

## Parish Week / Sunday, 19 Dec. 2021

### Saturday, 18 Dec.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Henry Carta (family)  
11.30 am Mass: RCIC Baptism  
5.00 pm Mass: † Delia Olayon (Glenn & Gina Arroyo)

### SUNDAY, 19 DEC. / Advent 4-C

■ *Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Alma Marie Harrison (Evelyn Walsh)  
10.30 am Mass: † Mervyn & Delicia Rajapakse (D'Souza family)  
12.00 pm Mass: † Eleanor Alex Alexandris (friends & family)  
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

### Monday, 20 Dec.

- 8.00 am Mass: † All Souls (Valerie Adatia)  
7.00 pm Mass: † Ernesto & Lydia Rodas (family)

### Tuesday, 21 Dec. / St. Peter Canisius, priest & doctor

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (Valerie Adatia)  
7.00 pm Mass: Int. Lillian D'Souza (friends)

### Wednesday, 22 Dec.

■ *Fr. Armand Joseph Desaulniers: death anniversary (1988)*

- 8.00 am Mass: † Barbara Gacusana (Renee Young)  
7.00 pm Mass: † Victoria & Eduardo Guevarra (Di Michele family)

### Thursday, 23 Dec. / St. John of Kanty, priest

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving Gina & Glenn Arroyo (family)  
7.00 pm Mass: † Jey Subramaniam (family)

### Friday, 24 December

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
Linus & Theresa Crasto (D'Cunha family)

## CHRISTMAS EVE

■ *Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea (Christmas Eve & Day)*

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

- 7.00 pm Mass: † Francesco & Teresa Di Michele (family)  
9.00 pm Mass: † Mervyn & Delicia Rajapakse (Samanthi)  
11.30 pm Choir Caroling  
12.00 pm Mass: Int. Baby Lily Kim Kamath (Grandma)

## CHRISTMAS DAY

### Saturday, 25 Dec. / The Nativity of the Lord

- 9.00 am Mass: † Charles D'Silva (Lydia & family)  
10.30 am Mass: † Ernesto & Lydia Rodas (family)  
12.00 pm Mass: † Maria, Lawrence & Joseph D'Cruz (Pereira family)

### SUN., 26 DEC. / HOLY FAMILY

■ *Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo*

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

- 9.00 am Mass: † Charles D'Silva (family)  
10.30 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving to the Holy Spirit (Rebello family)  
12.00 pm Mass: Int. Victor D'Cunha (friends)  
1.30 pm Infant Baptism  
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

# The Advent Wreath

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

*At the beginning of Mass, the Priest will call a family to light the Advent Candle. At the end, the congregation prays:*

**Father, You called Mary to be the mother of Your Son, so that the world could be saved and brought to a new birth. Help us also to bring the light and peace of Christ where there is gloom and despair.**

**We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

*Today's Candle lighters are:*

- 5.00 pm **Narisa, Mary, Gina & Mabel**  
9.00 am **Carla Borgonc**  
10.30 am **Norma Kararoghlianian**  
12.00 pm **St. Vincent de Paul Society, Parish Conference**  
7.00 pm **Stephanie Coballero**

## Pray for the Deceased

**Anthony Impera  
Lawrence Machado**

**The 8 victims of the Astroworld  
concert tragedy in Houston**



## Misa de Gallo Novena 15 – 23 Dec.

The Catholic Women's League is hosting the *Misa de Gallo* novena at 6.30 pm, 15 – 23 December, prior to our 7.00 pm Mass.

The *Misa de Gallo* (Spanish for "Rooster's Mass") is celebrated at Midnight on Christmas Eve; or on the previous 9 days as a Novena.

## COMING UP

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### 2022

- 1 Jan. The Solemn Feast of **Mary, Mother of God**  
2 Jan. Feast of the **Epiphany of Our Lord**  
3 Jan. Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)  
9 Jan. Feast of the **Baptism of the Lord;**  
- Infant Baptism (1.30 pm)  
30 Jan. *2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Maintenance*  
7 Feb. Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)  
13 Feb. Infant Baptism (1.30 pm)  
27 Feb. *2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Maintenance*  
2 Mar. **Ash Wednesday**  
7 Mar. Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)  
13 Mar. Infant Baptism (1.30 pm)  
20 Mar. *2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Maintenance*  
27 Mar. - **ShareLife Collection;**  
Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)  
10 Apr. **Palm Sunday**

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

All must sign in at arrival, and wear a face mask inside the Church. Hand sanitization is recommended. For more information on Parish activities, such as the schedule of upcoming **Sacramental** celebrations, check pages 3 and following in the website bulletin.



## Sacramental Preparation

The celebration of **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION** for the Grade 3 & 8 students in our Parish Schools has been completed. This is an extremely important time in their lives.

Shortly, our Office Team will work on reviewing the information from these celebrations, and begin the work of entering them into our Sacramental Registers, and preparing the proper Certificates.

In January 2022, we will focus our attention on scheduling the Sacrament of **1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation** for all the students who made their First Communion in 2021.

We also need to complete the *Presentations* on the Sacraments for the newly-Confirmed Grade 8 youth (November–December 2021), and the students who recently made their 1<sup>st</sup> Communion in Grade 4 (April 2021) and Grade 3 (November 2021).

If there is no dramatic change in the public management of the current pandemic, the formal preparation for the Sacraments of **First Holy Communion** and **Confirmation** for the students currently in Grades 2 & 7 should start in February 2022. This would only be one month later than the traditional start time, so it is a sign that we are making progress in resuming a more normal pattern in attending to the spiritual needs of our Youth.

## RCIA, RCIC

*Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults & Children*



The RCIA meets Friday evenings at 7.30 pm; their next meeting is on 7 January 2022. The RCIC meets Saturday mornings; their next meeting is on 8 January.

During the Christmas break, both the RCIA and RCIC will attend the Sunday and Christmas Masses that comprise the key spiritual highlights of this important liturgical season. The Candidates may attend any of the Masses scheduled on the bulletin cover

*A Special Gift* FLOWERS, MARIATHAS-PABITON WEDDING  
Our Parish gratefully thanks the families of **Ananth Mariathas** and **Darlene Pabiton**, who donated the *Altar Flowers* in our Church for their Wedding on 6 November. Your kindness is sincerely appreciated.

## 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."

### Sunday Missals

The 2022 Sunday Missals are available at the Office.

### Stewardship

#### 2022 Sunday Envelopes

Parishioners are invited to pick up their 2022 *Sunday Offertory Envelopes* in the Vestibule after Mass. The envelopes are for registered parishioners only; if you are new to the neighbourhood and have not yet registered, *welcome!* Come to the Office and fill out a *registration form*.

Many thanks to all our faithful parishioners for your generous support of our wonderful parish through your weekly stewardship!

My Offering	
Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Matt. 6:21	Name: _____
	Address: _____
	Amount: _____

## Upcoming Weddings

**Jefferson and Richein / 22 April 2022**

**Abe Sena and Jan Wage / 16 July 2022**

**Michael Aliteri and Concetta Ferlenda**  
17 September 2022, St. Patrick Church, Markham



*Darlene Pabiton and Ananth Mariathas at their Wedding, 6 Nov. 2021*



Above: Baptism, 11 December.

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**Ella Galego**  
**Christopher Hayes**  
**Emma Idio**  
**Mauricio Reece**  
**Astoria Minty-Martin**  
**Jayson Rahim**

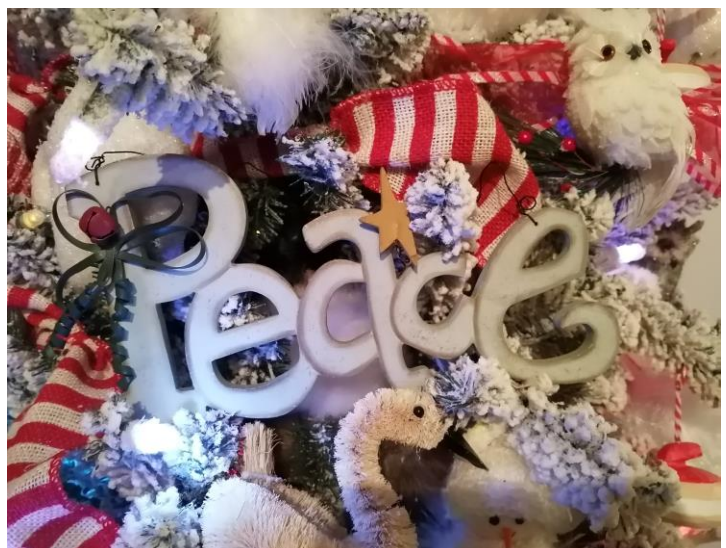
*Below:*  
Staff & Students of  
St. Maria Goretti School  
help to bring the donations  
for the Christmas Food  
Drive to the Church,  
10 December.

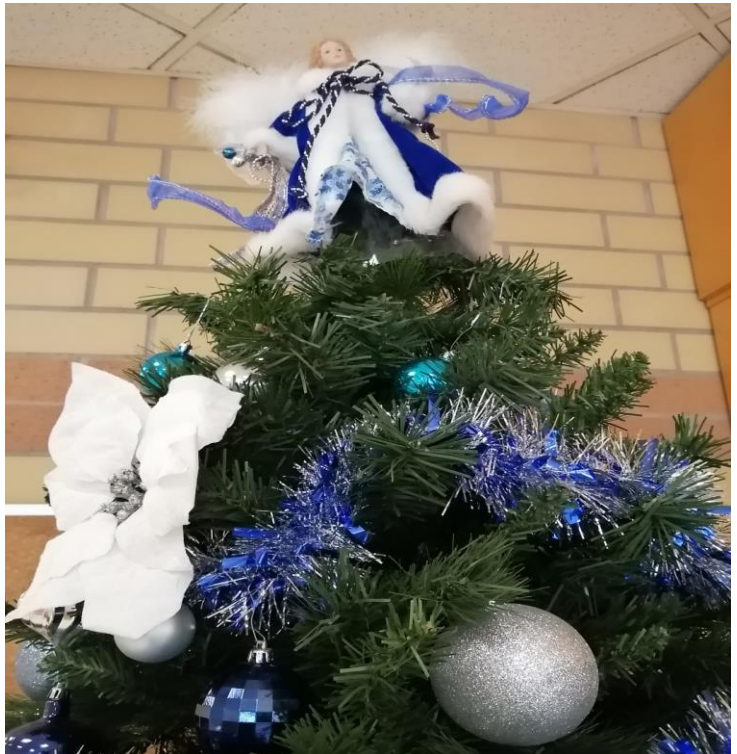


It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas.

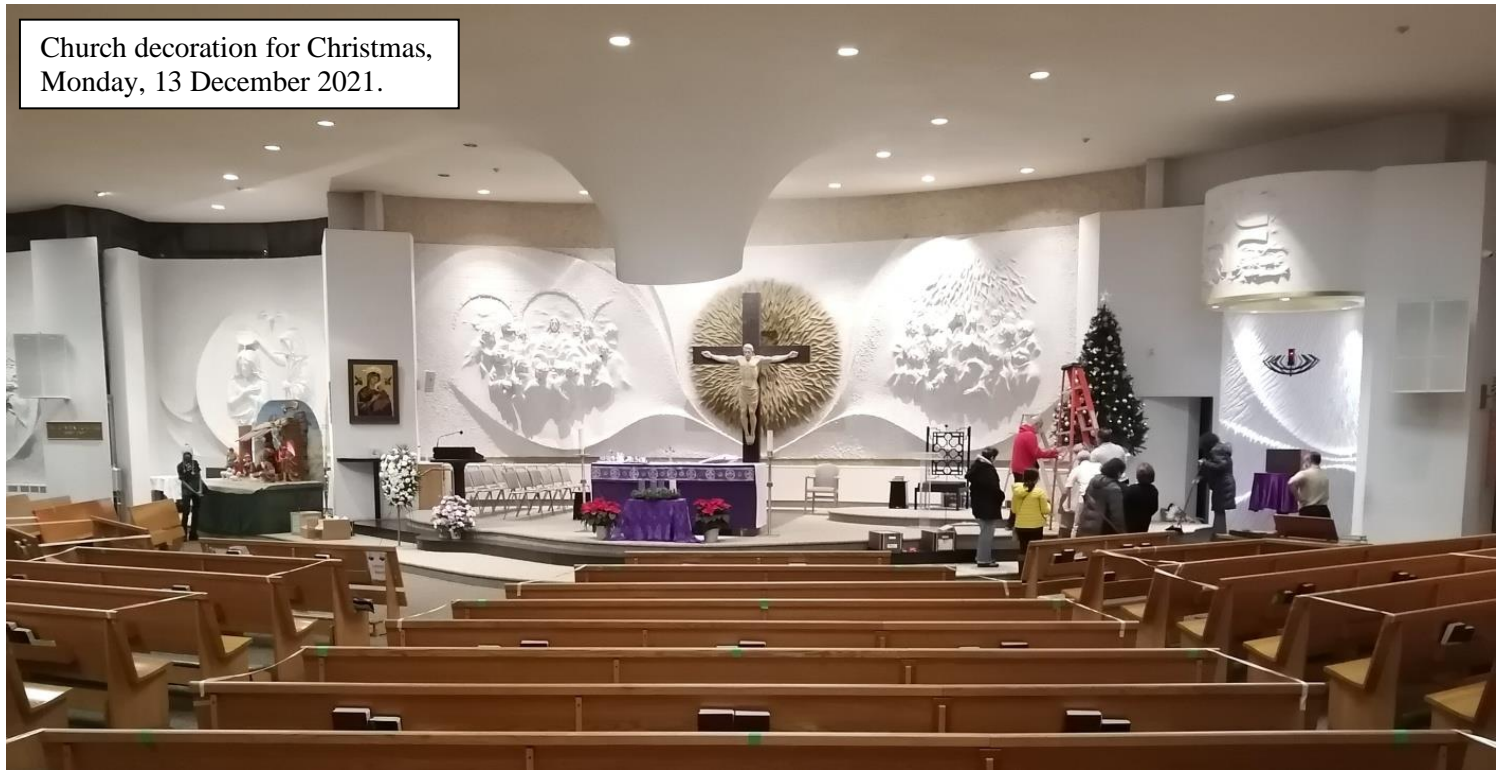


*Visiting Bethlehem in an era of social distancing.*





Church decoration for Christmas,  
Monday, 13 December 2021.







The Roman *Saturnalia* celebration. This pagan feast was displaced by **Christmas** once the persecution of the Church was lifted by Emperor Constantine in 313 AD.



The Vatican 2021 Nativity scene has a Peruvian indigenous theme.