

Focus on the Word

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Deuteronomy 4.1-8; James 1.17-27; Mark 7.1-23

Look upon us, O God, Creator and ruler of all things, and, that we may feel the working of your mercy, grant that we may serve you with all our heart. Amen.

Pray for the Deceased

Alma Marie Harrison

Pietro Maiorano

Orlandino Peñafiel

The 5 victims of the construction crane collapse in Kelowna, British Columbia



Prayer for Students

by St. Thomas Aquinas

Come, Holy Spirit, Divine Creator, true source of light and fountain of wisdom! Pour forth your brilliance upon my dense intellect, dissipate the darkness which covers me, that of sin and of ignorance. Grant me a penetrating mind to understand, a retentive memory, method and ease in learning, the lucidity to comprehend, and abundant grace in expressing myself. Guide the beginning of my work, direct its progress, and bring it to successful completion. Through Jesus Christ, true God and true man, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, forever and ever. Amen.



Parish Week / Sunday, 12 Sept. 2021

Saturday, 11 Sept.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Cyril Fernandes
(Teo, Antoinette, Cindy, Terence, Roma & family)
10.00 am Funeral Mass – Barbara Christiansen
5.00 pm Mass: Int. Birth of Sheila Diaz (Bill Fatsis)

SUNDAY, 12 SEPT. / 24-B

- Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati
- Fr. Richard Veltri: death Anniversary (2011)

- 9.00 am Mass: † Angela Sivayogan (Mathy A.)
10.30 am Mass: † Rosario Rebello (family)
12.00 pm Mass: † Michael D'Mello (Esme)
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday, 13 Sept. / St. John Chrysotom, bishop & doctor

- 8.00 am Mass: † Tito Gonzales (Gina Merin-Arroyo & family)
7.00 pm Mass: † Sophie Manalo
(Lillian & St. Maria Goretti CWL Council)

Tuesday, 14 Sept. / Exaltation of the Cross

- 8.00 am Mass: † Maxima San Juan (Thelma Collins)

Wednesday, 15 Sept. / Our Lady of Sorrows

- 8.00 am Mass: † Abella Deangkinay (family)

Thurs., 16 Sept. / Ss. Cornelius, pope & Cyprian, bishop

- 8.00 am Mass: † Rosalina Solatre (Vinah)

Friday, 17 Sept. / St. Robert Bellamine, bishop & doctor

- 8.00 am Mass: † Dolores Solatre (Vinah)
8.50 am St. Joan of Arc High School Mass

Saturday, 18 Sept.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Eardley Hall (Preethi Benedict)
5.00 pm Mass: † Simon & Mary Fernandes (Linda & family)

SUNDAY, 19 SEPT. / 25-B

- Homilist: Fr. Eldwin Galea
- 2nd Collection: Needs of the Church in Canada

- 9.00 am Mass: † Angela Sinclair (parents)
10.30 am Mass: † Mervyn & Delicia Rajapakse (CWL sisters)
12.00 pm Mass: In Honor of Our Lady of Peñafrancia
(Gina Arroyo)
1.30 pm Infant Baptism
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

COMING UP

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26 Sept.	2 nd Collection: <i>Maintenance</i>
3 Oct.	2 nd Collection: <i>ShareLife</i>
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: <i>World Mission</i>
24 Oct.	2 nd Collection: <i>Maintenance</i>
29 Oct.	Wedding: Turner – Fortuno
31 Oct.	3 rd Collection: <i>ShareLife</i>
1 Nov.	Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
6 Nov.	Wedding: Bevilacqua – Keats (1:00 pm)
7 Nov.	Infant Baptism (1.30 pm)
14 Nov.	2 nd Collection: Shepherds' Trust
28 Nov.	2 nd Collection: <i>Maintenance</i>
5 Dec.	Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
12 Dec.	Infant Baptism (1.30 pm)
25 Dec.	2 nd Collection: <i>Christmas</i>
26 Dec.	2 nd Collection: <i>Maintenance</i>

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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 meeting is on 17 September. The RCIC meets on Saturday mornings; their next meeting is on 18 September.

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 17 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.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Commemoration on Sunday, 26 Sept. 12:30 to 2 pm, Native Peoples' Mission (held at St. Ann Parish), 711 Gerrard St. East.



Join the Native Peoples' Mission (NPM) community in a day of reflection, solidarity and commemoration of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, a new federal statutory holiday being observed on September 30. John Robinson, an Ojibway elder, will do a purification ceremony.

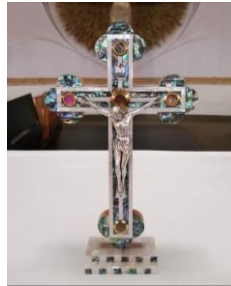
Sr. Petite Lao, RNDM, an NPM volunteer and Filipina researcher, will share her reflections on the "Filipino Catholics and the Challenges of the Truth and Reconciliation Process in Canada."

Contact: Sr. Petite Lao, RNDM: petite.lao@utoronto.ca

A Special Gift

MOTHER OF PEARL ALTAR CROSS

Our Parish extends its thanks to **Ibrahim** and **Najwah Morcos** for their gift of to our Church of the lovely *mother of pearl* Altar Cross that was used in our Masses throughout the month of August. Your kind gift was greatly appreciated.



1st Communion, Confirmation

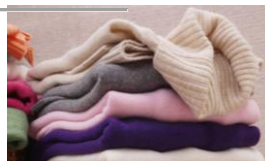
Students *who will be starting Grades 3 and 8*, who should have received their Sacraments this past Easter Season, will be provided their appropriate Liturgies after School resumes in September.

The Parish 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.

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.



Upcoming Weddings

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

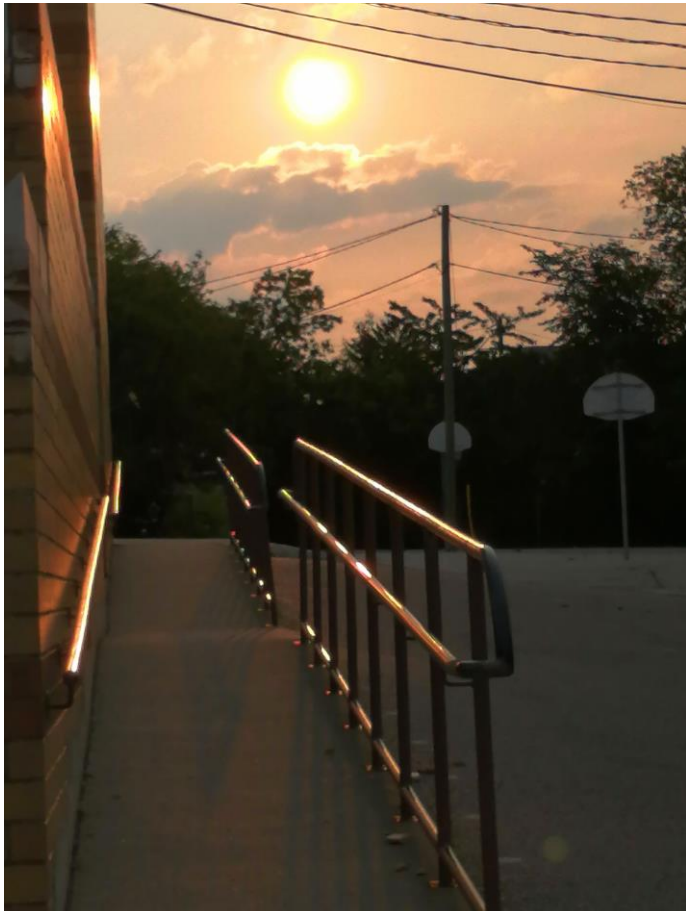
6 November 2021, St. Maria Goretti Church



Christa and Charles Mariathas (with daughter Vianney) celebrate their 25th Wedding Anniversary, 24 August 2021.

The School Year

Number of School Days	194
Professional Activity Days	7
Exam Days (<i>Secondary Only</i>)	10
First 3 Days of the School Year (<i>Staff Only</i>)	Sept. 2, 7, 8, 2021
Labour Day	Sept. 6, 2021
1 st Day of Class for Students	Sept. 9, 2021
Thanksgiving Day	Oct. 11, 2021
Christmas Break	Dec. 20 – 31, 2021
Family Day	Feb. 21, 2022
Mid-Winter Break	March 14-18, 2022
Good Friday	April 15, 2022
Easter Monday	April 18, 2022
Victoria Day	May 23, 2022
Last Day of Exams for Secondary Students	June 28, 2022
Last Day of Classes for Elementary Students	June 30, 2022
Last Day of School Year	June 30, 2022



The Federal Election: 20 Sept.

St. Maria Goretti Parish is situated over two federal ridings.

1. Scarborough Centre



Candidates

NDP: **Faiz Kamal**

National Citizens Alliance of Canada:

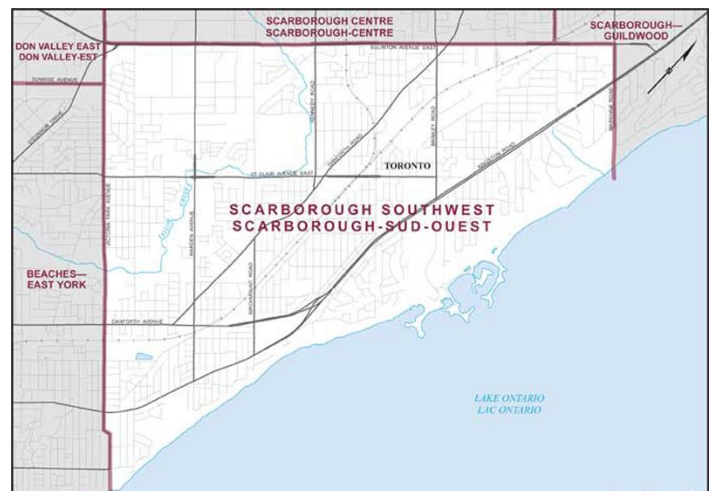
Aylwin T Mathew

Conservative Party: **Malcolm Ponnayan**

People's Party of Canada: **Petru Rozoveanu**

Liberal Party: **Salma Zahid** (incumbent)

2. Scarborough Southwest



Candidates

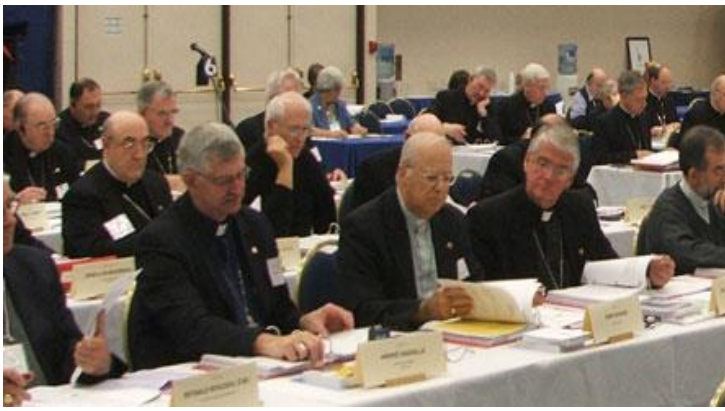
Liberal Party: **Bill Blair** (incumbent)

Conservative Party: **Mohsin Bhuiyan**

Green Party: **Amanda Cain**

NDP: **Guled Arale**

People's Party of Canada: **Ramona Pache**



2nd Collection - 19 Sept.: Bishops' Collection for the needs of the Church in Canada

The 2nd collection on Sunday, 19 September, will be for the *Bishops' Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada*.

Every year, the Bishops of Canada appeal for financial assistance to support their work through the Collection for the *Needs of the Church in Canada*. Through the work of its members, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCC) is involved in national and international areas of pastoral activity, including social justice, ecumenical and interfaith relations, collaboration with Aboriginal Peoples, life and family issues, liturgy, catechesis doctrine and relations with Catholic associations and movements.

The CCCC also provides the Bishops a forum to share their experiences, insights and reflections on the major events and issues that shape the Church and modern society. It also works with the Eastern Catholic rites, such as the Byzantines and Syrians, to address needs within their communities.

The Gospel and the Election

The next Federal Election will take place on 20 September. In a homily prepared for Sunday, 5 September, the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, **Fr. Michael McGourty** of St. Peter Parish, Toronto, delivered a homily in which he emphasized the need of Catholics to vote with an informed conscience. He concluded with the following words;

When we were baptized we heard a beautiful prayer:
*"The Lord Jesus made the deaf hear and the mute speak,
 may he soon touch your ears to receive His word and your
 mouth to proclaim His word, to the praise and glory of
 God the Father."*

That prayer points to the responsibility that we have during an election to listen with ears of faith and to speak our vote with that same faith. May each one of us do this through our faith in Christ.

May God bless Canada!

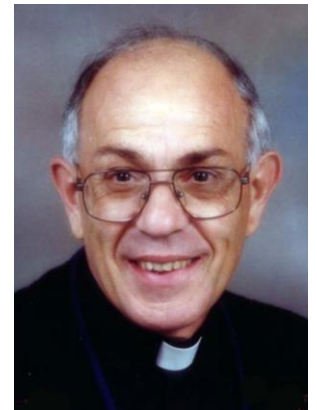
Pope Francis in Hungary, 12 September 2021



Fr. Richard Veltri

16 October 1934
 – 12 September 2011

This week, St. Maria Goretti parishioners remember our dear friend, **Fr. Richard Veltri**. Born on 16 October 1934 in Port Arthur, Ontario, he initially became a teacher. While teaching in the Bahamas he met Scarborough Foreign Missions working there, and decided to join the Scarborough Missions. After ordination on 5 August 1967, he was assigned to Scarborough's mission in Japan, doing parish ministry and a BA at Tokyo's Sophia University. He returned to Canada in 1974, and served in the Society's Mission Information Department, and as Secretary General to the Council. From the 1980's to the 1990's, he served the people of St. Maria Goretti Parish, as well as helping out in other parishes. In the early 1990's he received his Licentiate in Canon Law at St. Paul University, Ottawa, and served on the Marriage Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Toronto as well as doing similar work, occasionally, for the diocese of Thunder Bay. His funeral Mass was celebrated at the Scarborough Foreign Missions, and he was interred next door at Our Lady Queen of the Clergy cemetery. May he rest in peace.





Wild weather: An ominous sky looms to the Northwest of the Church at 7 pm on Tuesday, 7 September. A strong storm swept through Toronto later that evening.



Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.



The RCIC youth and their parents gather in front of the Church after their meeting on 4 September, shortly before the Baptism of their friends **Piper and Leo McCuaig-Steele** on 12 September.



Various photos of our Church from the archives, including an image below of the original structure built on our site in 1959.





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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 9:00 am, 10:30 am
12:00 noon

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm
& after evening mass

