

Parish Week / Sunday, 2 Jan. 2022

Friday, 31 December / St. Sylvester I, pope

8.00 am Mass: † Bernardo Villaron (family)

NEW YEAR EVE, 2021

- Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati (New Year Eve & Day)
- Collection: New Year

5.00 pm Mass: † All the Faithful Departed of 2021
11.00 pm Holy Hour
12.00 am Mass: Int. Eric & Rufina Pinto (Lillian)

NEW YEAR DAY, 2022

Sat., 1 Jan. / Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

9.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (Caroline)
10.30 am Mass: † Ernesto, Lydia & Justino Rodas (family)
12.00 pm Mass: † Erlinda Deleon (family)

SUNDAY, 2 JAN. / EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

- Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo

9.00 am Mass: † Ciani Orlando (Irma Pisciola & family)
10.30 am Mass: † Deceased members of Martyn Family (Jane)
12.00 pm Mass: † Cecilio Saguisag (Gina Arroyo & family)
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday, 3 Jan. / Most Holy Name of Jesus

8.00 am Mass: † George & Regina Dungan (Corine Maulion)
7.00 pm Mass: † Genoveva Vallada (Librada Rivera)
7.40 pm Infant Baptism Parent / Godparent meeting

Tuesday, 4 Jan. / St. Elizabeth Seton, religious

8.00 am Mass: † Felipe Fedejer (family)

Wednesday, 5 Jan.

8.00 am Mass: † Aloysius Bastiampillai (family)

Thursday, 6 Jan.

8.00 am Mass: † Robert Kushner (Joyce Durban)

Friday, 7 Jan. / St. André Bessette, religious

8.00 am Mass: † Frisca Yan Go (Emillio & family)
6.00 pm Holy Hour
7.00 pm Int. Thanksgiving for Cyrus Chung (Jenny Lee)

Saturday, 8 Jan. / Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

8.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving 25th Wedding Anniversary
Ramon & Josephine Seng (family)
5.00 pm Mass: † Gabriel & Francis Andreas
(Tharesh Thanarajan)

SUNDAY, 9 JAN. / BAPTISM OF THE LORD

- Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea

9.00 am Mass: † Lydia Marquez (family)
10.30 am Mass: † Indigenous children (D'Souza family)
12.00 pm Mass: † Cerelina Velasco (Helen Serneo)
1.30 pm Infant Baptism
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Focus on the Word

Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60.1-6; Ephesians 3.2-6; Matthew 2.1-12

O God, who on this day revealed your Only begotten Son the nations by the guidance of a star, grant in your mercy that we, who know you already by faith, may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory. Amen.

New Year Collections

31 December / 1 January: New Year

At our New Year's Eve and Day Masses, 31 December & 1 January, the collection taken by the Greeters during the Preparation of the Gifts will be for the *New Year Collection*.

2 January: Epiphany

At our Epiphany Day Masses, 2 January, the collection taken by the Greeters during the Preparation of the Gifts will be the *Sunday Offertory*.

Liturgy Notes

2 JANUARY: ■ Feast of the Epiphany

The Nativity Scene is complete today with the addition of the figures of the *Three Magi*. These remarkable individuals were not Jewish, but they were completely caught up with looking for Jesus. They poured over the Scriptures to find out where he would be born. To reach Bethlehem, they rode camels and traveled by the light of a star. After their epic journey, they wanted to give their gifts to the newborn King right away!



9 JANUARY: ■ Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

For this feast, we renew our *Baptism Promises*.

■ End of the liturgical Christmas Season

We remove our remaining Christmas decorations and dismantle the Nativity Scene. Parents: this is your last chance to take the annual photo of your children at the Scene in our Church.

COMING UP

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30 Jan.	2 nd Collection: Maintenance
7 Feb.	Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
13 Feb.	Infant Baptism (1.30 pm)
27 Feb.	2 nd 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 nd Collection: Maintenance
27 Mar.	ShareLife Collection
28 Mar.	Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
10 Apr.	Palm Sunday; HOLY WEEK begins

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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. Shortly, our Office Team will review 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 **1st 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 1st 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 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 New Year period, both the RCIA and RCIC will attend the 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.

Changes for our Parish Records

Please notify the Parish Office in person after Sunday morning Mass, or by phone at 416-261-0076, if you:

- Have a change of address
- Have a new phone number, e-mail, cell phone

A simple phone call would keep our parish records updated and eliminate unnecessary postage and returned mail.

A Special Gift ALTAR FLOWERS

Our Parish gratefully thanks the family of † **Gregory Thomas Dunn**, who donated the *Altar Flowers* in our Church from his funeral on 5 November. Your kindness is sincerely appreciated.

Christmas Flowers

Many thanks to all our generous Christmas Flower sponsors! Your thoughtfulness in allowing us to obtain the flowers which beautify our Church at this holy season is greatly appreciated.

The dedication list for living (IN HONOUR OF) and deceased (IN MEMORY OF) intentions, which was compiled on 24 December, is posted on the Vestibule bulletin board. Due to publication deadlines, the list will be printed in our website bulletin on 9 January.

The Monthly Devotions of the Liturgical Year

If you read the PARISH WEEK column, and follow the FOCUS ON THE WORD and LITURGY NOTES, you can keep track of the feasts and devotional seasons of the Liturgical year, and be reminded to focus your prayer on a different aspect of our faith each month.

January	HOLY NAME OF JESUS
February	HOLY FAMILY
March	ST. JOSEPH
April	BLESSED SACRAMENT
May	BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
June	SACRED HEART OF JESUS
July	PRECIOUS BLOOD
August	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
September	SEVEN SORROWS OF MARY
October	HOLY ROSARY
November	POOR SOULS IN PURGATORY
December	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Stewardship: 2021 Receipts, 2022 Envelopes

Soon, the Charitable *Tax Receipts* for all recorded donations during 2021 will be in the Vestibule, for pick up after Mass.

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.

Parishioners are invited to pick up their *2022 Sunday Offertory Envelopes* in the Office Lobby after Mass. They are for registered parishioners only; if you are new to the parish and have not yet registered, *welcome to our neighbourhood!* Go to the Office window, introduce yourself, and complete a *registration form*.

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.

BIBLE VERSE

It is God who arms me with strength and makes my way perfect. He makes my feet like the feet of a deer; he enables me to stand on heights. He trains my hands for battle; my arms can bend a bow of bronze. You give me your shield of victory, and your right hand sustains me; you stoop down to make me great. You broaden the path beneath me, so that my ankles do not turn.

Psalm 18:32-36

PRAYER

Dear God, please arm me with strength and make my way perfect. Make my feet like feet of a deer. Enable me to stand on heights. Broaden the path beneath me so that my ankles will not turn. Make me victorious this week. Amen!

(Thanks to Antoinette Benedict.)

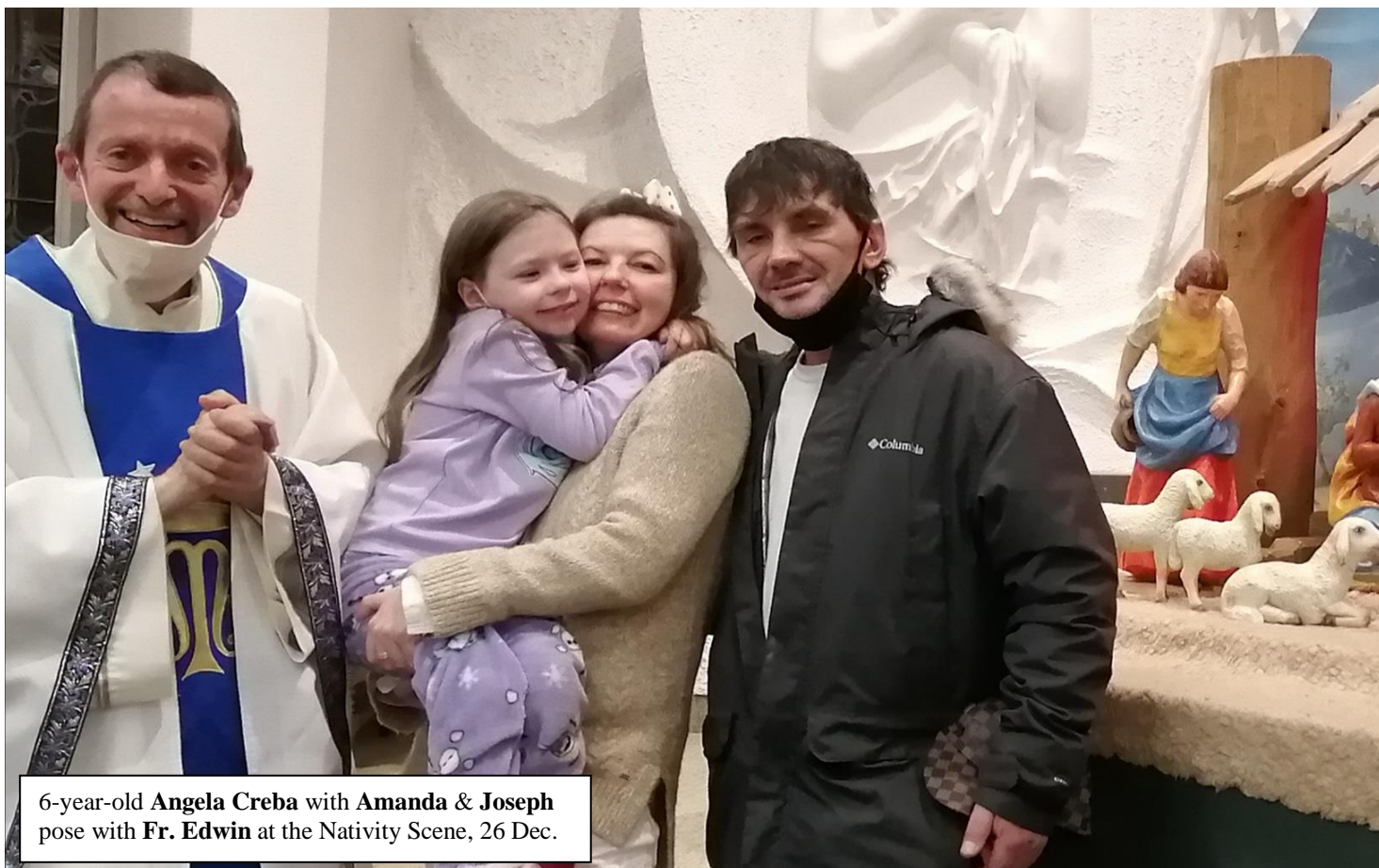


1-month old baby rescued from Typhoon Rai floodwaters in Cagayan de Oro, 18 Dec. 2021.



Statues of the Infant Jesus are blessed at the end of the *Christmas Novena*, 23 Dec. 2021.

Pope Francis converses with a South American indigenous group at St. Peter Square, Vatican City.



6-year-old **Angela Creba** with **Amanda & Joseph** pose with **Fr. Edwin** at the Nativity Scene, 26 Dec.

Mass for the Faithful Departed of 2022

At the 5 pm Mass on New Year Eve, 31 December 2022, we will pray for all the *Faithful Departed of 2022*. Those whose names were included in our Sunday intercessions (up to publication time) are noted below:

The Faithful Departed of 2022

December

(27) The 62 victims of the terrorist attacks at Kawsar educational center and Kabul University in Afghanistan

January

(3) Keze Hoxha, Eleanech Wedjo, The 8 victims of the Peshawar school bombing in Pakistan; (10) Rogelio Gatbonton, The 30 victims of the Fall windstorms in Europe; (17) Alice Revil, The 123 victims of the ethnic violence in Ethiopia; (24) Michael D'Mello, Aroon Xavier, The 10 victims of the landslide outside of Oslo, Norway; (31) Nehemiah Cartalla, Leonito Revil, Xavier Turiano, The 39 victims of the Boko Haram attack in Niger, Africa

February

(7) Fr. David Connolly, Mary Ann Samantha Flores, Maria Guadalupe, Pelayo Olvera, The 4 victims of the helicopter crash in Alberta; (14) Ed Makarow, Chryse Nadeau & Markus Kehoe the 2 victims of the camping tragedy in Northern Ontario; (22) Deacon John Cannon, Keerthi Perera, The 5 victims of the protest on Capitol Hill in Washington; (28)

Anthony D'Souza, Elizabeth Moniz, The 62 victims of the airplane crash in the Java Sea

March

(7) Fr. Benedetto Amedeo Nardone, Jose Signorelli Sr., Norma Smales, The 9 victims of the mining tragedy in Shandong Province, China; (14) Abla Chachati, Emma Carreon, The 80 victims of the February Winter Storm in Texas and throughout the US; (21) Michael De Souza, Deacon Gerry Godsoe, The 13 victims of the California highway crash near the Mexican border; (28) Fr. Donald Samuel MacLean, The 100 victims of the military base explosion in Equatorial Guinea

April

(4) Andre Balderama, Fred Eisenblaetter, Ivan Pereira, Mary Huggins, Cheryl Milo, Anthony Pallipattu, Orlando Reyes, Luis Douglas Stephens, The 8 victims of the Atlanta Spa shootings; (11) Gregorio Calimag, Carmen Manebo, Jane Cureg Cordero, The 14 victims of the bus crash in Passare, Sri Lanka; (18) Rose Arscott, Virginia Casuga, Deacon Stanley MacLellan, Prince Philip, Pastora Santos, Sierra Schaffer, The 10 victims of the mass shooting in Boulder, Colorado; (25) Fr. John Burns, Daisy D'Sa, Lenny

Mathadus John, Lucille Wood Palmer, James Robert Hutchison - the 6-year-old boy who was thrown into the Ohio River by his mother

May

(2) Sister Mary Connsolata Fok, The victims of the civil unrest in Venezuela; (9) Darryl Leach, Emily Victoria Viegas, The 36 victims of the train crash in Alexandria, Egypt; (16) Babiji Senegalgudur, The 51 victims of the train derailment in Taiwan; (23) Sophie Manalo, Rodolfo Rivera, Dora Valy, Jane Doe - killed in the unprovoked mass stabbing in North Vancouver; (30) Edilberto Gabales, The victims of the 154 natural disasters that happened in Indonesia since the New Year

June

(6) Domingo Catolos, Gabriel D'Souza, Joan Drum, The 1000 victims of the crackdown on Civil protest in Myanmar since the military coup at the beginning of February; (13) The 24 victims of the subway disaster in Tlahuac, Mexico City; (20) Fr. John Joseph Hurley, Cesar Zulueta, The 72 victims of the February flash flood in Uttarakhand State, India; (27) Mervyn Rajapakse, Melinda Contreas-Sanchez, The 53 victims of the Indonesian submarine disaster

July

(4) Fr. Benoit T. Jobin, Corazon Medrano, Alleykuty Muppathiyil, Maria Ramones Ong, Delicia Rajapakse, Herminio & Donald Reyes, Ramualda Saquilan, The 8 victims of the Avalanche in Uttarakhand State, India; (11) Richard Brugger, The 82 victims of the hospital fire in Baghdad, Iraq; (18) Lucas Gomes, The 8 victims of the mass shooting in the FedEx plant in Indianapolis; (25) Shanti Gomes, The 258 victims of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in May

August

(1) Rose Albuquerque, The 14 victims of the cable car tragedy in Italy; (8) Ramon Villareal, The 100 victims of the volcanic eruption in Congo; (15) Bruno R. Corrales, Lydia Depippo, Olimpio Macabali, Kevin Rilley, Renate Stocker, The 21 victims of the ultra maratón disaster in Gansu province, China (22) Lydia Dipippo, Kevin Rilly, Renate Stocker, Wenceslao Virtucio Jr., The civilian victims of The military coup in Myannar; (29) Mary Flaccavento, Peter Herzog, Kay Irish, Giovanni Paglialunga, Michael Paul Stewart, Alma Peters, The 9 victims of the mass shooting in San Juan, California

September

(5) Eric Roy Mayor, Fr. Albrto Macalipay, Eugenia Racoya Mopas, Dr. Paul Dennis, Lorenzana Magno, The 2000 victims of the mass killings in the past year in Tigray, Ethiopia; (12) Alma Marie Harrison, Pietro Maiorano, Orlandino Rempillo Penafiel, The 5 victims of the construction crane collapse in Kelowna, British Columbia; (19) Fr. Terence Fay, Fr. Gerald Fitzgerald, Barbara Christansen Tolentino Dungo Gacusana, Soosai Josephpillai, Leonard Rozario, The 98 victims of the collapsed condominium in Surfside, Florida; (26) Natalie Carter, Hugh Doherty, Joan Drum, Ramona Evidente, Mary Janzen, Arron Sudharshana Silva, Christopher Perez Trias, Jane Cachero Valmonte, The 92 victims of the hospital fire in Nasiriya, Iraq

October

(3) Incarnacion Casil, Edda Romana Giorgi, Marcus Oliver Guevarra, Felix & Sinforosa Omison, Rosita Sale, Ruth Stuart, Lynette & Francis Sequeira, Candida Uclavay, The 20 victims of the landslides in Japan; (10) Alfred Cauchi, Susan Domagas, Eileen Ann Nicholson, Lawrence Soundarnayagam, The 569 victims of the June heat wave in British Columbia; (17) Ramon Sr. & Juanita

Gatchalian, The 220 victims of the October floods in Germany & Belgium; (24) Eduardo Concepcion, Noel Johnson, Catalina P. Manalili, Cynthia Maraya-Suico, The 130 victims of the prison gang violence in Ecuador; (31) Helen Castro, The 25 victims of the market suicide bombing in Baghdad, Iraq

November

(7) Milagros Chu, The 45 victims of the recent flood in Kerala, India; (14) Purita Alambra, Michael Hickey, Anthony Joseph Anthonipillai, Fr. Kazimieras Kaknevicus, Joe Picarello, Gaudioso Lim Perez Jr., The 194 victims of the summer heat wave in the Western USA; (21) Teresita Panano, Richard Sodoski, The 46 victims of the Taiwan apartment building fire; (28) The 5 victims of the Norway terrorist attack

December

(5) Fr. Karmel Borg OFM, Zoraida Caaway, Mervic Camacho Jinenez, Josefina Principe, Fr. Wallace Platt csb, Deacon Michael Quirke, Cecilia Reyes, Saturnino Saludo, Elizabeth De Mattos, the 50 victims of the Shiite mosque bombing in Kandahar; (12) Gloria Anuat, Natalie Carter, Anna Maria Fattore, Selenita Perez, Terence Gracey, Edward Smith, Bernard Francis Grogan, The 188

victims of the recent floods in India and Nepal; (19) Anthony Impera, Lawrence Machado, The 8 victims of the Astroworld concert tragedy in Houston; (26) Mel Lastman, The 68 victims of the October prison riots in Ecuador

Other Friends

Leah Abi-Najem, Pablito Vitan Abundo, Fe Dadul Alconaba, Dena Anthony, John Anthony, Stella Anthony, Allan Baring. Hazel Baring, Jane Creba, Michael Vernon Downey, Romeo Dulce, Mike Gracias, Martin John, Zvonko John Juricki, Indradevi Kalaimathian, Marietta Karls, Dennis Krzewski, Joseph Listro, Crispina Mendoza, Florida Pasion, Margaret Ristoff, Justino Rodas, Felicidad Sanchez, Johann Schwemlein, David Thompson, Lalaine Mae Villareal.



Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

REQUIEM AETERNAM
dona eis, Domine,
et lux perpetua luceat eis.

Requiescant in pace. Amen.

ETERNAL REST grant to them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.



MY FIRST CHRISTMAS IN HEAVEN

I see the countless Christmas trees
around the world below
With tiny lights, like Heaven's stars,
reflecting on the snow.
The sight is so spectacular, please wipe away the tear;
For I am spending Christmas
with Jesus Christ this year.

I hear many Christmas songs that people hold so dear.
But the sounds of music can't compare
with the Christmas choir up here.

I have no words to tell you, the joy their voices bring;
For it is beyond description, to hear the angels sing.

I know how much you miss me,
I feel the pain in your heart.

But I am not so far away; we really aren't apart. So,
be happy for me, dear ones, You know I hold you dear.
And just be glad I'm spending Christmas
with Jesus Christ this year.

I sent you each a special gift,
from my heavenly home above.

I sent you each a memory of my undying love.

After all, love is a gift more precious than pure gold.
It was always most important in the stories Jesus told.

Please care for one another, as my Father said to do.
I can't count the blessings and the love He has for you.

So have a Merry Christmas, and wipe away that tear.

Remember, I am spending Christmas
with Jesus Christ this year.

O Lord, Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant to the souls of Your departed servants, the remission of all their sins, that through pious supplications they may obtain that pardon which they have always desired. You who live and reign with the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.