

Parish Week / Sunday, 1 August 2021

Saturday, 31 July / St. Ignatius of Loyala, priest

- 8.00 am Mass: † Domenico Mastrogiacommo
(Irma Pisciola & family)
5.00 pm Mass: Int. Birthday of Mikayla Carriaga
(Gina Arroyo)

SUNDAY, 1 AUG. / 18-B

■ Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea

- 9.00 am Mass: Int. Scotley Johnson (family)
10.30 am Mass: † Edilberto T. Gobales (Jiyi & Edson)
12.00 pm Mass: † Bonzo Chinmery (Esme D'Mello)
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday 2 Aug. / St. Eusebius of Vercelli, bishop

- 8.00 am Mass: † Joseph Valori (Maristala Consalas)
11.00 am Memorial Liturgy: † Julita Bautista
7.00 pm Mass: Int. Danley Johnson (family)
7.40 pm Infant Baptism Parent / Godparent meeting

Tuesday, 3 Aug.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Joan Cantapher (Christine Martin)

Wednesday, 4 Aug. / St. John Vianney, priest

- 8.00 am Mass: † Michael Joseph Martin (Christine)

Thurs., 5 Aug. / Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major - Blessed Frederic Janssoone

■ Fr. Elias Chachati, birthday (1955)

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Fr. Elias Birthday (friend)

Friday, 6 Aug. / Transfiguration of the Lord

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Rocca Mansour (Carol Morra)
6.00 pm Holy Hour
7.00 pm Mass: † The Unborn (Audrey Caza)

Saturday, 7 Aug. / St. Sixtus II, pope & Companions, martyrs

- 8.00 am Mass: † Felicisima & Joseph Turiano (Gina Arroyo)
10.00 am Funeral Mass – Steven MacNeil
2.00 pm Memorial Mass – Telesfora Sanchez Prysbranowski
5.00 pm Mass: † Gabriel & Francis Andreas
(Vincent Ambrose & family)

SUNDAY, 8 AUG. / 19-B

■ Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati

- 9.00 am Mass: † Charles D'Silva (family)
10.30 am Mass: † Ernesto & Lydia Rodas (family)
12.00 pm Mass: † Corrado Vindigni (Carmello & Edna)
1.30 pm Infant Baptisms
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Prayer to St. Michael

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



Focus on the Word

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

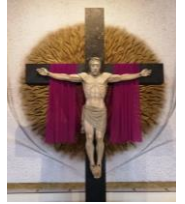
Exodus 16.2-31; Ephesians 4.17-24; John 6.24-35

Draw near to your servants, O Lord, and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness, that, for those who glory in you as their Creator, you may restore what you have created. Amen.

Pray for the Deceased

Rose Albuquerque

The 14 victims of the cable car tragedy in Italy



RE:Generation

RE:Gen Chastity is an initiative committed to build a culture of life by sharing with young people the beauty of the Catholic faith, particularly in the area of sexuality.

The young missionaries that are part of our team use **St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body** as they seek to educate their peers using an integrated, holistic approach to viewing the human person.

Would you be interested in learning more about this ministry? Our Parish is being invited to participate by being actively involved in the work of RE:Gen. We are also in need of Parishioners who are able to sponsor our work.

Contact **Judel Villardo**:

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COMING UP

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15 Aug.	Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary ; - 2 nd Collection: Canadian Missions
21 Aug.	Wedding: John Aloanilla – Gayle Baylon (1:00 pm)
28 Aug.	Wedding: Raphael Santiago – Mary Parayna (1:00 pm)
29 Aug.	2 nd Collection: Maintenance
4 Sept.	Wedding: Santos – Clavesillas (1:00 pm)
6 Sept.	Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
12 Sept.	Infant Baptism (1.30 pm)
19 Sept.	2 nd Collection: Bishops
26 Sept.	2 nd Collection: Maintenance
3 Oct.	2 nd Collection: ShareLife
4 Oct.	Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
7 Oct.	Memorial Mass – Alexander King (6:00 pm)
9 Oct.	Wedding: Belen – Albino (1:00 pm)
10 Oct.	Infant Baptism (1.30 pm)
17 Oct.	2 nd Collection: World Mission
24 Oct.	2 nd Collection: Maintenance
29 Oct.	Wedding: Turner – Fortuno
31 Oct.	3 rd Collection: ShareLife

Website stmariagoretti.archtoronto.org

We are currently celebrating our Masses with a 127-person capacity limit on attendance, and all must wear a face mask. It is no longer mandatory to sanitize hands as you enter the Church; but it is recommended and available for those who wish.

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. Thanks to you, our generous donors, our Parish has been able to raise \$ 19,265.00 toward our goal of \$ 41,000.00.

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



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:

17 April

Selena Gabriella Khan
Kamaliyah Erica Ramong
Zayden Jammal Ramong

9 May

Mackenzie Theresa Lauzon

15 May

Rufus Matthew Arriego
Shawn Mathieu Borres
Luca August Girod-Smith
Jorge Alejandro Alfonso Napenas
Ian Yi Yan Tsang

5 June

King Elias Prudencio Gammad

12 June

Zion Alexander Bayle

19 June

Jaelen Jacob Buenaventura

20 June

Eesah Annora Anderson
Elijah Javier Arriola
Rafaella Elize Detruz

26 June

Josiah Williams Francis

10 July

Semahjae Nayeli Cairo Hamilton
Naheligh-Aayla Kiari Shiloh Hamilton
Brianna Kathalea Anne Matias Kalaw

RCIA, RCIC



Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults & Children

The RCIA meets on Friday evenings at 7.30 pm; their next meetings are on 6 and 20 August. The RCIC meets on Saturday mornings; their next meeting is on 7 August.

Residential Schools

The RCIA has begun a study series on the history of Residential Schools in Canada. Documents provided from public records, the Archdiocese and archival sources are reviewed in light of the current interest in advancing the Reconciliation effort.

Parishioners are welcome to participate; however, due to the pandemic guidelines, it is necessary to register so that the number attending may be tracked.

The next meetings will be held at 7.30 pm on 6 and 20 August. If you wish to take part, please send an email message to: stmariagoretti@rogers.com, and be sure to including the **names** of those wanting to participate, and a **telephone number** to allow for quick contact.

A Special Gift TERESA DiMICHELE funeral

Our Parish extends its thanks to the family of **Teresa DiMichele**, for donating to our Church the beautiful flowers from her funeral on 21 June. Your kind gift was greatly appreciated. May she Rest in Peace.

1st Communion, Confirmation

Many thanks to all who assisted in the celebrations of the Sacraments of 1st HOLY COMMUNION and CONFIRMATION in June and July. These are vital events in the lives of our Youth.

Students *who will be starting Grades 3 and 8*, who should have received their Sacraments this past Easter Season, will be provided their appropriate Liturgies after School resumes in September.

We will also work with the Schools to ensure that any students who were not able to participate in these Sacraments due to family or scheduling issues, will be provided with *Make Up* dates so that they are not overlooked.

Stewards of the Church

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.

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.



Stage 3 *Pandemic procedures*

To all clergy and staff of the Archdiocese of Toronto,

As you are aware, we are presently in Step 3 of the provincial “*Roadmap for Reopening*.” The number of new COVID-19 cases has reduced significantly over the past month and almost 70% of adults in Ontario are fully vaccinated. While we are not in a position, at present, to welcome the faithful at full capacity and to lift all restrictions, we are moving much closer to that reality.

After careful review of current restrictions, the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario (ACBO), in consultation with medical experts involved in the creation of the *WorshipSafe* guidelines, has updated current protocols, relaxing a number of measures that have been in place over the past year. In the Archdiocese of Toronto, I ask that you continue with existing measures and implement the relaxed norms noted below as soon as possible:

Ongoing Measures

Regarding spiritual services and activities, physical distancing of two metres (6 feet) remains at this time unless members are from the same household.

By-laws remain in place requiring the use of a face mask in public spaces indoors.

A cantor may sing at Mass as long as the cantor is a minimum of three metres (ten feet) distant from anyone else while singing.

Communion procedures are unchanged despite the lessening of restrictions in other areas. Both the person distributing communion and the communicant must be fully masked. Once the communicant receives the Eucharist, they are to move two metres (six feet) away, safely remove their mask, consume the Eucharist, replace their mask, and then proceed back to their pew. We anticipate a return to communion on the tongue shortly but at present, we ask that communion continue to be distributed in the hand.

The *Sign of Peace* is maintained. A simple bow of the head toward one’s neighbour may be offered in lieu of the shaking of hands.

Holy Water fonts at the entrances should not be filled yet.

The preference continues that confessions should be heard outside of the Confessional to allow for proper distancing.

Parishes should ensure they have the ability to communicate with parishioners should there be a positive COVID-19 case in their community. Sign-in sheets with contact information should be used.

Relaxed Measures

NEW - Baptisms of more than one child outside of Mass are permitted. The presider must bless the holy water in a pitcher or other vessel that can be poured on the candidate's head, rather than baptizing each candidate with the same water. Also, the presider should sanitize his hands after making direct contact with each child.

NEW - Cleaning procedures for pews, washrooms, confessionals, reconciliation rooms are relaxed so as to require only regular cleaning in accordance with routines prior to Covid-19 restrictions.

The exception is if someone attending church has a suspected case for Covid-19, in which case the space should be disinfected.

NEW - Missals and prayer books may be replaced in pews. Please do not return hymnals to pews at this time as congregational singing is not yet permitted.

NEW - Bulletins, envelopes, pamphlets, and newspapers may again be distributed as per pre- COVID-19 practices.

NEW - Collections may again be taken up using baskets in the traditional fashion. All Ushers involved in the collection should ensure that they wear masks while undertaking this task and make every effort to ensure physical distancing of two metres (six feet).

NEW - Hand Sanitizing – it is no longer mandatory for all entering a church to use hand sanitizer, though churches, especially as we move into the fall and winter months, are encouraged to provide hand sanitizers as a best practice. Clergy and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion should continue to use hand sanitizers before and after the distribution of the Eucharist.

NEW - Altar servers may resume serving on the altar (wearing masks) and maintaining two metres (six feet) distance between each other and the priest as much as possible. Altar servers from the same household do not need to maintain physical distancing.

NEW - Children’s liturgies may resume where appropriate.

Reminders

Meetings in parish halls or other indoor spaces are permitted; attendance may not exceed 50% of meeting space capacity. Participants must be masked and physically distanced – 2 metres (6 ft.) between those not from the same household. In addition, a sign-in sheet for meetings should be provided for the purposes of contact tracing. Meals or food service at meetings is discouraged at this time.

The elderly and those with compromised immune systems or other health conditions should be encouraged to exercise caution about any outings, including attendance at church.

Please continue to take great care in implementing robust health and safety measures in the rectory and office. In addition to keeping our parishioners safe, every measure should be taken to protect our clergy, essential staff and any volunteers who are required to assist at this time.

Thank you for your ongoing co-operation to foster a healthy and safe environment for parishioners, clergy and staff. We pray that additional restrictions may be lifted shortly.

Sincerely in Christ,

Thomas Cardinal Collins]

Archbishop of Toronto

28 July 2021

Church Etiquette

Some Do's and Don'ts

By **Dorothy Pilarski**, *The Catholic Register*

I often attend performances of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra at Massey Hall. The pages at the back of the program detail standards of behavior. They define the courtesy to be extended to others at the symphony. It says latecomers will be admitted at a suitable interval. It asks patrons to refrain from wearing perfumes or colognes and forbids cameras and cellphones.

Why can't the same be done at Mass? We need a booklet for parishioners that would read something like this:

Remember you have entered into the house of God for the purpose of prayer, adoration and reflection. Now is not the time to talk to your friends, but to talk to God. In order to help you get the most from this sacred space we ask you to do the following:

Turn off cellphones. Do not text messages or check your Facebook account from the pews or the back of the Church. Leave your social media devices in the car. It's distracting for others who are trying to pray. This is a time to focus on God.

Do not chew gum. Spit it out into a tissue before entering the Church. Don't push it to the side or your mouth to chew later. There should be nothing in your mouth when you receive the Eucharist.

Dress with dignity. Mass is not a cocktail party, or a hockey arena. Dress with decorum and modesty and ensure your children do the same.

No children activity bags, granola bars, juice boxes, toys, etc. Mass is only 1 hour. Children would grow in virtue if they were detached from these things for 1 hour each week. For toddlers, instead of toys, try books for Catholic children or plastic rosaries.

Provide instruction for children. Parents have an obligation to show their children the appropriate times to kneel, sit, stand and face the altar, not let them amuse themselves as if Mass is playtime. Involve them in the liturgy by teaching them to pray and telling them that Jesus is on the altar.



No food or water during Mass. If an able-bodied adult requires a drink of water to take some medication or other reason, leave the Church and drink the water outside the celebration of the Eucharist. And do not bring your cup of coffee into the Church.

Arrive on time. Time your arrival at Church to leave a period of personal prayer in preparation for the sacred liturgy. If you are late for Mass, be courteous to others and wait for an appropriate break before you walk down an aisle. The Symphony does not allow latecomers to waltz in any time. Church ushers are trained to help minimize disruptions.

Don't leave early. Set a good example for your children by staying in the pew until the Mass has ended with the final blessing and the priest has left the altar and the final hymn has ended.

Participate in the Mass. When you are preparing for Mass to start, ask yourself: "What can I do to participate more fully?" Listen to the readings and the homily, recite the prayers of the Mass, follow along in your Mass book, and, when the music starts, sing! You will be a model for your kids.

No talking please. Do not have private conversations during Mass. You wouldn't do that during a performance of the symphony. If you did, you'd be asked to be quiet or leave. So show respect for the Priest and your fellow parishioners.

As a society in general, we are losing our sense of decorum and civility. We have a responsibility to reverse that, and to remember the reason we attend Church is to know God, love him and serve Him, especially at Mass.



Mariya Christian & family, Ajax



The family of + Henry Carta, Danforth Road



The family of + Domingo Catolos, Penetang Crescent



Linda Cook & family, St. Clair Ave. E.



The Pasia family, Bridletowne Circle



Lolita Ambat at her home on Saugeen Crescent

Lord, bless our homes

and all our loved ones.



Family and friends of **Henry Carta** mark the 1st year anniversary of his passing: 22 July 2021.



The family of + **Pedro Padilla** mark his birthday on 27 July 2021, after his passing last year.





**Lord, bless our Church
and guide our Shepherds.**

