



# Parish Week

*Jesus, I trust in You*

Sunday,  
11 April 2021

## Saturday, 10 Apr.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Josefina Mabaquiao (Emelita Gotera)
- 10.00 am RCIA Youth Initiation catechism class
- 12.00 pm Memorial Mass: † Josefina Mabaquiao
- 2.30 pm St. Maria Goretti School 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Mass, #3
- 5.00 pm Mass: Int. for Divine Mercy (Gina & Glenn)

## SUNDAY, 11 APR. / EASTER 2-B / DIVINE MERCY

### ■ Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo

- 9.00 am Mass: Int. Laureano & Norma Cruz  
Thanksgiving 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary
- 10.30 am Mass: Int. Greta Carlo (friends)
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Agapet & Clive Francis Fernandez  
(Mary Joseph)
- 2.30 pm St. Maria Goretti School 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Mass, #4
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

## Monday 12 Apr.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Segunda Jo (Emilio Go & family)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Int. Doris Marquez (friends)

## Tuesday, 13 Apr. / St. Martin I, pope & martyr

- 8.00 am Mass: † Michele Pisciola (Irma)

## Wednesday, 14 Apr.

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Maryann's schooling (Joseph & family)
- 6.30 pm St. Maria Goretti School 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Mass, #5

## Thursday, 15 Apr.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Shawn Ravirajan (Maynakkha Jekanajakam)
- 6.30 pm St. Maria Goretti School 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Mass, #6

## Friday, 16 Apr.

### ■ Birthday of Pope Benedict XVI (1927)

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Birthday Thanksgiving  
(Samanthi Rajapakse)

## Saturday, 17 Apr. / St. Kateri Tekakwitha

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (Mary Rose & family)
- 2.30 pm St. Maria Goretti School 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Mass, #7
- 5.00 pm Mass: † Ernesto & Lydia Rodas (family)

## SUNDAY, 18 APR. / EASTER 3-B

### ■ Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea

### ■ 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: ShareLife

- 9.00 am Mass: † Cora Addorisio (Carol Morra)
- 10.30 pm Mass: Int. Thanksgiving Years of Employment  
(Lillian D'Souza)
- 12.00 pm Mass: Int. Dominic Dias (Anita)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

## Focus on the Word

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter, Year B

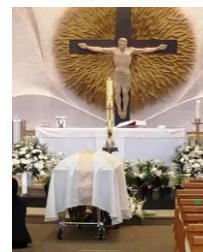
Acts 4.32-35; 1 John 5.1-6; John 20.19-31

*God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood they have been redeemed. Amen.*

## Pray for the Deceased

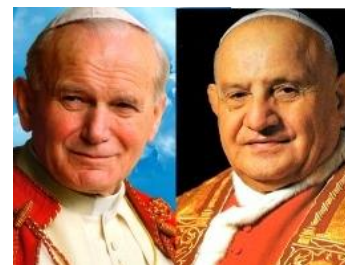
**Gregorio Calimag, Carmen Manebo, Jane Cureg Cordero**

The **14** victims of the bus crash in Passare, Sri Lanka



## Our Friends

Let us pray for the intercession of **Saint Pope John XXIII** and **Saint John Paul II**, who were canonized on 27 April 2014. St. Pope John XXIII died 3 June 1963; St. Pope John Paul II died 2 April 2005. May their great intercession guide us daily.



## Pope Benedict: 94<sup>th</sup> Birthday, 16 April

Let us remember in our prayers today **Pope Benedict XVI**, who celebrates his 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday on 16 April. May God continue to protect him and bless his prayer for the Church.

## Special Collection

### 18 April: ShareLife Sunday

On 18 April, *ShareLife* Sunday, the second collection will be for our annual *ShareLife Appeal*, for all the agencies that help us to live the Gospel by caring for our brothers and sisters in need.

## COMING UP

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- 19 Apr. **Joyce Durban:** birthday (1927)
- 21 Apr. **Queen Elizabeth II:** birthday (1926)
- 23 Apr. Wedding: Belen – Albino (1:00 pm)
- 24 Apr. Wedding: Churchill – Dhanasekar (1:00 pm)
- 25 Apr. 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: **Maintenance**

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

During the current pandemic, we are celebrating our Masses as per the usual schedule. There is a 15% capacity limit on attendance, and all must wear a face mask.

## ShareLife 2021

*Living the Gospel by sharing our blessings.*

In this great Season of Easter, please reflect on the great needs of our brothers and sisters who are helped through your generous support of *ShareLife*.

Next weekend is *ShareLife* Sunday

The goal for the 2021 *ShareLife* Campaign is \$13.8 million. Our parish goal is \$41,000.00.

*"Our goal can be met, but only with your help. I invite you to join today's generation of heroes by making a sacrificial gift to ShareLife. As you contemplate the blessings God has entrusted to you, please join me in giving to ShareLife to the best of your ability."*

– Cardinal Thomas Collins

As we approach our collection next weekend, please reflect upon your ability to contribute to our parish campaign.

The pandemic has placed many of *ShareLife* agencies under great stress as they continue to support the needs of clients. The need is great.

*However* you give, and *whatever* you give, please give generously to *ShareLife*.

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



## Easter Flowers

*Many thanks to all who sponsored the Easter Flowers in our Sanctuary. The dedications are posted on the Vestibule bulletin board, and in the website bulletin. God bless you!*



## 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 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

## Sacramental Preparation Moving forward

The modification in Church capacity that was made on 15 March has made it possible for us to resume plans to celebrate 1<sup>st</sup> HOLY COMMUNION and CONFIRMATION, which are extremely important events in the lives of our Youth.

The families of Candidates in our schools who have prepared to receive these Sacraments will be given direction so they can move ahead. Keep referring to this website bulletin for more details.

The *St. Maria Goretti School* 1<sup>st</sup> Communions will be held:

Wednesday	7 April	6.30 pm
Thursday	8 April	6.30 pm
Saturday	10 April	2.30 pm
Sunday	11 April	2.30 pm
Wednesday	14 April	6.30 pm
Thursday	15 April	6.30 pm
Saturday	17 April	2.30 pm



The assignments are similar to the lists that had been prepared for the 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Masses planned for November and December 2020. As soon as this schedule is completed, we will proceed to take care of the 1<sup>st</sup> Communion candidates from **St. Albert the Great School**, and then all the **Confirmation** candidates.

The *Saturday* 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Class will resume shortly.

The *RCIC Youth* will have the next meeting at 10 am on 10 April.

### Remembering the Parish in your Will

Please consider your Parish in your *will* or through a *planned gift*. A Bequest is a beautiful way to express your faith and gratitude for a lifetime of blessings – a lasting legacy of love that will help the Church continue to serve future families with its many ministries.

For more details, please call the Parish Office at 416-261-0076 and ask for the Pastor, **Fr. Edwin**; or contact **Peter Okonski**, Manager of Planned Giving and Personal Gifts, at: 416 934 3400, ext. 519; or by email at: [development@archtoronto.org](mailto:development@archtoronto.org). All calls are confidential.

## ☺ Your sabbath smile

9-year-old Joey was asked by his mother what he had learned in Religion class.

*"Well, Mom, our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. When he got to the Red Sea, he had his engineers build a pontoon bridge and all the people walked across safely. Then he Tweeted headquarters for air cover and reinforcements. They sent bombers to blow up the bridge and all the Israelites were saved!"*

*"Now, Joey, is that really what your teacher taught you?" asked his skeptical mother.*

*"Well, no, Mum. Not really. But if I told it the way that Mrs. Williams did, you'd never believe it!"*

# We Remember our Instructions for First Holy Communion

## WE GATHER FOR THE MASS

### We are a Family

When we come to Mass, we join Catholics all over the world in worship. We sing, we make gestures, we stand and kneel.

We pray the same prayers in many different languages. We ask God to take care of the poor and the suffering.

We gather in memory of Jesus.

We are blessed to be called to the Lord's Table!

### We Share Greetings

When you enter the Church, the Priest and Greeters say *hello* to you to make you feel welcome. People greet one another as they gather. You should greet those around you before Mass begins.

At the beginning of Mass, the Priest greets everyone, saying:

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.**

Everyone answers: *And with your spirit.*

**Priest:** *"Let us call to mind our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries."*

#### DID YOU KNOW?

You are invited to say the Mass prayers in a loud, clear voice.

The Mass has been the most important prayer of Christians for over two thousand years.

It is a custom in the Church for the priest to wear special garments called *vestments* at Mass.

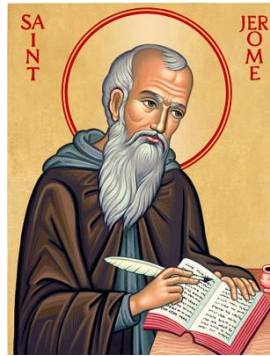
During Mass, when the Priest says, "The Lord be with you,"

what do you answer?

Answer: *And with your spirit.*

## WE SHARE GOD'S WORD

At Mass, a person called a LECTOR or READER proclaims words from the Bible. The Bible is a very special book that tells about God's great love for us. It also tells about people who lived long ago and who had great faith in God. When we read or hear stories from the Bible, we are learning the history of Jesus. This history becomes *our story* because we are the followers of Jesus.



## The Bible

### ✠ Old Testament

#### The Pentateuch

Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy

#### Historical books

Joshua, Judges, Ruth,

1 & 2 Samuel, 1 & 2 Kings, 1 & 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Tobit, Judith, Esther, 1 & 2 Maccabees

#### Wisdom books

Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, Wisdom, Sirach

#### Prophetic books

*Major* - Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel

*Minor* - Lamentations, Baruch,, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi

### ✠ New Testament

**The Gospels:** Matthew, Mark, Luke, John

**Historical book:** Acts

#### Pauline Epistles:

Romans, 1 & 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 & 2 Thessalonians, 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, Hebrews

#### General Epistles:

James, 1 & 2 Peter, 1, 2 & 3 John, Jude

#### The Book of Revelation

For God so love the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish, but may have eternal life. [ *John 3.16* ]

# The Mass



## INTRODUCTORY RITE

*The Introductory Rite calls the assembly together as a worshipping community. We prepare to: listen to the **Liturgy of the Word**, and to celebrate the **Liturgy of the Eucharist**.*

**Entrance Procession:** The Mass opens with a procession to the Altar. It introduces the Priest and the ministers to the assembly and is a visual sign of a community gathered in faith. We stand and sing a song of praise.

**Greeting:** The presiding Priest venerates the altar, and greets the assembly from the Chair, beginning with the Sign of the Cross, the sign of our faith. He says, “The Lord be with you.” We answer, “**AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT.**”

**Penitential Rite:** Reflecting on the all-embracing mercy of God, we say a prayer called the *Confiteor*, or “I confess.” We admit to God and to others that we are sinners. Then in the *Kyrie* (“Lord have mercy”) we ask for forgiveness.

**Gloria:** We sing the *Gloria*, the song the angels sang the night Jesus was born. The first line in the song is “Glory to God in the highest.”

**Collect:** With the words “Let us pray,” the Priest invites the assembly to observe a brief silence to realize that they are in God’s presence. The Priest “collects” their needs and offers them to God the Father through Christ, in the Holy Spirit. All present join by acclaiming, “**AMEN.**”

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**First Reading:** The Lector proclaims this reading, usually taken from the Old Testament. At the end, the Lector says, “The Word of the Lord.” We answer, “**THANKS BE TO GOD.**”

**Psalms:** The Cantor leads as we praise God.

**Second Reading:** This reading is usually taken from one of the *Epistles* (Letters) of the New Testament, often a letter from St. Paul; or it may come from the Acts of the Apostles.

**Gospel:** While the Gospel book is carried from the Altar to the Pulpit, we sing the word *Alleluia*, which means “Praise God.” Before reading the Gospel, the Priest or Deacon says, “A reading from the Holy Gospel according to....” We answer, “**GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.**” The Priest or Deacon reads from one of the four Gospels, according to Matthew, Mark, Luke or John. The reading ends with, “The Gospel of the Lord.” We answer, “**PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST.**” In his *Homily*, the Priest or Deacon helps us to understand how the Gospel guides our lives.

**Creed:** In this prayer, which is a summary of the key elements of our faith, we proclaim what we believe about God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – and His Holy Church.

**Intercessions:** In the *Prayer of the Faithful*, we intercede for others by asking God for things that people need.

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

**Procession of Gifts:** Greeters collect offerings to support the Church in proclaiming the Gospel; Candidates for 1<sup>st</sup> Communion & Confirmation prepare their prayer slips; and the gifts for the Altar are presented: the Bread and Wine that will become the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist.

**Eucharistic Prayer:** The Priest begins this long prayer, in which he thanks God for the gift of His Son, Jesus, who gave his life to save us.

**Sanctus:** After the first part of the Prayer, the *Preface*, we sing the *Sanctus*: “**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD, GOD OF HOSTS. HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY...**”

**Last Supper Narrative:** The Priest says the words that Jesus used at the Last Supper. The bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ.

**Memorial Acclamation:** We say what we believe about Jesus Christ. We say, “**WE PROCLAIM YOUR DEATH, O LORD, AND PROFESS YOUR RESURRECTION, UNTIL YOU COME AGAIN.**”

**Doxology, Great Amen:** The Priest says the *Doxology* at the end of the *Eucharistic Prayer*, a summary of our praise. The faithful reply “**AMEN,**” meaning, “Yes, we agree.”

**Lord’s Prayer:** We pray the *Our Father*, which Jesus taught the Apostles when they asked him how to pray; it is truly a summary of the whole Gospel. To show our care for others, we then exchange a simple *Sign of Peace*.

**Breaking of Bread:** The Priest re-enacts the gesture of Christ at the Last Supper, and invites the assembly to share in the Eucharist, becoming one body in Christ. They sing or recite the *Agnus Dei* (“Lamb of God”). The Priest holds up a host and says the words used by John the Baptist, “Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.” Jesus is our *sacrifice* who *takes away the sins of the world*.

**Communion:** The Priest eats and drinks the Body and Blood of Christ. The faithful approach the communion stations, and receive the Body of Christ. The Priest or Eucharistic Minister says to each communicant, “The Body of Christ.” The communicant answers, “**AMEN.**”

## CONCLUDING RITE

*The Priest invites the assembly to go forth and to honour God and serve one another in the spirit of community.*

**Prayer after Communion:** The closing prayer of Mass.

**Announcements:** Important developments in the life of the Parish community are identified, so that the assembly may be able to participate. This may include a *ShareLife* appeal; or a special event hosted by a parish ministry.

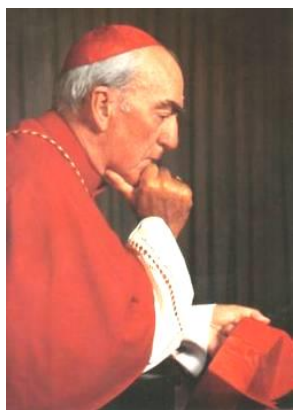
**Blessing and Dismissal:** The Priest blesses the assembly and sends it out into the world to do the work of Christ and share the Good News of our salvation. He says “Go forth, the Mass is ended.” We answer, “**THANKS BE TO GOD.**”



When the late **Cardinal Carter** found kids sleeping outside his downtown office, he rallied community support to open COVENANT HOUSE to serve these vulnerable youth. Its doors officially opened in February 1982 as *Covenant House Toronto*—the second international site of the highly recognized childcare agency *Covenant House International*. Today, the 31-site network spans from Alaska to Latin America.

For nearly 40 years, *Covenant House* has maintained steadfast dedication to its mission: supporting the vulnerable youth who come through its doors with absolute respect and unconditional love.

Since the day it first opened its doors, *Covenant House Toronto* has offered opportunity and hope to more than 95,000 young people.



**Gerald Emmett Cardinal Carter** was born 1 March 1912 in Montreal. He began his life of service in the Catholic Church on 22 May 1937 when he became a Priest. He spent 40 years as a Bishop, a role highlighted by his work in the community. He fought for affordable housing for the elderly and disabled.

His plan to build a shelter for young homeless people in Toronto became a reality with the opening of *Covenant House* in 1982. A second Canadian Covenant House later opened in Vancouver. Colleagues and parishioners praised his leadership and guidance. **Aloysius Matthew Cardinal Ambrozic**, who succeeded him as Archbishop of Toronto, remembered the retired bishop's dedication to serving others. "He was a priest, a pastor, a bishop, a father of the Second Vatican Council. He spoke the word of God and acted on it with wisdom, with perspicacity, with regard for the gifts of others, and with visionary decisiveness, meeting the vast variety of needs in the Church."

## ShareLife 2020 Living the Gospel!



*ShareLife* is the official annual charitable appeal of the Archdiocese of Toronto, raising funds to support over 40 Catholic agencies and grant recipients.

*Today, we reflect on Living the Gospel by providing for those in need.*

"Without you, *ShareLife* could not fulfill its mission to Live the Gospel by providing for those in need.

Together we are making a real difference! My prayer is that we may continue to respond to God's love by going forth from ourselves to seek the good of others."

- **Cardinal Thomas Collins**

Thanks to all for your support of our parish 2021 *ShareLife*. This is a real blessing, a tribute to the generosity of every donor, at a time of great need.

18 April will be the first collection for our 2021 *ShareLife* Parish Campaign. Please make a sacrificial gift in charity. God bless you and your families.

## 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 Country, 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



**Scotula Navaratnasingham** with daughter **Felicia Anthonipillai**, ready for her 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion.



*Celebrating Easter: The Resurrection empowers our families to live in faith.*



*Models of sanctity: Altar servers **Joshua Rebello**, **Bryan Harack** and **Claudine Tadeo** kneel in prayer before the Tabernacle on HOLY THURSDAY.*





The *Lenten motif* in the Tabernacle area consists of a scroll and desert image designed by **Joanna Rozbicki**, and the Parish *Book of the Elect* on a stand. The purple fabrics were provided by **Corine Maulion**.