



Carina Lukaszek with her brother Leo

Focus on the Word

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B
Deuteronomy 4.1-8; James 1.17-27; Mark 7.1-23

God of might, giver of every good gift, put into our hearts the love of your name, so that, by deepening our sense of reverence you may nurture in us what is good and, by your watchful care, keep safe what you have nurtured. Amen.

Pray for the Deceased

**Mary Flaccavento, Peter Herzog,
 Kay Irish, Giovanni Paglialunga,
 Michael Paul Stewart, Alma Peters**

The **9** victims of the mass shooting
 in **San Juan, California**



Parish Week / Sunday, 29 August 2021

Saturday, 28 Aug. / St. Augustine, bishop

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

SUNDAY, 29 AUG. / 22-B

- Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati
- 2nd 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

Monday, 30 Aug.

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Maria Senegal Gudur (Rosemary)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Angela Sivagohan (family)

Tuesday, 31 Aug.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Vladimir Tiosajvleric (Susan & Allan Felix)

Wednesday, 1 Sept.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Vladimir Tiosajvleric
 (Reotutar, Humarang families & Eric Avanzado)

Thursday, 2 Sept. / Blessed André Grasset

- 8.00 am Mass: † Barbara Pascua (Monette Betsayda & family)

Friday, 3 Sept. / St. Gregory the Great, pope & doctor

- 8.00 am Mass: † Jose Chalo Ambat (Lolita)
- 6.00 pm Holy Hour
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Souls in Purgatory (Audrey Caza)

Saturday, 4 Sept. / Blessed Dina Belanger

- 8.00 am Mass: † Paul Vaz (Elizabeth)
- 1.00 pm Wedding: Kevin Santos & Julianne Clavesillas
- 5.00 pm Mass: † Gabriel & Francis Andreas
 (Gracias Andreas & family)

SUNDAY, 5 SEPT. / 23-B

- Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo

- 9.00 am Mass: † Lydia Marquez (family)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Theresa & Joseph Jesudas (Mary Joseph)
- 12.00 pm Mass: Int. Charity Urbis (Vinah)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

re:generation

Thanks to **Judel Villardo** for his presentation on **re:gen** at our Masses on 21/22 August. Established in 2015, **re:gen** consists of 3 ministries: *Chastity*, *Campus*, and *Digital Media*. They advance the mission of sharing the faith, teaching **St. John Paul II's** *Theology of the Body*, and helping youth understand the Catholic view on love, sexuality, and chastity.

Interested in learning more? Interested in supporting the mission? Please contact **Judel** 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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COMING UP

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- 6 Sept. Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
- 19 Sept. 2nd Collection: **Bishops**;
 - Infant Baptism (1.30 pm)
- 26 Sept. 2nd Collection: **Maintenance**
- 3 Oct. 2nd Collection: **ShareLife, Second Appeal**
- 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. 2nd Collection: **World Mission**
- 24 Oct. 2nd Collection: **Maintenance**
- 29 Oct. Wedding: Turner – Fortuno
- 31 Oct. 2nd Collection: **ShareLife, Third Appeal**
- 1 Nov. **All Saints Day**;
 - Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
- 6 Nov. Wedding: Bevilacqua – Keats (1:00 pm)
- 7 Nov. Infant Baptism (1.30 pm)

Website 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.

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. 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, and be sure to including the **names** of those wanting to participate, and a **telephone number** to allow for quick contact.

1st Communion, Confirmation

Students who will be starting Grades 3 and 8 in September, and who should have received their 1st 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 OUR LADY OF FATIMA BANNER

Our Parish extends its thanks to **Lynette** and **Allwyn D'Silva**, for their gift of a beautiful banner honouring Our Lady of Fatima. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

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;

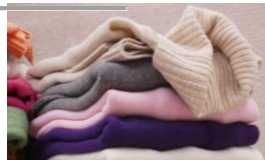
Wednesday, from 12 noon to 2.00 pm;

Friday, from 12 noon to 2.00 pm.

BUNDLE UP Sunday 19 Sept.

On the weekend of 18/19 September, the *Society of St. Vincent de Paul* 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. By joining this effort, you ease the burdens of those in our community who are struggling to make ends meet.

Parishioners are reminded that the *Bundle Up* Sunday is primarily a CLOTHING drive. The St. Vincent de Paul Society will also accept donations of SHOES. However, the Society *does not accept* the following items: Books, dishes, furniture and video cassettes.



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



The Doorway - Wedding of Reggie & Malinda Andreas, 1 August 2020.



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.

St. Maria Goretti

In St. Maria Goretti Parish, we continue to seek the intercession of our dear Patroness throughout the year. Families are encouraged to include the Prayer to St. Maria Goretti in their daily spiritual exercises, and to ask for her powerful aid in our common struggle against the forces of evil in our daily lives.



Prayer to St. Maria Goretti

O Saint Maria Goretti, who, strengthened by God's Grace, did not hesitate, even at the age of twelve, to shed your blood and sacrifice life to defend your virginal purity, deign to look graciously on the unhappy human race, which has strayed far from the path of eternal salvation.

Teach us all, and especially modern youth, with what courage and haste we should flee anything that could offend Jesus and defile our souls with sin. Obtain for us from God great horror of sin so that, keeping our souls undefiled, we may live holy lives on earth and win eternal glory in heaven. Amen.

Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to you do I come; before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer me. Amen.



Haiti Disaster Relief

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 2,200 people are dead, 14,000 are injured and 50,000 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.



RCIC youth & parents gather after their meeting on 7 August 2021.



The family of Delicia and Mervyn Rajapakse and Alex Abeyesekera at their Memorial Mass, 14 August 2021.



Anwyll Sean Munoz Turla at his Baptism on 22 Aug. 2021.



Scarborough Fatima Group members at the *Jerusalem* Restaurant, 12 August 2021.



Renzel Nate Capricho Hontucan
at his Baptism on 21 August 2021.



William Villanueva, David Operario and Apollo Bosompem at their *Blessing in Preparation for Baptism*, 11 August 2021.

Let the Earth Breathe



Above: Electric Blue Gecko
Below: Baby Porcupine

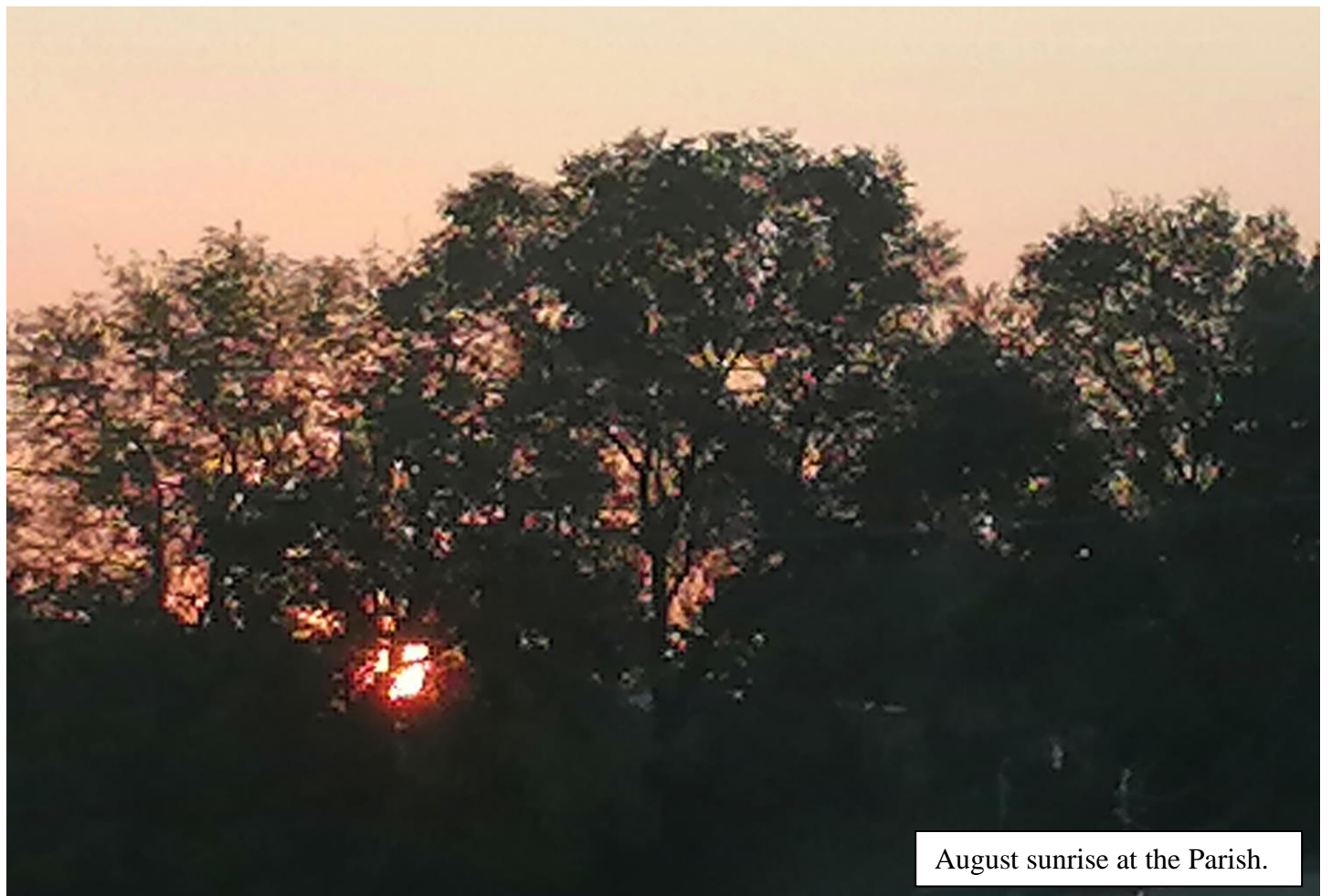


Above: Rose bush beside ramp, in August 2020.
Below: Same bush, in August 2021.





Peacock feathers.



August sunrise at the Parish.