrod Lies**, Pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in the Diocese of Wichita, Kansas. St. Francis Parish has been living the Stewardship Way of Life for about 50 years and is widely regarded as a leader in stewardship.

#### 4. Engaging our Homebound and Elderly in a post-pandemic World

(22 September, from 2.00 – 3.30 pm)

This session will focus on ways a parish community can engage parishioners who may be unable to return to Church post-COVID. In particular, those Parishioners who may have experienced significant life changes during the pandemic - such as declining health in the elderly or those who are extending their self-isolation due to medical concerns. Though physically separated from us, these Parishioners do not have to be spiritually distant. Join us as we explore creative ways to help keep these Parishioners engaged in the life of the parish for the enrichment of the whole community of faith.

Guest presenters: **Sally Amaral** from the Archdiocese of Toronto's *Office of Formation for Discipleship*. Joining Sally will be an expert panel of ministry representatives from Maturing Adults, the Sick and Homebound, and Ministers of Care.

#### 6. The Art of the Ask (October)

Does asking people for things get your heart racing, fill you with nervousness, and make your palms sweat? Do you worry about how people will see you and feel the need to apologize whenever you ask for something the church needs? Has this prevented you from asking more people to get involved in the life of the Parish? If so, this webinar is for you. We will focus on a mindset you can tap whenever you ask for something and will offer practical examples of the ways you can structure an ask, including the creation of special events such as a Parish Ministry Fair to assist you in your cause.

#### 7. Hospitality – The Gentle Antidote in an Age of Hostility (3 November, from 2.00 – 3.30 pm)

It has been said that, "Hospitality creates relationship. Relationship builds trust. And trust is essential for conversion." Hospitality can create a space for dialogue and help to undo the knot of hostility, which is unfortunately a part of our modern age. This webinar will explore the importance that hospitality plays in the life of the missionary disciple and how, when done right, can help to revitalize a parish community.

Guest presenter: **Dan Cellucci**, CEO of *Catholic Leadership Institute* (CLI).



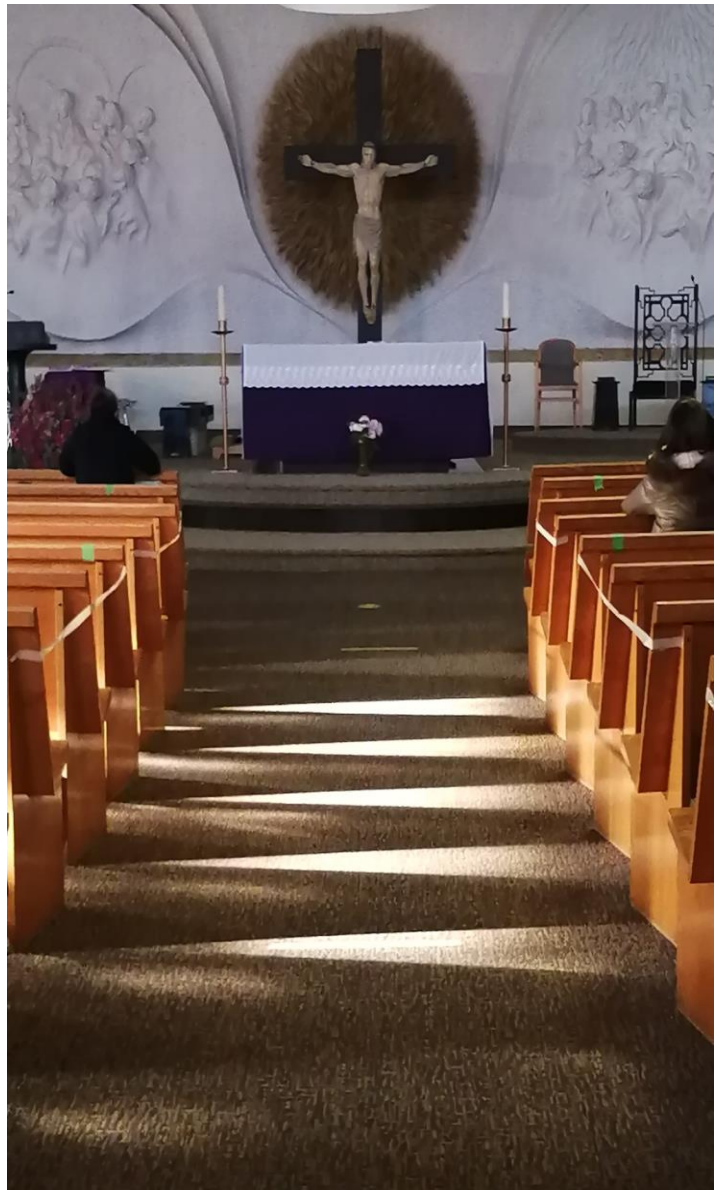
**Cardinal Collins** announced the institution of *Stewardship Sunday* as an annual occurrence across the entire Archdiocese on the 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time. As such, *Stewardship Sunday* this year will be on 19 September 2021. Please save the date.

In anticipation of this year's *Stewardship Sunday*, new resources, including a *Time and Talent* Parishioner re-engagement package, are being prepared. A homily by Cardinal Collins will be provided, to be shared at all Masses on Stewardship Sunday.

Kind regards and God bless you,

**Quentin**

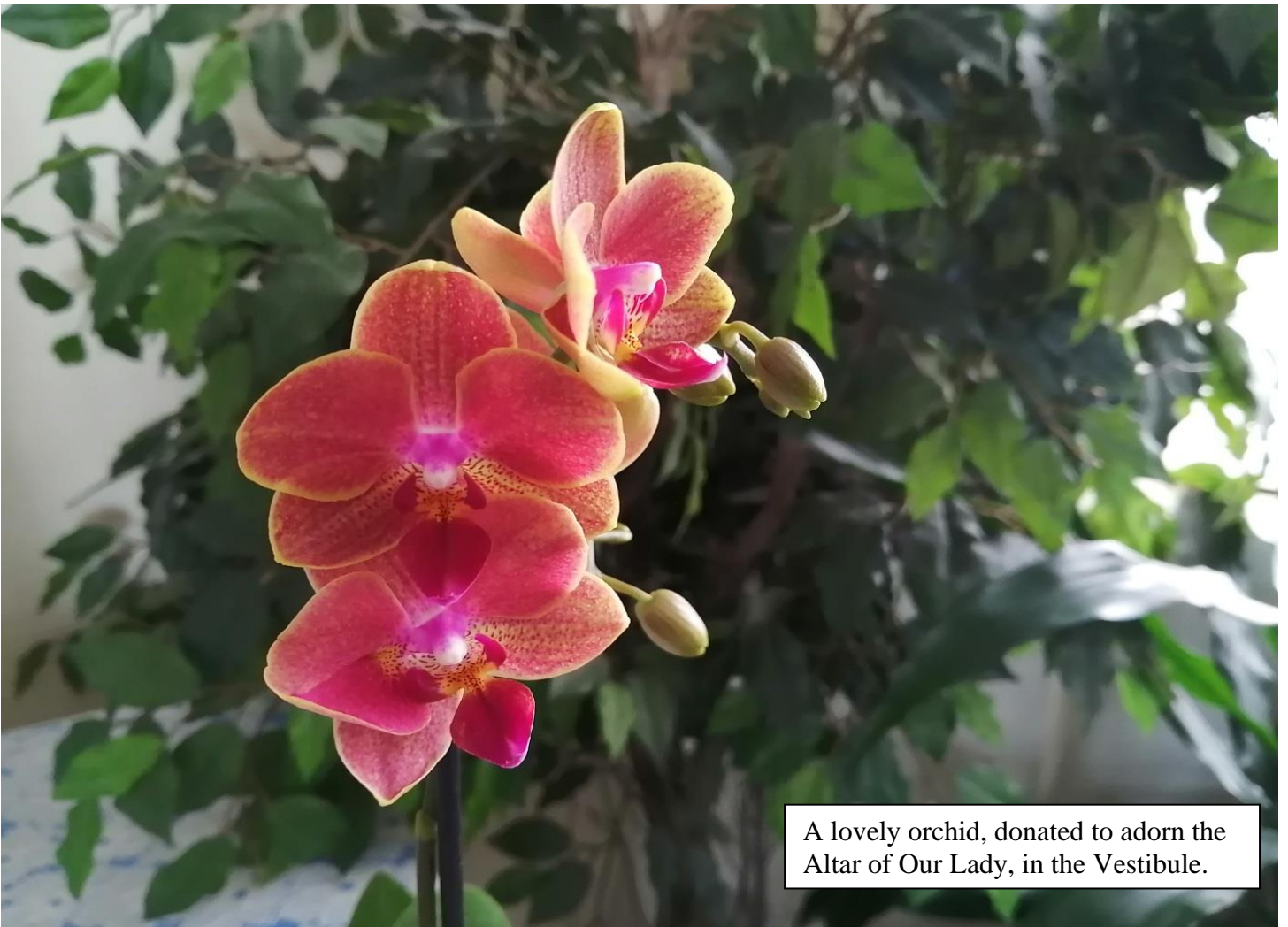
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30 April 2018: One week after the Yonge Street van attack, a terrible stabbing occurred on the sidewalk in front of our Church. The victim, unresponsive when the ambulance arrived, was subsequently revived. He is recovering.



A lovely orchid, donated to adorn the Altar of Our Lady, in the Vestibule.





*Considerate:* Flower arrangements donated to the Church from recent funerals and other Memorials.







**Meliah Victoria Valentine** comes to receive her *Blessing in Preparation for Baptism*, along with her parents **Antonio** and **Anitha**. [24 February]



**Madeline Banga**, with her parents **Quincy** and **Natalia**, receives her *Blessing in Preparation for Baptism*. (1 March 2021)





**Corine Maulion** completes this year's Lenten motif in the Sanctuary.

