



Parish Week / Sunday, 13 June 2021

Saturday, 12 June / Immaculate Heart of Mary

- 8.00 am Mass: † Delia Olayon (Glenn & Gina Arroyo)
 9.00 am Wedding: Churchill - Dhanasekar
 5.00 pm Mass: † Michael D'Mello (Esme)

SUNDAY, 13 JUNE / 11-B

- Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo
- 2nd Collection: Marygrove Camp

- 9.00 am Mass: † Felicia Rangini (Anton Navam)
 10.30 am Mass: † Ernesto & Lydia Rodas (family)
 12.00 pm Mass: Int. In Honor of St. Anthony of Padua (Gina Arroyo)
 1.30 pm Infant Baptism
 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday 14 June

- 8.00 am Mass: † Frango Ferrante (Angela & family)
 7.00 pm Mass: † Delia Olayon (Sophie Corrales)

Tuesday, 15 June

- 8.00 am Mass: † Raymond Young (Renee)

Wednesday, 16 June

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Ely & Cheryl Olayon (Glenn & Gina Arroyo)

Thursday, 17 June

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Birthday Mary Ann Merin (Gina Arroyo)

Friday, 18 June

- Fr. Edwin Galea, Birthday (1954)

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Fr. Edwin Galea (CWL, St. Maria Goretti)

Saturday, 19 June

- Deacon Ramon Villardo, Ordination Anniversary (2004)
- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (Audrey Caza)
 5.00 pm Mass: † Juan Victorini (family)

SUNDAY, 20 JUNE / 12-B

- Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea
- 2nd Collection: ShareLife, Second Appeal

- 9.00 am Mass: † Abba Chachati (Rodas family)
 10.30 am Mass: † Andres Diaz Sr. (family)
 12.00 pm Mass: † Luis Galsim Rodas (family)
 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Focus on the Word

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Ezekiel 17:22-24; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10; Mark 4:26-34

O God, strength of those who hope in you, graciously hear our pleas, and, since without you mortal frailty can do nothing, grant us always the help of your grace, that in following your commands we may please you by our deeds. Amen.

Pray for the Deceased

The **24 victims** of the subway disaster in Tlahuac, Mexico City



Ordinary Time: 3-Year Sunday Cycle

The Monday following the Feast of *Pentecost* marks the resumption of the liturgical season called ORDINARY TIME. There is actually nothing “ordinary” about Ordinary Time; it just refers to the fact that weeks are listed by *ordinal* numbers; 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc. During Ordinary Time, we examine the ordinary ways in which we celebrate the mysteries of God’s Kingdom in our lives.

Ordinary Time begins after Christmas season. It is interrupted a few weeks later by Lent and Easter; then it resumes on the day after Pentecost, and continues until the beginning of a new Liturgical Year on the 1st Sunday of Advent.

During this longest liturgical season - 34 weeks altogether – we reflect on the message of Christ and on our role as a Christian community, in helping to bring about the *Kingdom of God* in the world. We focus on the work of being the Church: sharing the mission of Jesus to proclaim God’s love.

Upcoming Collections

13 June, Marygrove Camp



On Sunday, 13 June, the 2nd collection will be for *Marygrove Camp*, run by the St. Vincent de Paul Society. *Marygrove* offers 1,100 girls from less-fortunate families an opportunity to attend summer camp. Many children will benefit from your generosity.

20 June, ShareLife – 2nd Offering

On 20 June, the 2nd collection will be the Second Offering for our annual *ShareLife Appeal*, which raises funds in support of 33 Catholic agencies and 8 grant recipients, respecting the sanctity of all human life.

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27 June

2nd Collection: *Maintenance*

30 June

Wedding: John Dave Magdirila – Ahziel Tabanes

5 July

Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)

Website stmariagoretti.archtoronto.org

Public Masses resume: With the change in the current pandemic policy, public Masses resume for 12/13 June. The scheduling of long-awaited Sacramental celebrations and other functions can resume, within the *WorshipSafe* guidelines of the Archdiocese.

ShareLife 2021

Living the Gospel
by giving to **ShareLife**
and its Agencies

Your gift to *ShareLife* helps!

Next Sunday is our 2nd *ShareLife* Appeal. Thank you very much for supporting our Parish's *ShareLife* Campaign. Thus far we have raised \$ 9,040.00 toward our Parish goal of \$ 41,000.00.

It is important we meet our goals, as a Parish and an Archdiocese, on behalf of those served by our agencies.

The Covid-19 pandemic has been difficult on all of us. These uncertain times have been particularly hard on so many of the agencies you support through *ShareLife*.

Please keep these agencies and the clients for whom they lovingly care in your prayers. All parishioners are invited to make a sacrificial gift to the best of their ability next Sunday for our second collection. Please give.

20 June 2021, is our next *ShareLife* Appeal.
Thank you for supporting *ShareLife*!



June: A feast of feasts

The month of June brings us some major solemnities in our liturgical calendar.



Sacred Heart of Jesus:

Friday after Corpus Christi

We celebrate the *Sacred Heart of Jesus*, an event that felicitously unites this popular devotion with theological depth. It is a noble tradition to consecrate families to the Sacred Heart, whose image they may keep in their homes. The tradition is rooted in the mystery of the Incarnation; it is precisely through the Heart of Jesus that the love of God for humanity is sublimely manifested.

This is why authentic devotion to the Sacred Heart retains all its effectiveness and especially attracts souls thirsting for God's mercy who find in it the inexhaustible source from which to draw the water of Life that can irrigate the deserts of the soul and make hope flourish anew. This feast is also the World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests. All of us are invited to pray for our Priests, so that they will be effective witnesses of God's love.

Immaculate Heart of Mary

Saturday after Sacred Heart

This devotional refers to the interior life of the Blessed Virgin Mary, her joys and sorrows, her virtues and hidden perfections, and, above all, her virginal love for God the Father, her maternal love for her son Jesus, and her compassionate love for all people.



Sacramental Preparation

We continue to plan celebrations for 1st HOLY COMMUNION and CONFIRMATION, vital events in the lives of our Youth. As the new 15% capacity in our Church is implemented, we will post changes to our schedule of events on our website.

Upcoming Weddings

Glenn Vincent Churchill and Aishwarya Dhanasekar

12 June 2021, St. Maria Goretti Church

John Dave Magdirila and Ahziel Tabanes

30 June 2021, St. Maria Goretti Church

Kethujan Matt and Nicole Travas

7 August 2021, Prince of Peace Church

Victor Bevilacqua and Sara Keats

6 November 2021, St. Maria Goretti Church

Robert Enrich Valiant Dippolito and Kayzie Enrique

4 December 2021, St. Thomas More Church

Alex Kissel and Shannon O'Toole

2021, Holy Family Church, Whitby

Jeevakan Kulendiralinjaran and Jenna Singarayer

2021, Caledon

Matthew Caporiccio and Casandra D'Alonzo

24 September 2022, St. Clare of Assisi Church, Woodbridge

St. John the Baptist: 24 June

On 24 June, we also celebrate the *Birth of St. John the Baptist*, the only saint whose birth is commemorated because it marks the beginning of the fulfillment of the divine promises; John is that "prophet," identified with Elijah who was destined to be the immediate precursor of the Messiah, to prepare the people of Israel for his coming. His feast reminds us that our life is always "relative" to Christ and is fulfilled by accepting him: the Word, the Light, the Bridegroom. John's words are a model for every Christian: "He must increase but I must decrease" (John 3.30).



Ss. Peter and Paul: 29 June

Allowing the "I" of Christ to replace our "I" was in an exemplary way the desire of the *Apostles Peter and Paul*, whom the Church venerates on 29 June.

St. Paul, the indefatigable Apostle of the Gentiles, was converted on the road to Damascus and was Baptized. He wrote of himself, "It is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me" (Galatians 2.20). He then went to Arabia for 3 years before returning to Damascus to begin his missionary activity. He preached in the synagogues that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Working from Antioch, he traveled throughout Asia Minor (modern Turkey), the Mediterranean, and as far as Rome.

The first appearance of the Risen Christ was before St. Peter, ahead of the other disciples. When the Lord came to the disciples at Tiberias, he gave to Peter the famous command: "Feed my lambs; tend my sheep; feed my sheep." From the earliest days of the Church, Peter was recognized as the spokesperson of the Apostles and the first Pope. His diocese, Rome, has since held the position of primacy within the entire Catholic Church.



Confirmation Preparation Resource (7)

Strengthened by the Holy Spirit

The Power of the Holy Spirit in the Scripture Readings for the 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Ezekiel 17.22-24

Thus says the Lord God:

“I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain.

“On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind.

“All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it.”

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5.6-10

Friends, we are always confident, even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord; for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what he or she has done in the body, whether good or evil.

Gospel: Mark 4.26-34

Such a large crowd gathered around Jesus that he got into a boat and began to teach them using many parables.



Jesus said: “The kingdom of God is as if a man would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, without his knowing how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with the sickle, because the harvest has come.”

Jesus also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

With many such parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Mass Slips

When Candidates come to Church with their family for the Sunday blessing (and Confession and Communion for those above Grade 3), they can submit their *Sunday Mass Slip*.

When we enter the Church, we need to sign in at the Table near the hand sanitization station. On Saturday and Sunday, there will be a box on the Table marked, “Mass Slips.” When you have signed in, and before you enter the Church to pray and receive Holy Communion, place your Mass Slip in the box. At the present time, Candidates only need to write their name, and the day and time of their Church visit. Spare slips will be available at the Office for Candidates who have misplaced their originals.

Covid-19 and the Sisters

As Covid-19 cases and deaths continue to rise in the United States, the pandemic has taken a terrible toll on the **Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet** in Latham, New York. In December 2020, nine sisters there died of Covid-19 as nearly half of the residents became infected during an outbreak at the provincial house that has affected 47 sisters and 26 employees since October. "Like all members of our global community, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet have been struggling with the tragic consequences of Covid-19. We are mourning the loss of nine beloved sisters to this awful disease," said St Joseph Sister Joan Mary Hartigan, director of the order's Albany Province.

In a statement to The Evangelist, diocesan newspaper of Albany, Sister Joan Mary said of the 47 sisters, most have recovered, but three sisters at the provincial house are being treated by their personal physicians for the virus. The nine sisters who died ranged in age from 84 to 98. 21 employees who tested positive have recovered while 5 staff members are quarantining at home.

She said the home is following all guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the New York State Department of Health "to limit the spread of the virus to the greatest extent possible, including using appropriate personal protective equipment, quarantining sisters who are Covid-19 positive and prohibiting all public access."

She added: "We pray the increasing number of cases across our country is temporary, and we mourn the loss not only of our nine sisters but also the loss of all life during this pandemic. We look forward to the vaccine and the end of this worldwide health crisis."

The order's provincial house in Latham, seven miles from Albany, is the headquarters of the Albany Province and home to 114 sisters; many are retired and in need of long-term care.

Since Thanksgiving, cases have skyrocketed across the country and in upstate New York. And with the recently celebrated Christmas and New Year holidays, many fear the worst is yet to come. The positivity rate, based on a seven-day average, which has been as high as 12.4 percent in Albany County, currently is 10.5 percent and 10.8 percent in Schenectady County, according to the state's Covid-19 dashboard.

"All of us at the Diocese of Albany are praying for the sisters during this challenging time," said Mary DeTurris Poust, director of communications for the Diocese of Albany. "In addition to the loss of so many

beloved sisters who served others so selflessly for decades, there is the added difficulty of not being able to celebrate their lives as a community due to Covid-19 restrictions. As for so many people who have lost loved ones in recent months, the already difficult task of grieving is made even more difficult by isolation and lack of closure."

The recent rise in infections and deaths is all the more unsettling when you take into account the stringent procedures the sisters have had in place since the pandemic started such as ending public access and visits to the provincial house, including from other sisters, and canceling events, meetings and programs.

The sisters' deaths follow the Covid-19 deaths of eight sisters in mid-December in Milwaukee who had been living at the facility Notre Dame of Elm Grove.

Much like with the Sisters of St. Joseph, the School Sisters of Notre Dame Central Pacific Province, who are based in St. Louis and care for the sisters in the Wisconsin health facility learned of a positive case within the community around Thanksgiving. The first death reportedly happened Dec. 9, but the deadliest day came Dec. 14 when four sisters died. Many of these sisters had been teachers.



Beavers of Porcupine Plain

Humboldt Journal, 13 May 2012

A resident near Porcupine Plain, Saskatchewan recently called the RCMP after wooden posts on their property went missing. The caper was quickly solved when officers spotted the missing posts in a nearby waterway. It turns out beavers had lifted them to add to a dam.

RCMP says the "extremely Canadian" case is now closed. Police tried to locate the suspects but they were "gone on arrival." If they are located, the beavers will not face any charges, officers say.

Pope names new Nuncio for Canada at a contentious time for Church in Canada



Pope Francis with Archbishop Ivan Jurkovič

By: Kiply Lukan Yaworski, 8 JUNE 2021

By Canadian Catholic News staff

The Vatican is sending a new diplomat to Canada, with Pope Francis appointing Archbishop Ivan Jurkovič as the new apostolic nuncio to Canada on 5 June 2021.

Archbishop Jurkovič's appointment comes at a time when the relationship between the Canadian government and the Catholic Church has been strained recently and there have been renewed calls in Canada among politicians and Indigenous Canadians for the Vatican to officially apologize for the Church's role in operating residential schools in Canada after 215 bodies were discovered on the site of a former residential school in Kamloops, B.C., at the end of May.

Archbishop Jurkovič, who has served as the Apostolic nuncio previously in Belarus, the Ukraine, the Russian Federation and Uzbekistan, has most recently served as the Vatican's Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations & Other International Organizations in Geneva since 2016 and also acted as the Vatican's representative to the World Trade Organization and the International Organization for Migration.

In a statement on 8 June, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCC) expressed gratitude for the appointment:

"The bishops acknowledge that this important mission constitutes a privileged channel that expresses the ecclesial and affective bond with Pope Francis himself," said the CCCC statement." Canadian bishops recognize the Apostolic Nuncio's crucial mission with its two aspects: The Representative of the Holy Father

to the Church in Canada, and The Representative of the Holy See to the political authorities of this country. The Episcopal Conference, through its members, welcomes this much waited appointment and is eager to get to know him personally.

When contacted by *Canadian Catholic News*, staff members at the Apostolic Nunciature to Canada, which is located in Ottawa, said that at this point a date has not been set for when Archbishop Jurkovič will arrive at the Holy See's diplomatic mission in Canada.

Before Archbishop Jurkovič's appointment on 5 June, the post had been vacant in Canada since 10 Dec. 2020, when the previous nuncio in Canada, **Archbishop Luigi Bonazzi**, was transferred to Albania. Archbishop Bonazzi was nuncio in Canada from 2013 to 2020.

According to the Vatican's *Catholic News Agency*, Archbishop Jurkovič was born in southern Slovenia in 1952 and was ordained as priest of the Archdiocese of Ljubljana in 1977 when he was 25. After training for the diplomatic service of the Holy See he served in South Korea, Colombia, and Russia before Pope John Paul II named him apostolic nuncio to Belarus in 2001.

According to the Vatican, Archbishop Jurkovič's mother tongue is Slovenian but he can also speak English, French, Italian, Spanish, Russian, German, Serbian, Croatian and Ukrainian.



Metropolitan Hilarion Comments

On the eve of a meeting between US President Joe Biden and Russian President Vladimir Putin — scheduled for June 16 in Geneva, Switzerland, a week from today — His Eminence Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokomansk, one of the chief spokesmen of the Russian Orthodox Church, has expressed cautious hope that the meetings can have good results for world peace if the "fragile balances" that have been maintained to date in the "constructive relations" between several important actors — the United States, Russia, China and a number of other countries — are maintained.

✝ Canadian Delegation to the Holy See

Healing and Reconciliation - 10 June 2021

The Catholic Bishops in Canada have genuinely heard the sincere invitation to engage wholeheartedly with the past and are deeply committed to take truly meaningful active steps together with Indigenous Peoples in view of a future filled with greater respect and co-operation. The recent discovery of children's remains at a burial site of a former residential school in Kamloops, British Columbia remind us of a tragic legacy still felt today. With the strong encouragement of Pope Francis, the Bishops of Canada have pledged true and deep commitment to renewing and strengthening relationships with Indigenous Peoples across the land.

In recent years, regional and diocesan listening circles have taken place across the country in order to hear the stories from local Indigenous communities and their hopes for the future. Mutual listening is the beginning of our common efforts to bring about shared and long-lasting reconciliation, authentic healing and bridge building.

In conversation with Indigenous people and communities, both at the local and national levels, and with First Nations, Métis and Inuit national organizations, the Bishops, sponsors of this project, have been preparing for over two years a delegation of Indigenous people to meet with the Holy Father to foster meaningful encounters of dialogue and healing. This pastoral visit will include the participation of a diverse group of Elders/Knowledge Keepers, residential school survivors and youth from across the country. The event will provide Pope Francis with a unique opportunity to hear directly from Indigenous Peoples, express his heartfelt closeness, address the impact of colonization and the implication of the Church in the residential schools, so as to respond to the suffering and the ongoing effects of intergenerational trauma.

The global pandemic caused by COVID-19 has stalled this project; however, the Bishops remain committed to moving forward with the delegation prior to the end of 2021, in compliance with international travel guidelines.



**St. Joseph Mission Church,
Tkemlúps te Secwépemc Indian Band Land**

The delegation to the Holy See represents an important step on the journey of reconciliation and shared healing for Indigenous Peoples and the Church in Canada. Pope Francis, in his 6 June 2021 Angelus message, spoke about the shocking discovery of children's remains at the former Kamloops residential school and, while conveying sorrow and solidarity, emphasized the importance of "walking side by side in dialogue and in mutual respect in the recognition of the rights and cultural values of all the sons and daughters of Canada." It is our hope that these forthcoming encounters, and the collaboration and partnership that has supported the planning, will lead to a shared future of peace and harmony between Indigenous Peoples and the Catholic Church in Canada.





Bea Park stands by the Altar after lighting a candle for her son-in-law **Robert Barry**, on the 1st anniversary of his death – 26 May 2021.



Julie Andrews sings her heart out in *The Sound of Music*.

Arab Catholic Randa Aweis, 58, recovers from a kidney transplant with her daughter Niveen, 26, in Hadassah Medical Center in Jerusalem May 21. Aweis received a donor kidney from an Israeli Jew, Yigal Yehoshua, 56, who died after being stoned during riots in Lod, Israel.



Methuselah, a bristlecone pine in the White Mountains of eastern California, is the world's oldest living tree.