



Parish Week

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

Sunday, 14 March 2021

Saturday, 13 Mar.

- **Pope Francis: Anniversary of Election** (2013)
- 8.00 am Mass: † Souls in Purgatory (Audrey Caza)
- 5.00 pm Mass: † Francisca 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

Monday 15 Mar.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Mary Anderson (Antoinette & children)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Int. Beth, Luke & Cyril Turiano (Gina Arroyo)

Tuesday, 16 Mar.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Americo De Caires (Patrick)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Int. Thanksgiving for Stephanie Lee (mother)

Wednesday, 17 Mar. / St. Patrick, bishop

- 8.00 am Mass: † Patrick Joseph (Shoba Ryan)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Patricia Kang (Emilio Go & family)

Thursday, 18 Mar. / St. Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop & doctor

- 8.00 am Mass: † Melecio Qualeria Canda (family)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Jag Paul Tulsi (friend)

Fri., 19 Mar. / St. Joseph, Spouse of Mary, Patron of Canada

- 8.00 am Mass: † Albert Jesuthasan (Diaz family)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Smith & Sequeira families (Serpes family)
- 7.30 pm Stations of the Cross (Greeters & Euch. Ministers)

Saturday, 20 Mar.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Agnes Joseph (Patrick De Caires)
- 5.00 pm Mass: † Jose & Petra Cruz (Laureano & Norma)

SUNDAY, 21 MAR. / LENT 5-B

- **Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati**
- 9.00 am Mass: † Pedrito Ibanez (Jocelyn)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Frank & Joan DeVerno (Pamela)
- 12.00 pm Mass: Int. Rediosa Dela Cruz (Alex Bael)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

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.*

Focus on the Word

4th Sunday of Lent, Year B

2 Chronicles 36.14-23; Ephesians 2.4-10; John 3.14-21

*O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to
yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt
devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward
the solemn celebrations to come. Amen.*

Pray for the Deceased

Abla Chachati, Emma Carreon

The 80 victims of the February Winter
Storm in Texas and throughout the US



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:

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| March | 19 | Greeters & Eucharistic Ministers |
| | 26 | Knights of Columbus |
| April | 2 | Lectors |



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.

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| 28 Mar. | Palm Sunday: <i>Holy Week</i> begins |
| 1 Apr. | Holy Thursday: <i>Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper;</i>
- Adoration until midnight |
| 2 Apr. | Good Friday: <i>The Passion of Our Lord</i> |
| 4 Apr. | Easter Sunday: <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. | ShareLife Sunday |
| 23 Apr. | Wedding: Belen – Albino (1:00 pm) |
| 24 Apr. | Wedding: Churchill – Dhanasekar (1:00 pm) |

Website 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.

Online Stations of the Cross

7.30 pm, 12 March

* Parishioners who are in the habit of reading this bulletin online will be able to read this article by Wednesday, 10 March.

Our Parish will conduct the Stations of the Cross on line at 7.30 pm on Friday, 12 March. The link will be open to Parishioners 15 minutes prior to the Stations. All who wish to participate are advised to join the meeting by 7:25 pm.

<https://meet.google.com/kwg-kyhy-uai>

Please forward this information to your family & friends.

The Stations this Friday will be led by the members of the SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL Parish Conference, and the CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE members.

All the rest of the participants are kindly asked to make sure that your microphone is turned off.

We would appreciate your presence. We have had a number of events *livestreamed* during the pandemic shutdown; this is the first *online liturgy* of St. Maria Goretti Parish.

Lenten Day of Confessions

Wednesday, 24 March: 4 – 5 pm, 6 – 8 pm

As part of our ongoing program of spiritual growth, **Cardinal Collins** is inviting Catholics across the Archdiocese to receive the *Sacrament of Reconciliation* on a Lenten DAY OF CONFESSIONS.

At our Church, it will be on **Wednesday, 24 March**.

Parishioners may come for Confession in the afternoon, 4.00 – 5.00 pm, and in the evening, 6.00 – 8.00 pm.

ShareLife 2021

Living the Gospel locally and around the world

“It is important that we continue to support the *ShareLife* appeal, to provide for the needs of those who are marginalized, both here in our communities and around the world. Sometimes the results are obvious and sometimes they're invisible, but always they make a tangible difference in the lives of the people we are helping. Please prayerfully consider how you can be supportive on *ShareLife* Sunday.”

- **Cardinal Thomas Collins**

18 April 2021, is *ShareLife* Sunday.
Thank you for supporting *ShareLife*!

☺ Your sabbath smile

If you are planning to try cross-country skiing, it would be good to start with a small country.



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 10 April.

Pray that God will bless the Candidates who celebrated the **Rite of Election** at three Liturgies on 21 February 2021:

RCIA

Atputhalingam, Kalaichelvy
Haley, Alford (EoN)

RCIC

Hu, James
King, Kyle
Sasikaran, Sharmiya
Sasikaran, Shashmiya

Spring Time Change 14 March

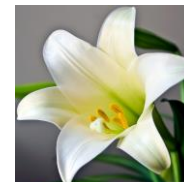
“SPRING AHEAD, FALL BACK.”

Parishioners are reminded that this is the weekend of the *Spring Time Change*. Daylight Savings Time resumes (and Eastern Standard Time ends) at 2.00 am on Sunday, 14 March. Make sure to update your clocks and watches.



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, as well as the *2021 Sunday Offertory Envelopes*. They may be picked up during Church opening hours.

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.

We hope and pray that all Parishioners are staying healthy – both physically and spiritually. Please let us know if the Parish can help you during these difficult times.

Our Parish relies on the support of our Parishioners to function. Without the weekly offertory collection during this COVID 19 crisis, the Archdiocese has ways that we can continue our support.

→ **P.A.G.** You can contribute through *Pre-Authorized Giving*.

All that is required is that you complete a *Letter of Authorization* at the Parish Office, and bring one *voided cheque*. Contributions are withdrawn from your bank account on the 20th of each month.

Open Houses of Worship

Let's Reopen our Churches Safely

5 March 2021

My dear friends,

A few days ago, a movie scout contacted one of our churches to inquire if the hall could be used to feed a crew of 50 people. "We have permission from the province, and strict protocols will be used." Later that week, the Priest celebrated a funeral in the same church, limited to 10 people inside (including himself).

Which of these is more *essential*?

I have been providing updates to you throughout this period of pandemic. We have also been working closely with the Government of Ontario to ensure that restrictions are respected as we fight a virus that has, thus far, taken the lives of more than 22,000 Canadians.

I do not believe that our elected officials and medical officers of health consciously intend to suppress religious freedom; I realize that they are in an extremely difficult position. We do, however, ask to be treated equitably. In recent days, it is becoming more difficult to believe that is happening.

It is now appropriate for us to respectfully amplify our concerns. I am asking you to take two minutes to write to your Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP). A copy of your letter will also be shared with Premier Ford.

The province has relaxed restrictions in Grey (Lockdown) regions, with retailers permitted to operate at 25 per cent

capacity. Yet places of worship, regardless of whether they seat 100 or 1,000 people, must remain at a hard cap of 10 people. Next week, a funeral at St. Michael's Cathedral (capacity 1,500) will be capped at 10 people, while around the corner dozens can enter the local liquor store and thousands will visit the Eaton Centre. This makes no sense.

I encourage all of you, whether you are in the Grey Zone (Toronto and Peel Regions as of March 8) or an area where churches can open at greater, but still greatly limited capacity, to respectfully request that any restrictions for places of worship use a percentage of capacity as opposed to an arbitrary number. This is an interfaith initiative with participation from many faith communities.

We are still in the midst of fighting a pandemic and we must be prudent in our actions. Our strict *WorshipSafe* protocols in our churches have proven to be effective. It's time to address the growing inequities facing faith communities. I hope you will take a moment to share your concerns with your MPP. I am grateful for your patience and perseverance during these most challenging days.

May God continue to bless you now and always.

Sincerely in Christ,

✠ *Thomas Card. Collins*

Thomas Cardinal Collins
Archbishop of Toronto



Stations of the Cross for Private Use

Used by the Franciscans

First Station

Jesus Condemned to Death

[*1 *At the beginning of each station:*]

V: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.

R: Because, by Your holy Cross,
You have redeemed the world.

[*2 *Reflection for the Station:*]

O Jesus! So meek and uncomplaining,
teach me resignation in trials.

[*3 *At the end of each station:*]

1 Our Father, 1 Hail Mary, 1 Glory Be

Second Station

Jesus Carries His Cross

My Jesus, this Cross should be mine, not Yours;
my sins crucified You.

Third Station

Our Lord Falls the First Time

O Jesus! By this fall, never let me fall into mortal sin.

Fourth Station

Jesus Meets His Mother

O Jesus! May no human tie, however dear,
keep me from following the road of the Cross.

Fifth Station

Simon the Cyrenean Helps Jesus Carry His Cross

Simon unwillingly assisted You;
may I suffer all for You with patience.

Sixth Station

Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus

O Jesus! You imprinted Your sacred face upon
Veronica's veil; stamp it also indelibly upon my heart.

Seventh Station

The Second Fall of Jesus

By Your second fall, preserve me, dear Lord,
from relapse into sin.

Eighth Station

Jesus Consoles the Women of Jerusalem

My greatest consolation would be to hear You say:
"Your sins are forgiven, for you have loved much."



Ninth Station

Third Fall of Jesus

O Jesus! When I am weary upon life's long journey,
be my strength and my perseverance.

Tenth Station

Jesus is Stripped of His Garments

My soul has been robbed of its robe of innocence;
dear Jesus, clothe me with penance and contrition.

Eleventh Station

Jesus Nailed to the Cross

You forgive Your enemies; my God,
teach me to *forgive* injuries and to *forget* them.

Twelfth Station

Jesus Dies on the Cross

You are dying, my Jesus, but Your Sacred Heart still
throbs with love for Your sinful children.

Thirteenth Station

Jesus is Taken Down from the Cross

Receive me into Your arms, O Sorrowful Mother;
and obtain for me perfect contrition for my sins.

Fourteenth Station

Jesus Laid in the Sepulchre

When I receive Thee into my heart in Holy
Communion, O Jesus, make it a fit abiding place for
Thy adorable Body. Amen.



Members of the **Abon** family gather to celebrate the Blessing of their new house on Pilkington Drive, 13 February.



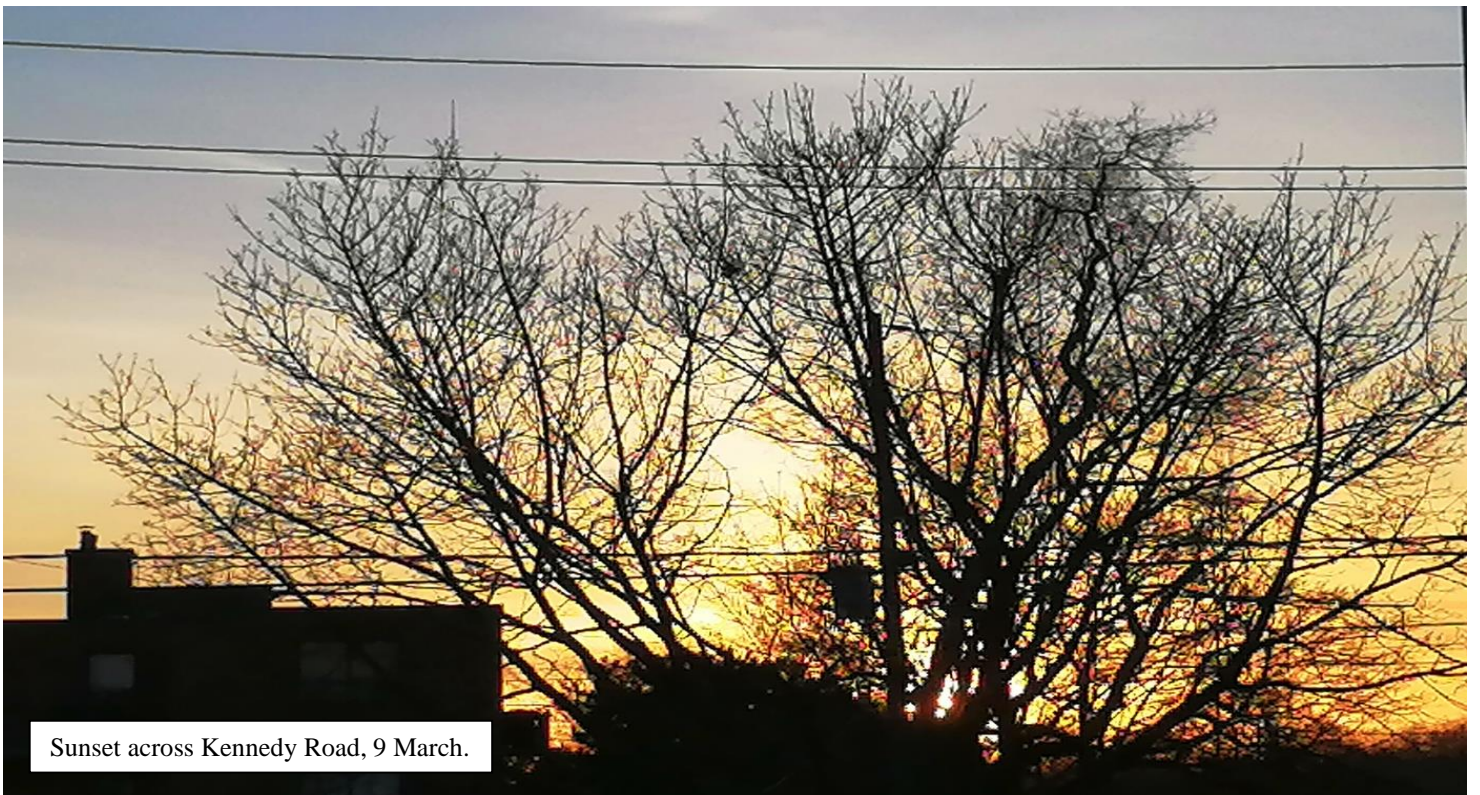
[Left:] Brothers **Niko Gitpu Gabriel Pereira** and **Alain Geewaydin Jude Pereira**, RCIC participants, receive the Sacrament of Baptism, 6 December 2020.



[Below:] **Aaron John Nuena Luzano** with his family at his Baptism, 30 January 2021.



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



Sunset across Kennedy Road, 9 March.



2021: 500th Anniversary of Christianity in the Philippines

The Filipino faithful of the Toronto Archdiocese invite you to join the virtual INAUGURAL MASS of the 500th Anniversary of Christianity in the Philippines: Tuesday, **16 March, 11.00 am**. It can be viewed **online** at: www.ph500toronto.com on **Facebook**: @500yocto or **YouTube**: Gifted to Give – Toronto 2021.

It was on 16 March 1521 when Christianity first came to the Philippines, making it the only predominantly Catholic nation in Asia. The faithful of the Archdiocese of Toronto are in unity with Filipino communities worldwide in celebrating this significant moment. We encourage you to follow, join, and share the many other activities lined up for the celebration. Please visit the website for more details.

For details, visit: www.ph500toronto.com/events.html or email ph500@archtoronto.org.

Maraming Salamat! (Thank you!)



Aba Ginoong Maria, napupuno ka ng grasiya, Ang Panginoong Diyos ay sumasaiyo. Bukod kang pinagpala sa babaeng lahat at pinagpala rin naman ang anak mong si Hesus. Santa Maria, Ina ng Diyos Ipanalangin mo kaming makasalanan Ngayon at kung kami'y mamamatay. Amen.



Above: Members of the **Fraser family** gather with **Rob** to celebrate the Blessing of his amazing bike.

Left: "It's All Gotta Go" yard sale.

Below: The Generation Gap shows its head.

