

## Focus on the Word

### 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Joshua 24.1-18; Ephesians 4.32-5.2,21-32; John 6.53-69

*O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true gladness is found. Amen.*

### Pray for the Deceased

Lydia Dipippo, Kevin Rilly,  
Renate Stocker, Wenceslao Virtucio Jr.

The civilian victims of the military coup in Myanmar



### Two Friends

Princess Diana greets Mother Teresa and her sisters in New York City in 1997.

The princess died on 31 August that year, aged 36, at the Pitié-Salpêtrière Hospital, Paris, France;

Mother Teresa died on 5 Sept., aged 87, in the Missionaries of Charity house, Kolkata, India.

### 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.

On 21/22 August, there will be a special presentation on RE:Gen at our Masses by **Judel Villardo**. See the website bulletin for more details.

### COMING UP

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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 <sup>nd</sup> Collection: <b>Bishops</b> - St. Vincent de Paul <i>Bundle Up</i> Sunday
26 Sept.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection: <b>Maintenance</b>
3 Oct.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection: <b>ShareLife</b>
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 <sup>nd</sup> Collection: <b>World Mission</b>

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

We are celebrating our Masses with a 127-person capacity limit, and all must wear a face mask. It is not mandatory to sanitize hands, but it is recommended and available for those who wish.



Mass for Delecia & Mervyn Rajapakse, Alex Abeyesekera, 14 August

### Parish Week / Sunday, 22 August 2021

#### Saturday, 21 Aug. / St. Pius X, pope

- 8.00 am Mass: † Helmut Kufer (Christa Hahn)  
5.00 pm Mass: † Jesus Escobar (family)

#### SUNDAY, 22 AUG. / 21-B

■ *Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Amado & Lucing Lao (Carolina Aquino)  
10.30 am Mass: † Sheila Gomes (Patrick DeCaires)  
12.00 pm Mass: † Babies Alleluia & Glory D'Cunha (family)  
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

#### Monday, 23 Aug. / St. Rose of Lima, virgin

- 8.00 am Mass: † Rosa Kufer (Christa Hahn)  
7.00 pm Mass: † A. G. Francis (Shoba Ryan)

#### Tuesday, 24 Aug. / St. Bartholomew, apostle

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
Charles & Christa Mariathas (daughter)

#### Wednesday, 25 Aug. / Ss. Louis, Joseph Calasanz, priest

- 8.00 am Mass: † Barbara Pascua (Imelda Buluran & family)  
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo;  
- Fr. Edwin's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination

#### Thursday, 26 Aug.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Primo Antao (Shalini)

#### Friday, 27 Aug. / St. Monica

- 8.00 am Mass: † Paz Segador (Lydia Alibangnang)  
10.00 am Wedding: Dawin Daniel & Gogandee Dulai

#### Saturday, 28 Aug. / St. Augustine, bishop

- 8.00 am Mass: † Pasqualina Vaccaro (Di Michele Family)  
1.00 pm Wedding: Raphael Santiago & Mary Parayno  
5.00 pm Mass: Int. Birthday Alma Turiano (Gina Arroyo)

#### SUNDAY, 29 AUG. / 22-B

■ *Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati*

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

- 9.00 am Mass: Int. Renata & Josh (Parents)  
10.30 am Mass: † Beatriz Remedios (family)  
12.00 pm Mass: † Rizalinda Trinidad (Domingo)  
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

## RCIA, RCIC



*Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults & Children*

The RCIA meets on Friday evenings at 7.30 pm; their next meetings are on 3 and 10 September. The RCIC meets on Saturday mornings; their next meeting is on 4 September.

### Residential Schools

The RCIA is holding a study series on the history of Residential Schools in Canada. 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 3 and 10 September. If you wish to take part, please send an email message to: [stmariagoretti@rogers.com](mailto:stmariagoretti@rogers.com), and be sure to including the **names** of those wanting to participate, and a **telephone number** to allow for quick contact.

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

Students *who will be starting Grades 3 and 8* in September, and who should have received their 1<sup>st</sup> HOLY COMMUNION and CONFIRMATION this past Easter Season, will be provided their appropriate Liturgies after School resumes in September.

We will also ensure that students starting Grades 4 and 9, and who were not able to have these Sacraments that were held in June, due to family or scheduling issues, will be included in our planning.

### *A Special Gift* FRANCESCO GERACI funeral

Our Parish extends its thanks to the family of **Francesco Geraci**, who died at the age of 93 on 10 August, for donating to our Church the beautiful flowers from his funeral on 16 August. Your kind gift was greatly appreciated. May he Rest in Peace.

## Mass Intentions: Requests for 2022

The Mass Intention book for 2022 is now open. The parish office will accept requests for intentions after any Sunday Mass and during the week:

- Monday, after the 8.00 am Mass, until 10.00 am;
- Wednesday, from 12 noon to 2.00 pm;
- Friday, from 12 noon to 2.00 pm.

## Fr. Edwin's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

*Special Mass: 7.00 pm, 25 August*

Our Parish Children's Choir had planned a Special Mass on 29 November 2020 for **Fr. Edwin Galea**, to mark the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood. Due to the resumption of strict pandemic protocols at that time, it had to be rescheduled. The Mass will now be held at 7.00 pm on Wednesday, 25 August; Fr. Edwin will offer it for all the special intentions of our Parish family. All are welcome.

## 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.

### Parish Memorials

*A lasting legacy:* Remember **St. Maria Goretti Church** in your will. Such a gift would enable you to express your affection for your Parish in a tangible way. By leaving a bequest, you help to ensure the vitality of our ministries and the work we do for God's Kingdom in the name of Jesus.

Our *legal title* is: "**St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church, Scarborough, Ontario.**" Correspondence is addressed to the *Pastor*, 717 Kennedy Road, Scarborough, Ontario M1K 2C1.

## Upcoming Weddings

**Raphael Santiago and Mary Parayno**

*28 August 2021, St. Maria Goretti Church*

**Kevin Santos and Julianne Clavesillas**

*4 September 2021, St. Maria Goretti Church*

**Alessandro Nicoletto and Kimberly Robinet**

*10 September 2021, St. Peter Church, Woodbridge*

**Alfred Kattan and Julianna Valente**

*25 September 2021, St. Maria Goretti Church*

**Bryan Mullins and Rachel Versace**

*25 September 2021, St. John Church, Kingston Road*

**John Paul Belen and Vanessa Albino**

*9 October 2021, St. Maria Goretti Church*

**Kevin Turner and Rhea Fortuno**

*29 October 2021, St. Maria Goretti Church*

**Victor Bevilacqua and Sara Keats**

*6 November 2021, St. Maria Goretti Church*



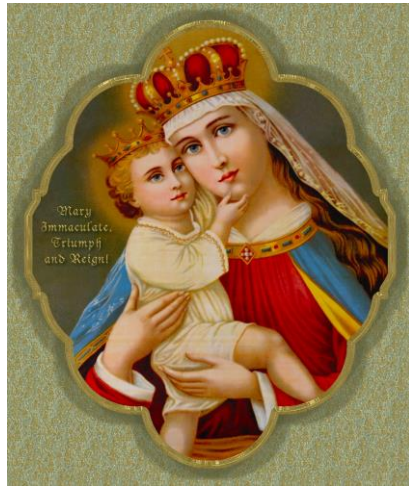
*Colin Macdonald and Ana Sarmiento visit for an anniversary blessing.*



## The Feast of Mary, Queen of Heaven

22 August

The *Queenship* of **Mary** has its roots in Scripture. At the time of the *Annunciation*, the Archangel **Gabriel** announced that the Son of Mary would receive the throne of



**David** and rule forever. At the *Visitation*, **Elizabeth** called Mary “Mother of my Lord.” As in all the mysteries of Mary’s life, she is closely associated with Jesus: Her Queenship is a share in Jesus’ Kingship. We recall that in the Old Testament the mother of the king has great influence in court.

In the fourth century **Saint Ephrem** called Mary “Lady” and “Queen.” Later, Church Fathers and Doctors continued to use this title. Hymns of the 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> centuries addressed Mary as Queen: “Hail, Holy Queen,” “Hail, Queen of Heaven,” “Queen of Heaven.” The **Dominican** Rosary and the **Franciscan** Crown celebrate her Queenship, in addition to numerous invocations in Mary’s litany.

**Pope Pius XII** established the feast of the *Queenship of Mary* in 1954. It is a logical follow-up to the *Assumption*, and is celebrated on the octave day of that feast. In his 1954 encyclical *To the Queen of Heaven*, Pope Pius XII pointed out that Mary deserves the title because she is Mother of God, because she is identified as the New Eve in the New Testament.

As **Saint Paul** suggests in Romans 8.28–30, God has predestined human beings from all eternity to share the image of his Son. All the more was Mary predestined to be the Mother of Jesus. As Jesus was to be King of all creation, Mary, in dependence on Jesus, was to be Queen. All other titles to Queenship derive from this eternal intention of God. As Jesus exercised his Kingship on earth by serving his Father and his fellow human beings, so did Mary exercise her Queenship. As the glorified Jesus remains with us as our King to the end of time (Matthew 28.20), so does Mary, assumed into heaven and crowned Queen of heaven and earth.

*Hail, Queen of Heaven, the Ocean Star, guide of the wanderer here below. Thrown on life’s surge, we claim thy care: Save us from peril and from woe. Mother of Christ, Star of the Sea, pray for the wanderer, pray for me.*

## Haiti Disaster Relief

18 August 2021

*Humanitarian Relief, Natural Disasters in Haiti*

The Archdiocese of Toronto has opened a humanitarian relief fund to assist Haiti, which in recent days has been stricken by a 7.2 magnitude earthquake and a tropical storm. At least 2,100 people are dead, 11,000 are injured and 40,000 are homeless after a strong earthquake devastated the country on 14 August 2021. Many people with habitable houses were sleeping outside due to fear of aftershocks causing more damage. Then two days later, Tropical Storm Grace dumped more than 30 cm of rainfall onto Haiti’s coastal areas, resulting in floods and mudslides.

Haiti it is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere and is unable to adequately respond to these natural disasters without international assistance.

The country was already trying to respond to the COVID19 pandemic, worsening gang violence and a presidential assassination on 7 July 2021.

The Archdiocese of Toronto will send donations through *Caritas International*, a confederation of Catholic humanitarian organizations with a long history of disaster relief. Caritas is already on the ground assisting Haitians, as it has been when other disasters have struck. Donations to Caritas will be used for food, water, shelter, clothing and medical supplies.

Those wishing to help may do so through St. Maria Goretti Parish, making cheques payable to:

**St. Maria Goretti Parish**

*re: Disasters in Haiti / Relief.*

Envelopes are at the Office. Our Parish will send funds to the *Development Office* at the Archdiocese of Toronto.

Please continue to pray for the people of Haiti and all those who suffer after natural disasters. Thank you for your continued assistance.



# re:gen Digital Media

**re:gen** is a vibrant missionary community of Catholic young adults dedicated to evangelizing the culture in the Archdiocese of Toronto and beyond.

Established in 2015, **re:gen** consists of 3 ministries: *Chastity*, *Campus*, and *Digital Media*. All three share the mission of sharing the faith, teaching **St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body**, and help youth understand the Catholic view on love, sexuality, and chastity.

We are looking for people who are open to listening about our mission, with no obligation to support, so we can share more about our mission and vision to others. With the generosity and support of the people, we have been able to reach the hearts of thousands of youth. And with Digital Media being our brand new ministry, we hope to reach out to more people online and bring the important values of understanding love, sexuality, and chastity to even more hearts.

Interested in learning more? Interested in supporting the mission?

Please contact **Judel Villardo** if you wish to learn more about re:gen and his mission and vision as a Digital Media Missionary for the upcoming year.

He would love to speak with you!

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## Church Etiquette

With warm Summer days already here, it's a good time to revisit practical guidelines for how families should prepare to dress for Mass. The following are current guidelines for Church attire, from the Vatican website.

### MEN:

Men should wear long pants. Short sleeved shirts or t-shirts are OK, but not just vest tops. Jeans are OK.

(As summers can be very hot, the Vatican does sometimes relax rules and allows men to wear shorts.)

Men should also be aware that hats need to be removed before entering any church or Chapel.

### WOMEN:

Dresses are the norm, but women may wear trousers. Capri pants and skirts are permitted; however, they cannot be shorter than knee length and shoulders must be covered.

In hot weather a removable light shawl or scarf / pashmina can be draped around the shoulders for entering holy places.

Bare shoulders and short skirts are not permitted. Come prepared to cover up if wearing shorts - bring a light wrap-around dress.

### Accepted

*Men:* Long pants, and at least short-sleeved shirts.

*Women:* Knees covered, and at least short-sleeved shirts/blouses.

### Rejected

Shorts, T-shirts without sleeves, short skirts, baseball caps inside the Church.

## Prayer for the Unborn

*Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of (baby's name), the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.*

(Prayer of **Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen**; Say this every day for 9 months to save a baby's life!)



## Spiritual Reflection

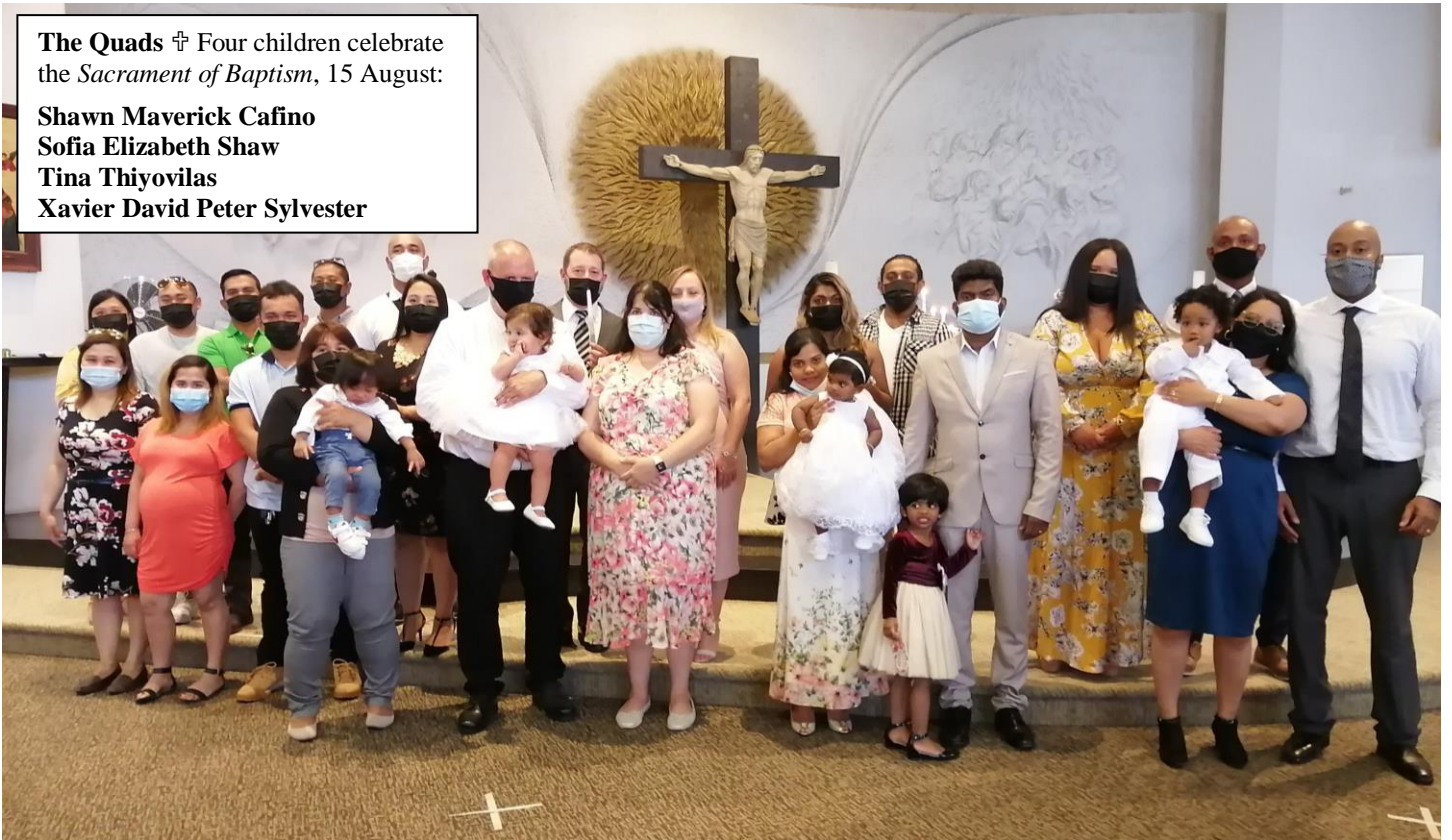
“The more I contemplate God, the more God looks on me. The more I pray to Him, the more He thinks of me too.”

— *St. Bernard of Clairvaux*





**Manny and Luvis Gonzalez** and family celebrate the blessing of their new home on Saugeen Crescent.



**The Quads** † Four children celebrate the *Sacrament of Baptism*, 15 August:  
**Shawn Maverick Cafino**  
**Sofia Elizabeth Shaw**  
**Tina Thiyovilas**  
**Xavier David Peter Sylvester**





**Carina Lukaszek** receives a hug from brother **Leo** at her *Blessing in Preparation for Baptism*, 18 August.



**Xavier Ramos** with wife and three children (and doll) receive a special *Family Blessing*, 19 August.



# Toronto *Then and Now*



**The Skyline** Above – 1935; Below – 2015





*One way fare: 640 Afghan civilians crowd inside a US cargo plane on 15 August 2021, to escape their country's fall to the Taliban. (Note infant with bottle, bottom right corner.)*

