

Focus on the Word

2nd Sunday Ordinary Time, Year C

Isaiah 62.1-5; 1 Corinthians 12.4-11; John 2.1-12

Almighty ever-living God, who govern all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times. Amen.

Pray for the Deceased

Fr. Paul Cusack

Salvacion Doritan Grayda

Stella Lorenzo

The 4 victims of the school shooting in Oxford, Michigan



Parish Week ❖ Sunday, 16 January 2022

Saturday, 15 Jan.

8.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving Martyn family (Jane)

5.00 pm Mass: † Lea El Haddad (Racquel)

SUNDAY, 16 JAN. / 2-C

■ Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati

■ Cardinal Thomas Collins: Birthday (1947)

9.00 am Mass: † Eleanor Alex Aexandris (friends & family)

10.30 am Mass: † Lea El Haddad (Maria Rodas)

12.00 pm Mass: † Baltazar, Maria Aninhia & Philip Mendonca (Tessie & family)

7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday, 17 Jan. / St. Anthony, abbot

8.00 am Mass: † Ellen Grace Dungan (Corine Maulion)

7.00 pm Mass: † Lalita D'Souza (Joseph)

Tuesday, 18 Jan.

8.00 am Mass: † All Poor Souls (Christa Hahn)

Wednesday, 19 Jan.

8.00 am Mass: Int. 41st Wedding Anniversary
Emilio & Aurora Go (Emilio & family)

Thursday, 20 Jan. / St. Sebastian, martyr

8.00 am Mass: † Alfred & Victoria (Caroline)

Friday, 21 Jan. / St. Agnes, virgin

8.00 am Mass: Int. Bernard D'Cunha & family
(Esme D'Mello)

Saturday, 22 Jan.

8.00 am Mass: † Konstantinos Dalekos (Beatriz Yamal)

11.30 am RCIC Baptism

5.00 pm Mass: † Xavier Turiano (family)

SUNDAY, 23 JAN. / 3-C

■ Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo

9.00 am Mass: † Patrick Joseph (Shoba Ryan)

10.30 am Mass: † Lea El Haddad (Manuel Casildus)

12.00 pm Mass: † Michael D., Mike G. & Fred Eisenblatter
(Tessie Mendonca)

7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Marriage Sunday 12/13 February 2022

Marriage Sunday highlights the importance of the Sacrament of Matrimony, affirms couples who strengthen our faith community through their witness, and complements *World Marriage Sunday* celebrations that take place across North America. First celebrated in the Archdiocese of Toronto in 2011, **His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins** designated the weekend prior to the Family Day long weekend in Ontario as "Marriage Sunday". In 2022, Marriage Sunday weekend will be celebrated on 12/13 February.

COMING UP

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30 Jan.	7 ^{002o21} 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: Lent begins; – Day of Fast and Abstinence
6 Mar.	1st Sunday of Lent; – Rite of Election for RCIA Catechumens
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
14 Apr.	Holy Thursday: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper; – Adoration until midnight
15 Apr.	Good Friday: The Passion of Our Lord
17 Apr.	Easter Sunday: Resurrection of Our Lord; 2 Collections: (a) Offertory; (b) Easter
22 Apr.	Wedding: Jefferson – Richein (1:00 pm)
23 Apr.	Wedding: Belen – Albino (1:00 pm)
24 Apr.	2 nd Collection: Maintenance

Website 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.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18 – 25 January 2022



[Photo above: The observance of this Week of Prayer in 2017, prior to the pandemic, hosted by **Cardinal Collins** at St. Michael Cathedral.]

We remember in our Intercessions this important annual event.

RCIA, RCIC

Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults & Children



The RCIA meets Friday evenings at 7.30 pm; their next meetings are on 21 January & 4 February. The RCIC for the Youth meets Saturday mornings; their next meetings are on 22 January & 5 February.

The current pandemic protocols require strict adherence to the basic safety measures: sign in, face mask, distancing, no food consumption in common areas, etc.

A Special Gift ALTAR FLOWERS

Our Parish gratefully thanks the family of † **Romeo Dulce**, who donated the two large *Poinsettias* in front of the Altar in our Church in his memory, following his death on 5 December 2021. Your kindness is sincerely appreciated.

Ordinary Time

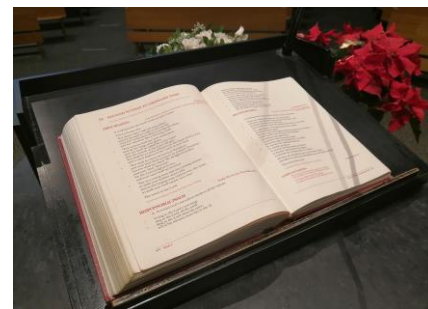


The day following the Feast of the *Baptism of the Lord* marks the resumption of the liturgical season called ORDINARY TIME. There is nothing “ordinary” about Ordinary Time. Its name refers simply to the fact that weeks are listed by *ordinal* numbers; 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.

During Ordinary Time, we examine the ordinary ways in which we celebrate the mysteries of God’s Kingdom in our lives. Ordinary Time begins after Christmas season. It is interrupted a few weeks later by Lent and Easter; it resumes on the day after Pentecost, and continues until the beginning of a new Liturgical Year on the 1st Sunday of Advent.

During this longest of the liturgical season - 34 weeks altogether – we reflect on the message of Christ and on our role as a Christian community, in helping to bring about the *Kingdom of God* in the world. We focus on the work of being the Church: sharing the mission of Jesus to proclaim God’s love.

The Lectionary



The *Lectionary* is the book that contains the collection of Scripture readings appointed for worship throughout the Liturgical Year, which begins on the 1st Sunday of Advent, and concludes with the week following the Feast of *Christ the King* the following year.

The use of scheduled readings from the Scriptures developed in the early Church, and followed the pattern that existed in Judaism.

After the Second Vatican Council (1962–1965), the Holy See promulgated the document *Ordo Lectionum Missae* (Order of the Readings for Mass), which revised the structure of the Lectionary. It introduced an arrangement by which the readings on Sundays and on some principal feasts recur in a three-year cycle, with four passages from Scripture being used in each celebration, typically: from the Old Testament; a Psalm; from the New Testament; and a Gospel. On weekdays only three passages (including a Psalm) are used, in a two-year cycle.

The Sunday Lectionary, which is organized in a three-year cycle of readings, is based on the three *Synoptic Gospels*. These are the Gospels which use a common three-year calendar for the public ministry of Jesus Christ. The years are designated A, B, or C. The year of the cycle does not change on 1 January, but on the First Sunday of Advent (usually late November) which is the beginning of the Liturgical Year.

Year A is based on the Gospel of **Matthew**

Year B is based on the Gospel of **Mark**

Year C is based on the Gospel of **Luke**

The Gospel of John, which was written much later than the Synoptic Gospels, and which follows a different pattern, focusing on the Eucharist, does not have its own dedicated year. Instead, it is read throughout Easter, and is used for other liturgical seasons including Advent, Christmas, and periodically in Lent. It is also used extensively during Year B, since the Gospel of Mark is comparatively short. In the middle of the Ordinary Time sequence that year, the 6th chapter of John’s Gospel is read.

In Canada, the Bible translation used for the Lectionary is the NRSVCE – the *New Revised Standard Version, Catholic Edition*.

Stewardship

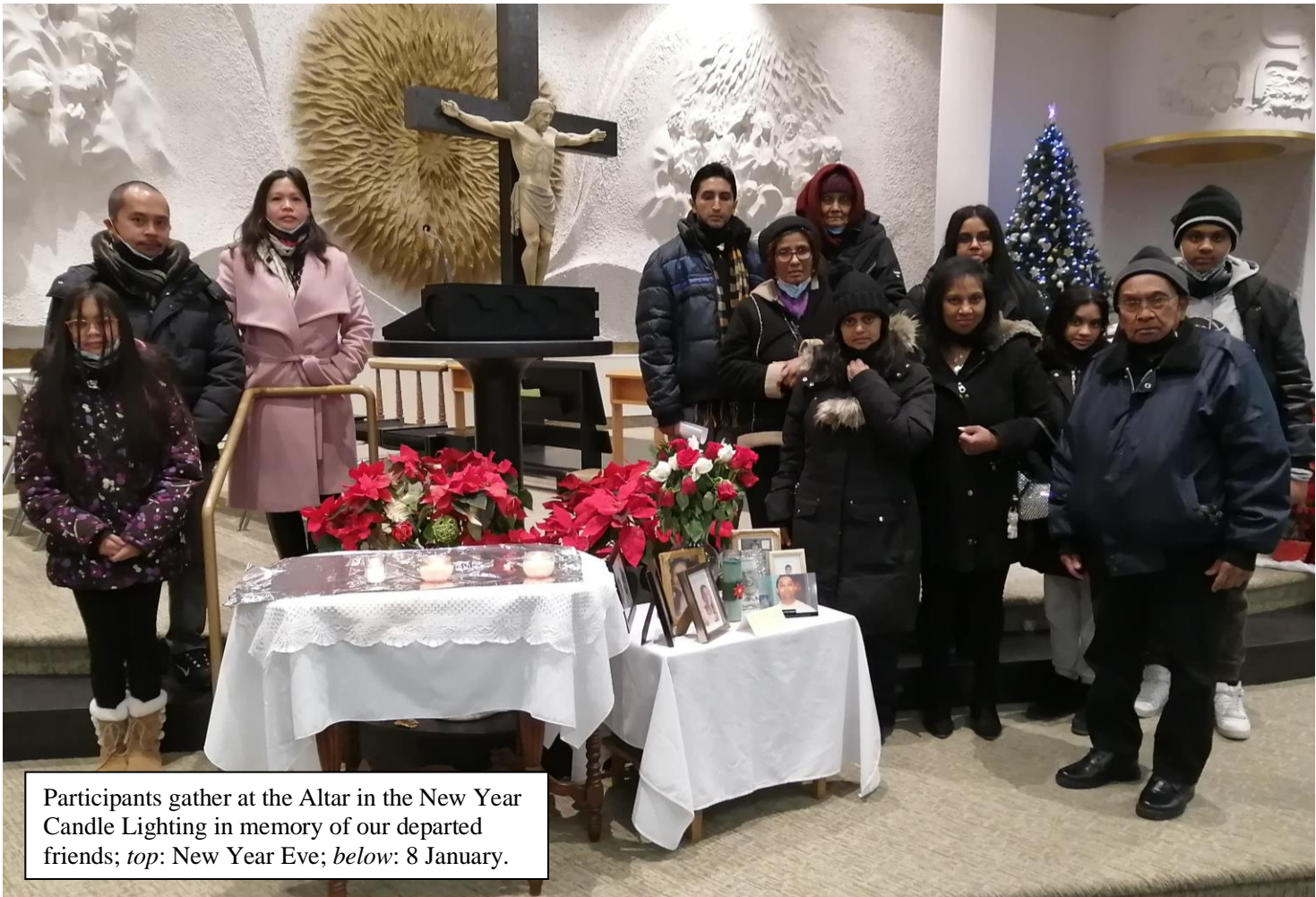
2021 Receipts, 2022 Envelopes

The Charitable *Tax Receipts* for all recorded donations during 2021 are 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 Vestibule. They are for registered parishioners; if you are new to the parish, *welcome!* Register at the Office.





Participants gather at the Altar in the New Year Candle Lighting in memory of our departed friends; *top*: New Year Eve; *below*: 8 January.



RCIC Youth participants at the Nativity scene, following their meeting on 8 January.



Christine and John Domalaon celebrate their 25th Wedding Anniversary, 28 December 1996-2021.

Humour to help us survive the Pandemic



My doctor said now that I'm older I need to install a bar in the shower



Durham police release list of "special" 911 calls of 2021

- ❑ A caller complained that a Taco Bell drive-thru was too long.
- ❑ A person called after their kitchen flooded and was advised to contact their insurance company. Because the caller didn't like that response, they called 911 a second time and repeated the same thing.
- ❑ Kids called 911 to ask if the operator's refrigerator was running.
- ❑ A parent requested that police "scare" their son who was talking back to them.
- ❑ A caller asked for help to find their Wi-Fi password.
- ❑ A parent wanted officers to force their son to give them the new Wi-Fi password after he changed it.
- ❑ A caller sought their COVID-19 test results.
- ❑ An Uber driver was upset that a customer hadn't come to their vehicle after 10 minutes of waiting.
- ❑ A cat was stuck in a tree.
- ❑ A person called 911 to request the DRPS (Durham Regional Police Services) "non-emergency number."
- ❑ A customer of a pizza shop called to complain that they got an incorrect order and wanted the business charged because they wouldn't make a new pizza.
- ❑ A caller couldn't exit a parking garage after the machine ate their money.

Learning to wait...

Tomorrow, and tomorrow, and tomorrow,
creeps in this petty pace from day to day,
to the last syllable of recorded time;
And all our yesterdays have lighted fools
the way to dusty death.
Out, out, brief candle!
Life's but a walking shadow,
a poor player, that struts and
frets his hour upon the stage,
and then is heard no more.
It is a tale told by an idiot,
full of sound and fury,
signifying nothing.

Macbeth





At the Vatican, **Pope Francis** meets with visiting Indigenous people from South America.



Reign Xavier Stewart at his Baptism, 26 December 2021.



Let the Earth breathe
Villages in Provence, Southern France.



