



## Parish Week / Sunday, 27 June 2021

### Saturday, 26 June

- 8.00 am Mass: † Abla Chachati (friend)
- 2.00 pm St. Albert School 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Mass #1
- 5.00 pm Mass: † Ivan Pereira (Claudette Obelnycki)

### SUNDAY, 27 JUNE / 13-B

■ *Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati*

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

- 9.00 am Mass: † Maria Coutinho (Lawrie)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Rita D'Souza (family)
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Roger Fernandez  
(Sandra & Louis Gomes-Pereira)
- 2.30 pm St. Maria Goretti School Confirmation Mass #4
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

### Monday 28 June / St. Irenaeus, bishop & martyr

- 8.00 am Mass: † Cyril Bastiampillai (Cyril Alexander)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Fredrick D'Souza  
(Children, Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren)

### Tuesday, 29 June / Ss. Peter & Paul, apostles

- 8.00 am Mass: † Beatriz Remedios (family)
- 7.00 pm St. Albert the Great School Confirmation Mass #1

### Wed., 30 June / First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

- 8.00 am Mass: † Consuelo Gotera (Family)
- 12.00 pm Wedding: John Dave Magdirila – Ahziel Tabanes

### Thursday, 1 July

■ *Canada Day: Anniversary of Confederation (1867)*

- 8.00 am Mass: † Abla Chachati (Carol Morra)



### Friday, 2 July

- 8.00 am Mass: † Bruno Piil (Carol Morra)
- 6.00 pm Holy Hour
- 7.00 pm Mass: Int. Joseph D'Souza (friends)

### Saturday, 3 July / St. Thomas, apostle

■ *Fr. Elias Chachati: Anniversary of Ordination to Priesthood (1983)*

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Fr. Elias Chachati  
38<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Priestly Ordination (friend)
- 10.00 am RCIC Youth Catechism
- 5.00 pm Mass: † Gabriel & Francis Andreas  
(Vethanayagi Rayappan & family)
- 7.00 pm Wedding: Raymond Rashid – Toschica DeAbreu

### SUNDAY, 4 JULY / 14-B

■ *Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Fernandes family (Lemos family)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Ernesto & Lydia Rodas (family)
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Preetham Bobji (Preethi Benedict)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

## Focus on the Word

### 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Wisdom 1.13-15; 2.23-24; 2 Corinthians 8.7-15; Mark 5.21-43

*O God, who through the grace of adoption chose us to be children of light, grant, we pray, that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error but always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth. Amen.*

## Pray for the Deceased

**Mervyn Rajapakse**  
**Melinda Contreas-Sanchez**

The **53** victims of the **Indonesian**  
**submarine disaster**



Those who wait for the Lord  
shall renew their strength.  
They shall mount up with wings like eagles;  
they shall run and not be weary;  
they shall walk and not faint.

*Isaiah 40.31*

## R & R Report 11 July

The next R&R report will be made at all Masses on 10/11 July, detailing the work on the most recent Church repairs.

## Upcoming Collection

### 27 June - Maintenance



The 2<sup>nd</sup> collection on Sunday, 27 June, will be for the support of our major parish projects through the *Maintenance Collection*.

## COMING UP

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- 5 July Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
- 11 July 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: *ShareLife* (Freewill);  
- Infant Baptism (1.30 pm)
- 17 July 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Mass Datinguino (1:00 pm)
- 25 July 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: *Maintenance*
- 2 Aug. Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
- 8 Aug. Infant Baptism (1.30 pm)
- 5 Aug. Feast of the Dedication of the **Basilica of St. Mary Major**;  
- **Fr. Elias Chachati**, Anniversary of birth (1955)
- 6 Aug. Feast of the **Transfiguration of Our Lord**
- 15 Aug. Feast of the **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**;  
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: *Canadian Missions*
- 21 Aug. Wedding: John Aloanilla – Gayle Baylon (1:00 pm)
- 28 Aug. Wedding: Raphael Santiago – Mary Parayno (1:00 pm)

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

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

## ShareLife 2021

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

Your gift to *ShareLife* helps!



Thank you for supporting our parish's *ShareLife* campaign. Last week was the second collection in our Parish. Thanks to you, our generous donors, our parish has raised \$ 16,760.00 toward our goal of \$ 41,000.00.

When you support *ShareLife*, you help clients at more than 40 agencies, including *Rosalie Hall*, founded in 1914 by the *Misericordia Sisters*.

The Agency appreciates your support. **Jane Kenny** is the agency's Executive Director and she says, "*ShareLife* donors make a difference every day in helping meet the needs of the most vulnerable young moms and children utilizing our agency. Thank you, you are helping change young families' lives!"

Please make your sacrificial gift to our *ShareLife* campaign through the parish office, on our website, or at [sharelife.org](http://sharelife.org). Please give generously.

3 October 2021, is our next *ShareLife* Appeal. Thank you for supporting *ShareLife*!

## RCIA, RCIC

*Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults & Children*



The RCIA meets regularly on Friday evenings at 7.30 pm, and the RCIC meets periodically on Saturday mornings; their next meeting is on 3 July.

Do you cherish the **Bible**? Would you like to help spread the *Good News* to new Catholics, and let them know how powerful the Bible is? The *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* invites parishioners to serve as **Bible Sponsors** for the candidates. For more information on how you can help, call: **Fr. Edwin**, 416-261-0076.

### *A Special Gift SHEILA GOMES Funeral*

Our Parish extends its thanks to the family of **Sheila Gomes**, who died on 28 May 2021, for donating to our Church the beautiful flowers from her funeral on 2 June. Your kind gift was greatly appreciated. May she Rest in Peace.

## Stewards of the Church

As Stewards of God's gifts we cooperate with God in our own redemption and in the redemption of others. The New Covenant in and through Christ forms a community – the Body of Christ. The Unity of this people is itself a precious good to be cherished, preserved and built up by the lovers of love. We are obliged to be Stewards of the Church – to be collaborators and cooperators in continuing the redemptive work of Jesus Christ – which is the mission of the Church.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Communion, Confirmation

Since the change on 11 June 2021 to the 15% capacity limit, our Parish has been able move forward on celebrating the Sacraments of 1<sup>st</sup> HOLY COMMUNION and CONFIRMATION, vital events in the lives of our Youth.

The following dates are in the month of **June 2021**. They include all **Grade 3** students who were prepared to receive their **1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion** in 2020, as well as all **Grade 8** students who were prepared to receive **Confirmation** in 2020.

Students *currently in Grade 2 and 7*, who should have received their Sacraments this past Easter Season, will be provided their appropriate Liturgies after School resumes in September.

26 2.00 pm St. Albert the Great School  
1<sup>st</sup> Communion Mass #1

27 2.30 pm St. Maria Goretti School  
Confirmation Mass #4

29 7.00 pm St. Albert the Great School  
Confirmation Mass #2

The Saturday Class will receive Confirmation in **July**:

10 2.00 pm Saturday Class  
Confirmation Mass

## Upcoming Weddings

**John Dave Magdirila and Ahziel Tabanes**  
30 June 2021, St. Maria Goretti Church

**Raymond Rashid and Toschica DeAbreu**  
3 July 2021, St. Maria Goretti Church

**Shane Bagwandin and Koshigaine Baskaran**  
24 July 2021, St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Markham

**Kethujan Matt and Nicole Travas**  
7 August 2021, Prince of Peace Church

**Raphael Santiago and Mary Parayna**  
28 August 2021, St. Maria Goretti 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

# Confirmation Preparation Resource (9)

## *Strengthened by the Holy Spirit*

### **The Power of the Holy Spirit in the Scripture Readings for the 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Wisdom 1.13-15, 2-23-24

God did not make death, and he does not delight in the death of the living. For he created all things so that they might exist; the generative forces of the world are wholesome, and there is no destructive poison in them, and the dominion of Hades is not on earth. For righteousness is immortal.

For God created man for incorruption, and made him in the image of his own eternity, but through the devil's envy death entered the world, and those who belong to his company experience it.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 2 Corinthians 5.14-17

Brothers and sisters: Now as you excel in everything — in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you — so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

You know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor so that by his poverty you might become rich.

I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. As it is written, "The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little."

**Gospel:** Mark 5.21-43

When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. Then one of the synagogue leaders named Jairus came and, when he saw Jesus, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the



point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." So Jesus went with him. And a large crowd followed him.

Some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." Jesus allowed no one to follow him. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him.

Then Jesus put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about for she was twelve years of age.

At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

## **Mass Slips**

When Candidates come to Church with their family for Sunday Mass (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 attend Mass, place your Mass Slip in the box. Candidates 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.



# Confirmation

## Guidelines for the Candidates for Confirmation in 2021, after the delay due to the pandemic

St. Maria Goretti Parish is grateful to be able to celebrate the **Sacrament of Confirmation** for the Grade 8 students who had originally registered to receive this Sacrament in 2020, when they were in Grade 7.

The delay has made it necessary to modify some procedures.

(1) At this stage in the pandemic recovery, the Church is limited to **15% CAPACITY**, which is 127.5 people. Please respect the detailed directions you are given for your particular group regarding the number of participants you may invite.

(2) There will be NO CONFIRMATION GOWNS, so Candidates will need to wear “Sunday best,” which is formal or semi-formal attire. It is suggested that **Candidates** incorporate a significant *white component* to their attire (e.g., a white shirt, blouse, dress, etc.) as a reminder of the connection between Confirmation and Baptism. It is suggested that **Sponsors** avoid clothing with garish or bold colour patterns (stripes, logos, etc.), and stick to simple, neutral colours, so that the Candidates stand out in the assembly. For men: black/grey, navy or khaki tones; for women: black/grey/white, or pastels. In the future, the photos will tell everyone that the focus of the day was on the Sacrament received at the Altar.

(3) For most groups, there cannot be any REHEARSALS, so pay close attention to the directions given at Church. To maximize seating capacity, Candidates will sit with their families and Sponsor and will be called up to the Sanctuary one family at a time via the main aisle, similar to the way we receive Communion.

(4) The CONFIRMATION CARD which each Candidate presents to the Pastor at the time they receive the Sacrament, will have to be completed upon arrival at the Church, which will be open one hour before the Mass. Candidates should arrive 45 – 30 minutes before Mass to sign in, complete their cards, and take their place in the Church with their families.

(5) If a SPONSOR is unable to be present on the assigned day, they will need to be Proxied (represented) by an adult, Confirmed Catholic. There is a special Proxy form that will need to be filled out when the family arrives at Church.

(6) Most other GUIDELINES FOR THE LITURGY remain as usual. There is *no photography during Mass* (time for posed photos will be available afterward.) This year, families will have *permission to livestream* for relatives who cannot attend, on condition that the person managing the camera remains with the family: *In the pew* during Mass, and *up to the Sanctuary* at the time of the Sacrament.

## The Sponsor

The Sponsor is a fully-initiated member of the Church who:

- ❖ Represents the community;
- ❖ Will support the parents;
- ❖ Testifies that the Candidate will be a witness for Christ.

The original Godparent may perform this duty; or another adult who serves as an example of Christian living.

## The Name

The Confirmation Name is the Christian *Baptismal* name, or the name of another *Saint* who will serve as a lifelong patron and prayer partner to the newly-confirmed.

## Effects of Confirmation

The purpose of the Sacrament is the full outpouring of the Holy Spirit, as it was given to the Apostles on Pentecost.

Confirmation has several important effects:

- (1) **It makes us more aware of God;**
- (2) **It releases the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit:** Wisdom, Knowledge, Counsel, Understanding, Courage, Piety and Reverence of the Lord.
- (3) **It unites us more firmly to Christ;**
- (4) **It binds us more perfectly to the Church;**
- (5) **It gives us strength to spread and defend the faith by our words and actions in order to:**
  - ✘ be true witnesses of Christ;
  - ✘ confess the name of Christ boldly;
  - ✘ never be ashamed of the Cross.

Confirmation perfects the grace of Baptism, and imprints a permanent, indelible mark on the Christian’s soul.

## The Liturgy

Confirmation is ordinarily celebrated within the context of the Holy Mass. Following the Proclamation of the Word of God, the Sacrament is administered in this order:

*Presentation of the Candidates*

*Homily*

*Renewal of Baptismal Promises*

*Laying On of Hands*<sup>1</sup>

*Anointing with Sacred Chrism*<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> LAYING ON OF HANDS: The Bishop faces the people and introduces the prayer. Then he (and any concelebrating Priests) extend their hands over the Candidates, and ask the Father to send the Holy Spirit upon them.

<sup>2</sup> ANOINTING WITH CHRISM: Candidates walk to the Sanctuary. The Bishop goes to them individually, takes some Chrism, addresses them by their Confirmation Name, and makes the Sign of the Cross on their foreheads.

*Bishop:* “ \_\_\_\_\_, be sealed with  
the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

*Newly Confirmed:* “AMEN.”

*Bishop:* “Peace be with you.”

*Newly Confirmed:* “AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT.”

# First Holy Communion

## Guidelines for 2021, after the pandemic delay

St. Maria Goretti Parish is grateful to be able to celebrate the **Sacrament of 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion** for the remaining Grade 3 students who had originally registered to receive this Sacrament in 2020, when they were in Grade 2.

The delay has made it necessary to modify some procedures. Please read the following.

(1) REVIEW MATERIAL for 1<sup>st</sup> Communion was published in the Sunday Bulletins on:

4, 11, 18 and 25 April 2021.

You may revisit this information via the link to the Sunday Bulletins in the option bar at the top of the home page.

(2) *How to dress for the day?* The Toronto Archdiocese does not have a “mandatory” dress code for First Communion Candidates. The universal expectation is that, for such an important occasion, **Candidates** should wear “Sunday best,” which is formal or semi-formal attire. It is suggested that the Candidates incorporate a significant *white component* to their attire (e.g., a white dress for girls, a white shirt for boys, etc.) as a reminder of their Baptism. Boys may wear a suit, or a formal or semi-formal jacket with complementary trousers. Parents should be mindful that at this time of the year, the weather may be very warm, so the children’s clothing should not be heavy. It is also suggested that **Family members** avoid clothing with garish or bold colour patterns (stripes, logos, etc.), and stick to simple, neutral colours, so that the Candidates stand out during the Mass, and in the photos taken afterward. In the future, the photos will

tell everyone that the focus of the day was on the Candidate and the Holy Sacrament received at the Altar.

(3) Under the circumstances, there are no REHEARSALS, so pay attention to the directions given at Church. Candidates will sit with their families and will approach the Sanctuary to one of 2 designated Communion stations.

(4) The CHURCH WILL BE OPEN one hour before the Mass. Candidates should arrive 45 – 30 minutes before Mass to *sign in*, and complete their *Summary Information sheets* (which the Catechists will use to review the original information package that was distributed to the families in the Fall of 2019). The facilitators will distribute printed programs of the Mass for the families, and personalized ones for the Candidates. Then they may take their place in the Church with their families.

(5) Most other GUIDELINES FOR THE LITURGY remain as usual. There is *no photography during Mass* (time for posed photos will be available afterward.) This year, families will have *permission to livestream* for relatives who cannot attend, on condition that the person managing the camera remains with the family: *In the pew during Mass, and up to the Sanctuary* at the time of the Sacrament.



# Letter to Chief Cadmus and the People of Cowessess First Nation

*The following letter was written by Archbishop Don Bolen of Regina, after the discovery of unmarked graves at the former site of the Marieval Residential School, in the Cowessess First Nation in southeastern Saskatchewan. We ask that everyone continue to pray and work towards reconciliation.*

24 June 2021

Dear Chief Cadmus,  
dear people of Cowessess First Nation,

Words fail in the face of the news that the ground radar search at the Cowessess cemetery has revealed an unthinkable number of unmarked graves, up to 751 burials there. The news is overwhelming and I can only imagine the pain and waves of emotion that you and your people are experiencing right now. Thank you for your powerful words, Chief Cadmus, at the press conference this morning, and for the witness of Knowledge Keeper Florence and FSIN Chief Bobby Cameron.

The grave site findings on your First Nation impact us on a deeper level because of the relationships we've built with so many members of the Cowessess First Nation.

Several Cowessess members have been involved in the Archdiocese of Regina's Commission for Truth and Reconciliation, or have worked with us on projects trying to address the Calls to Action. Because of that network of relationships, we feel even more intensely the overwhelm of this moment.

The grave site work brings us face to face with the brutal legacy of the Indian Residential School system, a product of a colonialist history which has left so much suffering and intergenerational trauma. The operation of the Marieval Residential School at Cowessess left many people deeply wounded by various kinds of abuse. As you have communicated elsewhere, Chief Cadmus, even for those of us

who were not there or not involved, it is nonetheless the painful legacy that we need to carry. The incredible burden of the past is still with us, and the truth of that past needs to come out, however painful, as only truth can lead to reconciliation. As you said of the grave site, "the truth is there." Thank you for your courage as Chief and that of your whole community as you seek out the truth and search for a reset that brings an end to racism and opens a path to justice and to healing.

It was 3 years ago that you first wrote to me about the cemetery at Cowessess, about the Calls to Action that called for churches who had been involved in residential schools to assist in various ways with cemeteries, and about the need for work at the Cowessess cemetery. As we entered into conversation you and others from Cowessess shared about the many unmarked graves, about terrible abuse and suffering that happened at the residential school, and about how one priest who served in the region in the 1960's destroyed headstones in a way which was reprehensible. Two years ago at Flower Day you gave me the privilege of sharing a few words with members of your community gathered at the cemetery, and I extended an apology for the failures and sins of Church leaders and staff in the past towards the people of Cowessess. I know that apologies seem a very small step as the weight of past suffering comes into greater light, but I extend that apology again, and pledge to do what we can to turn that apology into meaningful concrete acts - including assisting in accessing information that will help to provide names and information about those buried in unmarked graves - and to stand by you in whatever way you request.

With you as able at this most difficult of times.

Sincerely Yours,

+ **Don Bolen**  
*Archbishop of Regina*





**Liam Serrano** celebrates his 7<sup>th</sup> birthday with his mother and younger brother, Ethan.



**Samantha Noval** celebrates birthday #2 with her mother.





Staff of St. Albert School with Fr. Edwin Galea at the 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Mass. 26 June 2021.



Denise Canning, Principal of St. Maria Goretti School with Fr. Edwin, Shoba Ryan and Debisha Graham & her sons at the Confirmation Mass, 27 June 2021.