



Parish Week / Sunday, 7 Nov. 2021

Saturday, 6 Nov.

- 8.00 am Mass: † John D' Mello (Loretta)
- 11.00 am Wedding: Anath Mariathas & Darlene Pabiton
- 1.00 pm Wedding: Vittorio Bevilacqua & Sara Keats
- 5.00 pm Mass: † Gabriel & Francis Andreas (Charles)

SUNDAY, 7 NOV. / 32 - B

■ Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo

- 9.00 am Mass: † Vincenzo Grande (family)
- 10.30 am Mass: Int. Malini Wijesinga & Mary Weerasinghe (friends)
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Lydia Marquez (family)
- 1.30 pm Infant Baptisms
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday, 8 Nov.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Moises Sr. & Jr. ,Diosdada, Cecilia, Elisa (Virginia Tabat)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Gary Faulkner (Mary)

Tuesday, 9 Nov. / Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

- 8.00 am Mass: † Leonardo Fajardo Jr. (Fatima Coordinators)
- 6.00 pm St. Maria Goretti School 1st Communion Mass, #1
- 7.00 pm Mass: Int. Noel, Naomi (Jomi & Priya)

Wednesday, 10 Nov. / St. Leo the Great, pope & doctor

- 8.00 am Mass: † Felisa Legaspi Tan (Ur Buyer)
- 6.00 pm St. Maria Goretti School 1st Communion Mass, #2
- 7.00 pm Mass: Int. Malayika Niyonizeye (family)

Thursday, 11 Nov. / St. Martin of Tours, bishop

■ Remembrance Day

- 8.00 am Mass: † Luisito Santacruz (family)
- 6.00 pm St. Maria Goretti School 1st Communion Mass, #3
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Wenceslao Gusi Virtucio Jr. (family)
- *Knights of Columbus to lay Memorial Wreath*

Friday, 12 Nov. / St. Josaphat, bishop & martyr

- 8.00 am Mass: † Cesar Filart Jr. (family)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Bella Arcangel (Jolly Tupas)

Saturday, 13 Nov.

- 8.00 am Mass: † All Souls in Purgatory (Mercedes)
- 12.30 pm RCIA Initiation Mass
- 2.30 pm St. Maria Goretti School 1st Communion Mass, #4
- 5.00 pm Mass: Int. Shoba Ryan (friends)

SUNDAY, 14 NOV. / 33 - B

■ Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea

■ 2nd Collection: Shepherds' Trust

- 9.00 am Mass: † Olga & John Pereira (family)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Frank & Joan DeVerno (Pamela)
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Michael D' Mello (Esme)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Focus on the Word

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B 1 Kings 17.10-16; Hebrews 9.24-28; Mark 12.38-44

Almighty and merciful God, graciously keep from us all adversity, so that, unhindered in mind and body alike, we may pursue in freedom of heart the things that are yours. Amen.

Pray for the Deceased

Milagros Chu

The **45 victims** of the recent flood in **Kerala, India**



November Masses

During the month of November, the month of the *Holy Souls*, in addition to our regular weekday 8.00 am morning Mass, there will be an evening Mass: Monday to Friday at 7.00 pm.

Remembrance Day Mass & Wreath Laying Ceremony

At the 7.00 pm Mass on Thursday, 11 November, the *St. Michael the Archangel Assembly* of the **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** will present and lay a Memorial Wreath at the start of Mass.

Fall Time Change 7 November

"SPRING AHEAD, FALL BACK." Parishioners are reminded that next weekend is the *Fall Time Change*. Eastern Standard Time resumes (and Daylight Savings Time ends) at 2.00 am on Sunday, 7 November. Make sure to update your clocks and watches.



COMING UP

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- 28 Nov. **1st Sunday of Advent;**
- 2nd Collection: Maintenance;
- 29 Nov. **Fr. Edwin:** Ordination Anniversary (1980)
- 5 Dec. Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
- 8 Dec. **Solemn Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary;**
- Advent Day of Confessions
- 12 Dec. Infant Baptism (1.30 pm)
- 19 Dec. **4th Sunday of Advent**
- 22 Dec. - **Fr. Armand Joseph Desaulniers:** death anniversary (1988)
- 24 Dec. **Christmas Eve Masses** begin at 7.00 pm
- 25 Dec. Christmas: Feast of the **Nativity of Our Lord**
2nd Collection: *Christmas*
- 26 Dec. Feast of the **Holy Family;**
2nd Collection: *Maintenance*

2022

- 1 Jan. The Solemn Feast of **Mary, Mother of God**

Website stmariagoretti.archtoronto.org

We are celebrating our Masses with 2-pew spacing, and all must wear a face mask. It is not mandatory to sanitize hands, but it is recommended and available for those who wish.

Ministry Sunday 2021

Many thanks to the Parishioners who submitted their names on our Annual *Ministry Sunday* on 31 October.

Parish Ministries welcome candidates to participate and serve. Currently, our parish Volunteer Screening Committee is reviewing the list of candidates, to make sure they are registered in our parish, etc. Then, the Ministry Facilitators will be contacting you to arrange the follow-up so you can begin the orientation process to share your talents in our parish family of faith and service.

If any Parishioners missed submitting their names last week, the **Sign Up** lists will be available this Sunday also, 6/7 November.



ADVENT PREPARATIONS

Christmas Flowers

Parishioners are invited to sponsor this year's display of CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS in our Sanctuary. Donation envelopes are at the Office window.



If you wish to *dedicate* your flowers, please fill out the "Christmas Flower" form in the donation envelope. Dedications will be accepted until noon on Monday, 20 December.

The forms are intended to remember *one person* for each pot donated. If you wish to honour more than one person, you may submit the name of a pair who share a common family name; or, for many persons, "For the members of the _____ Family."

Sacramental Preparation Moving forward

We are now resuming our celebrations of 1st HOLY COMMUNION and CONFIRMATION, which are extremely important events in the lives of our Youth.

The families of Candidates in our schools who have prepared to receive these Sacraments will be given direction so they can move ahead. Keep referring to the **website bulletin** for more details.

The *St. Maria Goretti School* 1st Communions will be held:

Tuesday	9 November	6.00 pm
Wednesday	10 November	6.00 pm
Thursday	11 November	6.00 pm
Saturday	13 November	2.30 pm
Tuesday	16 November	6.00 pm



As soon as this schedule is completed, we will proceed to take care of all the **Confirmation** candidates.

The *RCIC Youth* will next meet at 10 am on 6 and 20 November.

Saturday Class

Madame **Beatriz Yamal** will begin preparation for the Sacraments of *Reconciliation* and *1st Holy Communion* for those students not in our Parish schools. To register, call: **Fr. Elias**, 416-261-0076.

RCIA, RCIC

Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults & Children



The RCIA meets on Friday evenings at 7.30 pm; their next meetings are: 6 & 19 November. The RCIC meets Saturday mornings; their next meetings are on 6 & 20 November.

A Special Gift CATHOLIC YOUTH BIBLE

Our Parish extends its thanks to **Maryanne Gomes**, for her kind donation of a **Catholic Youth Bible** to our Church. It will be used in the instructions in our RCIC process. Your gift is appreciated.

Advent Wreath Lighters

Would you like to be an Advent Wreath candle lighter? This is a wonderful way to involve your family in the spirit of this wonderful season, and assist your fellow parishioners in our common worship and praise of the Father. See the sign-up list on the Vestibule bulletin board.



Upcoming Weddings

Ananth Mariathas and Darlene Pabitou
6 November 2021

Vittorio Bevilacqua and Sara Keats
6 November 2021

Jefferson and Richein
22 April 2022

Abe Sena and Jan Wage
16 July 2022



Alfred Kattan and Julianna Valente at their Wedding, 25 Sept. 2021

We Remember our Instructions for First Holy Communion

WE GATHER FOR THE MASS

We are a Family

When we come to Mass, we join Catholics all over the world in worship. We sing, we make gestures, we stand and kneel.

We pray the same prayers in many different languages. We ask God to take care of the poor and the suffering. We gather in memory of Jesus. We are blessed to be called to the Lord's Table!

We Share Greetings

When you enter the Church, the Priest and Greeters say *hello* to you to make you feel welcome. People greet one another as they gather. You should greet those around you before Mass begins.

At the beginning of Mass, the Priest greets everyone, saying:

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.**

Everyone answers: *And with your spirit.*

Priest: *“Let us call to mind our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.”*

DID YOU KNOW?

You are invited to say the Mass prayers in a loud, clear voice.

The Mass has been the most important prayer of Christians for over two thousand years.

It is a custom in the Church for the priest to wear special garments called *vestments* at Mass.

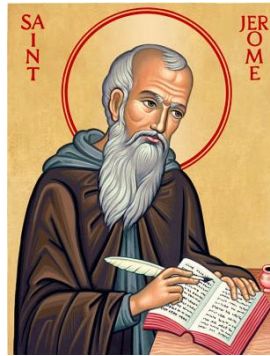
During Mass, when the Priest says, “The Lord be with you,”

what do you answer?

Answer: *And with your spirit.*

WE SHARE GOD'S WORD

At Mass, a person called a LECTOR or READER proclaims words from the Bible. The Bible is a very special book that tells about God's great love for us. It also tells about people who lived long ago and who had great faith in God. When we read or hear stories from the Bible, we are learning the history of Jesus. This history becomes *our story* because we are the followers of Jesus.



The Bible

✠ Old Testament

The Pentateuch

Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy

Historical books

Joshua, Judges, Ruth,

1 & 2 Samuel, 1 & 2 Kings, 1 & 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Tobit, Judith, Esther, 1 & 2 Maccabees

Wisdom books

Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, Wisdom, Sirach

Prophetic books

Major - Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel

Minor - Lamentations, Baruch, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi

✠ New Testament

The Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John

Historical book: Acts

Pauline Epistles:

Romans, 1 & 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 & 2 Thessalonians, 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, Hebrews

General Epistles:

James, 1 & 2 Peter, 1, 2 & 3 John, Jude

The Book of Revelation

For God so love the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish, but may have eternal life. [*John 3.16*]

We Remember our Instructions for First Holy Communion

THE MASS IS A SPECIAL GIFT

Jesus gives us His own Body and Blood at the Last Supper

The Gospel of Luke, Chapter 22

¹ Now the festival of Unleavened Bread, called the *Passover*, was near. ² The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to put Jesus to death, for they were afraid of the people.

⁷ Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover Lamb had to be sacrificed.

¹⁴ When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. ¹⁵ He said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; ¹⁶ for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.”

¹⁷ Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, “Take this and divide it among yourselves; ¹⁸ for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” ¹⁹ Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying,

“This is my body, which is given for you.
Do this in memory of me.”

²⁰ And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.”

TEN COMMANDMENTS

NEW TESTAMENT

Keep holy

the Lord’s Day.

“Do this in

memory of me.”



GUIDELINES FOR RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

For Catholics

Catholics fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when they receive Holy Communion in fulfillment of Christ’s command to eat his body and drink his blood. To be properly disposed to receive his Communion, communicants are expected to:

- be free of grave sin;*
- fast for an hour prior to Mass;*
- strive to live in charity and love with their neighbours.*

Persons conscious of grave sin must first be reconciled with God and the Church through the Sacrament of Penance, which Jesus gave to the Church as a way in which we can respond to our call to conversion and repentance.

A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all, since it strengthens us in our journey with our brothers and sisters in faith.

For Catechumens

Those who are preparing to become members of the Church may attend Mass with other members of the *Catechumenate* group. At any Mass when there is a formal gathering of Catechumens, they are dismissed after the homily, and they continue their prayer separately from the believing assembly.

If Catechumens attend a Mass at without a dismissal, they may approach the altar at Communion, and seek a blessing by crossing their hands over their heart, and saying, “A Blessing, Father,” or, “A Blessing please.”

Revised Pandemic protocol

Moving forward

On 2 November 2021, the Archdiocese of Toronto issued updated guidelines for the management of the pandemic at our Parishes. The revisions provide a significant return to a more normal celebration of Mass.

Some notes

The vaccination of clergy, staff and volunteers does not permit parishes to significantly expand their capacity. To do this would require *full vaccination of all attendees*. At this time, the Archdiocese of Toronto does not require vaccination for those attending spiritual services.

All parishes who were offering seating in every *third* row may now shift to every *second* row.

Based on advice from our health and safety experts, parishes can resume congregational singing.

Choirs and cantors must keep their 3-meter physical distancing from anyone else in the Church (or they could wear a mask while singing.)

The entrance *Procession* and closing *Recession* may resume, as long as those involved are distanced and wearing a mask. Note: No *Offertory* procession yet.

Contact tracing remains a best practice. The self-sign-in approach minimizes the need for additional volunteers.

Communion to the home-bound may be offered. Clergy or Volunteers doing so must be vaccinated or complete a rapid-antigen test.

School Masses and Sacramental instruction for schools may proceed, in consultation with the school principal.

Meetings

Meetings in halls or classrooms are permitted, as long as attendance does not exceed 50% of capacity.

Meals at parish meetings should be limited. Prepared individual bags are preferred as opposed to large buffets or self-serve stations. Masks may be removed while eating but should be worn at all other times.

Our understanding of the provincial guidelines is that those attending religious services or participating in parish ministries (*with the exception of volunteers*) do not need to be vaccinated. Examples of such activities would be Sacramental preparation, Volunteer training, Youth Ministry meetings, etc. Volunteers for these parish ministries are asked to be fully vaccinated or provide weekly rapid test results. Participants do not require vaccination.



Book of Remembrance

During November, the month of the *Holy Souls*, we will remember all the faithful departed of our families at our daily Masses. Parishioners may submit the names of deceased family members for use in our November *Book of Remembrance*, in front of the pulpit.

Due to the pandemic, we will follow the procedure created last year by the Parish Re-opening Committee. Parishioners may submit names via email. The email address created by the Committee for the November book is: mariagorettichurch@gmail.com

In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields

Punch
Dec 8-1915

John McCreary



WEDDING: **Raphael Santiago** and **Mary Parayno**, 28 August 2021.



WEDDING: **Rhea Fortuno** and **Kevin Turner**, 29 October 2021.



WEDDING: **Julianna Valente** and **Alfred Kattan**, 25 September 2021.





WEDDING: **Madona Alphonse** and **his wife**, 6 June 2021, Sri Lanka.