



## Parish Week / Sunday, 18 April 2021

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

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (Mary Rose & family)  
 9.30 am Funeral: † Latoya Alcindor  
 1.00 pm World Day of Prayer (CWL) \* *postponed*  
 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

### Monday 19 Apr.

■ *Joyce Durban: birthday (1927)*

- 8.00 am Mass: † Alex Lionel & Dilukshan  
 (Samanthi Rajapakse)  
 7.00 pm Mass: Int. Frances Colaco (Lillian D'Souza)

### Tuesday, 20 Apr.

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Lydia Alibangbang (family)

### Wednesday, 21 Apr. / St. Anselm, bishop & doctor

■ *Queen Elizabeth: birthday (1926)*

- 8.00 am Mass: † Dorothy D'Souza (Children & Grandchildren)

### Thursday, 22 Apr.

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Personal Intentions of Joseph & family

### Friday, 23 Apr. / St. George, martyr

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving  
 (Josephine & Oscar Gonzalez)  
 11.00 am Wedding: Billy Hoang & Patricia Benavidez  
 1.00 pm Wedding: John Paul Belen & Vanessa Albino

### Saturday, 24 Apr. / St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, priest & martyr

- 8.00 am Mass: † Vincent Augustin Encendecia (family)  
 1.00 pm Wedding Mass:  
 Glenn Vincent Churchill & Aishwarya Dhanasekar  
 5.00 pm Mass: Int. Virginia Tabat (Lillian D'Souza)

### SUNDAY, 25 APR. / 4-B

■ *Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati*

■ *2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Maintenance*

■ *SVDP Bundle up Sunday*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Jawhara Abba Chachati (Patrick DeCaires)  
 10.30 pm Mass: † The Unborn (Lillian D'Souza)  
 12.00 pm Mass: † Souls of Our Grandparents  
 (Arnjyen & Donalex)  
 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

## Focus on the Word

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter, Year B

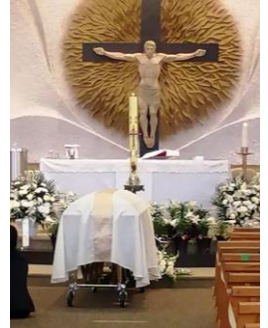
Acts 3.13-19; 1 John 2.1-5; Luke 24.35-48

*May your people exult for ever, O God, in renewed youthfulness of spirit, so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption, we may look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection. Amen.*

## Pray for the Deceased

**Rose Arcsott, Virginia Casuga,  
 Deacon Stanley MacLellan,  
 Prince Philip, Pastora Santos,  
 Sierra Schaffer**

**The 10 victims of the mass  
 shooting in Boulder, Colorado.**



## Spiritual Reflection

"To love someone is to show to them their beauty, their worth and their importance."

## 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.

The problems of poverty and homelessness were with us before the current pandemic, and we may expect that they will become even more serious. Now is the time when ever greater generosity is needed from everyone to contribute more generously than ever to *ShareLife*.

## COMING UP

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3 May	Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
9 May	Infant Baptism (1.30 pm)
16 May	2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection: <b>Popes Pastoral Works</b>
22 May	Wedding: Zupansky – Vase (11:00 am)
30 May	2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection: <b>Maintenance</b>
4 Jun.	Wedding: Phillip Anthony – Anne Bermas (3:00 pm)
7 Jun.	Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
9 Jun.	Wedding: Robert Luxmore – Katrina Mulla (12:30 pm)
13 Jun.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection: <b>MaryGrove;</b> - Infant Baptism (1.30 pm)
20 Jun.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection: <b>ShareLife</b>
27 Jun.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection: <b>Maintenance</b>
30 Jun.	Wedding: Magdirila - Tabanes

## 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  
supporting supporting  
vocations



**Martin Dicuango** had a life-changing encounter when he visited *Serra House*, a residence run by St. Augustine's Seminary for those discerning a vocation to the Priesthood. He joined *Serra House*, and then began studies in theology at ST. AUGUSTINE SEMINARY. "I thank *ShareLife* for supporting St. Augustine Seminary," says Martin, "where young men like myself, after experiencing the love of Christ, can joyfully prepare for ordination to the priesthood."

On 30 June 2020, **Fr. Martin Dicuango**, 32, was ordained to the Priesthood in the Archdiocese of Toronto. He is now exemplifying his vocation as an associate pastor at St. Barnabas Parish in Scarborough.

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



## Sacramental Preparation

### Moving forward

We continue with plans to celebrate 1<sup>st</sup> HOLY COMMUNION and CONFIRMATION, vital events in the lives of our Youth. The priority is to take care of those who were Candidates for these Sacraments in 2020, until the pandemic suspended activity.

The final *St. Maria Goretti School* 1<sup>st</sup> Communion will be held:  
Saturday 17 April 2.30 pm

We will next proceed to organize of the 1<sup>st</sup> Communion candidates from **St. Albert 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 1 May.

## World Day of Prayer

To be held at a future date



St. Maria Goretti Church is honoured to be this year's host for the local World Day of Prayer observance.

It was to be held on Saturday, 17 April, but *has been postponed due to the pandemic*. The program this year was prepared by the women of Vanuatu, a tropical archipelago in the South Pacific.

The Republic of Vanuatu, which became independent on 30 July 1980, was founded on its traditional values, Christian principles, and the people's faith in God. Vanuatu is a beautiful country of many islands and people of many ethnic groups and languages.

## Bundle Up Sunday

25 April



On the weekend of 25 April, the *St. Vincent de Paul Society* will collect gently-used clothing to support the needy. A St. Vincent de Paul bin will be in front of the Church; bring your donation, and help others in our community.

## 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.

## Remembering the Parish in your Will

Your parish has been there for you and your family during the most important moments of your lives. Make sure your Catholic community is active and alive for years to come.

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



# We Remember our Instructions for First Holy Communion

## THE MASS IS A SPECIAL GIFT

### Jesus gives us His own Body and Blood at the Last Supper

#### The Gospel of Luke, Chapter 22

<sup>1</sup> Now the festival of Unleavened Bread, called the *Passover*, was near. <sup>2</sup> The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to put Jesus to death, for they were afraid of the people.

<sup>7</sup> Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover Lamb had to be sacrificed.

<sup>14</sup> When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. <sup>15</sup> He said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; <sup>16</sup> for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.”

<sup>17</sup> Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, “Take this and divide it among yourselves; <sup>18</sup> for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” <sup>19</sup> Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying,

“This is my body, which is given for you.  
Do this in memory of me.”

<sup>20</sup> And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.”

TEN COMMANDMENTS

NEW TESTAMENT

**Keep holy**      **“Do this in**  
**the Lord’s Day.**      **memory of me.”**



## GUIDELINES FOR RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

### For Catholics

Catholics fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when they receive Holy Communion in fulfillment of Christ’s command to eat his body and drink his blood. To be properly disposed to receive his Communion, communicants are expected to:

- ☐ *be free of grave sin;*
- ☐ *fast for an hour prior to Mass;*
- ☐ *strive to live in charity and love with their neighbours.*

Persons conscious of grave sin must first be reconciled with God and the Church through the Sacrament of Penance, which Jesus gave to the Church as a way in which we can respond to our call to conversion and repentance.

A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all, since it strengthens us in our journey with our brothers and sisters in faith.

### For Catechumens

Those who are preparing to become members of the Church may attend Mass with other members of the *Catechumenate* group. At any Mass when there is a formal gathering of Catechumens, they are dismissed after the homily, and they continue their prayer separately from the believing assembly.

If Catechumens attend a Mass without a dismissal, they may approach the altar at Communion, and seek a blessing by crossing their hands over their heart, and saying, “*A Blessing, Father,*” or, “*A Blessing please.*”

# 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.**”

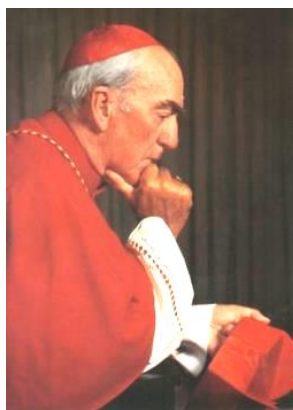




When the late **Cardinal Carter** found kids sleeping outside his downtown office, he rallied community support to open COVENANT HOUSE to serve these vulnerable youth. Its doors officially opened in February 1982 as *Covenant House Toronto*—the second international site of the highly recognized childcare 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 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 2020 *ShareLife*. This is a real blessing, a tribute to the generosity of every donor, at a time of great need.

This is the final week of the 2020 *ShareLife* Parish Campaign. Please make a sacrificial gift through our parish before 31 July.

## 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

# The Sacrament of Baptism

*Congratulations* to the newest members of our Church, born again through water and the Spirit as brothers and sisters of Jesus:

25 July 2020

**Alina Marie Velasco Nicolas**

2 August 2020

**Xavier Jairo Daliva**

8 August 2020

**Sawyer Peyton Chan**

**Mikhaela Liao**

**Liliana Marie Abigail McMahon**

**Kaleb Giannis Tambo-Sitthikorn**

15 August 2020

**Mahrian Christyantton**

**Jahvaiya Patricia Nichola Cousins**

19 August 2020

**Isaiah Aluis Romin Teja**

29 August 2020

**Xaira Maryelle Ramos**

12 September 2020

**Aleksandar Hristov**

**Luis Macky Joven**

**Dylan Joachim Oliva**

**Keion Patrick Yabut**

13 September 2020

**Christian Elshan Abraham**

**Kristoff Rey Arrieta**

**Jeremiah Udan Mayoya**

**Keegan Ronald Montgomery**

20 September 2020

**Maya Magdalena Dator-Quismundo**

**Jace Connor Sarmiento De Guzman**

**Kyle Alexander Garcia**

**Ella Eliza Paul**

**Emelda Francine Uy**

**Vince Kyrie Villanueva**

26 September 2020

**Cassandra Jhel Artates**

**Elijah Reynes Frederick Abon**

**Harry Theodore Ramos**

**Ayla Simone Respicio**

3 October 2020

**Jericho Jeffrey Simeon**

10 October 2020

**Nino Lumiere Azurin**

**Kink Calvin McKoy**

18 October 2020

**Naetonna Ebube Ezeme**

**Lillian Lima Nemeth**

**Arya Rei Pardilla**

**Gabriella Tourountzas**

**Jayden Ryle Ignacio Uberita**

25 October

**Summer Victoria Best**

7 November 2020

**Leandrei Dion Elpidama**

**Alexander Persaud**

8 November 2020

**Ethan James Mauyao Joson**

14 November 2020

**Sebastian Raphael Gacad**

**Sabrina Paula Lazaaro**

5 December 2020

**Jaymie Ariel Andrada**

**Nicko Matthew Andrada**

**Thomas James Joseph Byron**

**Anmare Malik Nathaniel Graham**

**Amari Myles Nathan Graham**

**Debisha Vionne Deborah Watson-Graham**

**Santiago Manuel Ignacio**

**Na Cecilia Li**

6 December 2020

**Kiraley Camille Ferrer**

**Chi Kin Nicholas Kwan**

**Miguel Malinis**

**Alain Geewaydin Jude Pereira**

**Niko Gitpu Nicholas Gabriel Pereira**

**Venice Marie Tolentino**

12 December 2020

**Jose Celso Bolado**

**Aria Kalilah Sampson**

13 December 2020

**Mark Jacon Avin**

**Yahra Empress-Grace Miller**





The Parish Office Team serves Parishioners faithfully, Easter Sunday morning, 4 April.



Asher Kennedy Aguinaldo and parents Mary Grace & Mario. *(Compare with their photo on page 7 in the web bulletin of 9 August 2020.)*





Isabella & her dad Anthony Lacaria (*l*) meet up with old friends (*r*) Tony Martino and his wife Pauline at the Parish Office, on Easter Sunday.



The family of Sushalla Singh gather on Divine Mercy Sunday to remember her on the 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of her death (8 April),