



# Parish Week

One does not live on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes  
From The mouth of God.

Sunday, 6 Mar. 2022

## Saturday, 5 Mar.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Francis Jegasothy (Josephine)
- 10.00 am RCIC
- 5.00 pm Mass: † Gabriel & Francis Andreas  
(Maria Subramaniam)

## SUNDAY, 6 MAR. / LENT 1-C

■ *Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Sheila Gomes (Greta)
- 10.30 am Mass: Int. 25<sup>th</sup> Birthday Ivy Rose Cacadac (family)
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Francisco & Teresa Di Michele (family)  
- *Rite of Election* for RCIA Catechumens
- 1.30 pm World Day of Prayer (CWL)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

## Monday, 7 Mar. / Ss. Perpetua & Felicity, martyrs

- 8.00 am Mass: † Vito Corrado (Irma Pisciola)
- 7.00 pm Mass: In Honour of Christ the King (Elizabeth Vaz)
- 7.40 pm Infant Parent/Godparent meeting

## Tuesday, 8 Mar. / St. John of God, religious

- 8.00 am Mass: † Alan Sora (Joyce Durban)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Joseph Fernandez (Arlene Neary)

## Wednesday, 9 Mar. / St. Frances of Rome, religious

- 8.00 am Mass: † Souls in Purgatory (Rebello family)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Lydia Marquez (family)

## Thursday, 10 Mar.

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Joe Fernandes, Thanksgiving (family)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Rosa & Paola Lo Monaco (family)

## Friday, 11 Mar.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Luigi De Cicco (Emma)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Dionisio Sr. Alcantara (Janet Aguirre)
- 7.30 pm Stations of the Cross (Youth)

## Saturday, 12 Mar.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Maxima & Lisette Li Yam (family)
- 5.00 pm Mass: † Vincent Peter Boila (family)

## SUNDAY, 13 MAR. / LENT 2-C

■ *Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea*

■ *Pope Francis: Anniversary of Election*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Rosy Rebello (family)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Ernesto, Lydia & Justino Rodas (family)
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Kareem Kazim (family)
- 1.30 pm Infant Baptism
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo



## Mother of Perpetual Help

Let Mary bring peace into your life. Pray for your special intentions at the Monday Novena Mass to *Our Mother of Perpetual Help*. Rosary at 6.40 pm, Mass at 7.00. *O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.*

# Focus on the Word

## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent, Year C

Deuteronomy 26.4-10; Romans 10.8-13; Luke 4.1-13

Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects. Amen.

## Pray for the Deceased

Fr. Edwin D'Souza

The 19 victims (including 9 children) of the January apartment fire in New York City



## Lenten Masses

During Lent, there will be an evening Mass at 7.00 pm Monday to Friday, from Ash Wednesday to Holy Thursday.

## Stations of the Cross

Each Friday during Lent, the *Stations of the Cross* will be prayed congregationally after the 7.00 pm Mass.

For private use, the parish *Stations of the Cross* booklet may be obtained at the office for \$2.

The remaining Facilitators for 2022 will be:

March	11	<b>Youth Ministry</b>
	18	<b>Altar Servers</b>
	25	<b>St. Vincent de Paul</b>
April	1	<b>Greeters &amp; Euch. Ministers</b>
	8	<b>Knights of Columbus</b>
	15	<b>Lectors</b>



## Calling all Palms

Bring in your *old blessed palms* by the Sunday before Holy Week (3 April). Kindly place them in the *palm bin* in the Vestibule.

## COMING UP

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14 Mar.	School <i>March Break</i> week begins
20 Mar.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection: <i>Maintenance</i>
27 Mar.	<b>ShareLife Collection</b>
4 Apr.	Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
10 Apr.	<b>Palm Sunday:</b> <i>Holy Week</i> begins
14 Apr.	<b>Holy Thursday:</b> <i>Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper;</i> - Adoration until midnight
15 Apr.	<b>Good Friday:</b> <i>The Passion of Our Lord</i>
17 Apr.	<b>Easter Sunday:</b> <i>Resurrection of Our Lord;</i> 2 Collections: (a) <i>Offertory</i> ; (b) <i>Easter</i>
22 Apr.	Wedding: Jefferson – Richein (1:00 pm)
23 Apr.	Wedding: Belen – Albino (1:00 pm)

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

On 1 March 2022, we resumed 100% capacity for attendance, with no distancing requirement. *Face masks* are still required. For more information on Parish activities, see the website bulletin.

## ShareLife 2022

Soon we will be launching our 2022 *ShareLife* Campaign. *ShareLife* is LIVING THE GOSPEL by respecting and caring for life at all stages!



Today, we reflect on *Living the Gospel in countless ways*.

You might not realize the impact of your donation to *ShareLife*. Your generosity supports over 40 agencies that help thousands of people in your community and beyond. From counselling for someone suffering from depression, to a meal for someone who has nothing to eat, to support for a young mother trying to finish high school – you are making a difference in the lives of those who turn to a *ShareLife* agency for help.

As the 2022 Parish Campaign approaches, we thank you for your faithful support!

### ShareLife Committee

The next *ShareLife* Committee meeting: 12.00 pm, Saturday, 26 March (*the day before ShareLife Sunday*).

## Sacramental Preparation

We are moving forward with the *Presentations* on the Sacraments for the newly-Confirmed Grade 8 youth (November–December 2021), and the students who made their 1<sup>st</sup> Communion in Grade 4 (April 2021) and Grade 3 (November 2021). This will be done in conjunction with the formal preparation for 1<sup>st</sup> **Holy Communion** & **Confirmation** for the students currently in Grades 2 & 7.

The next scheduled celebration is:

March 23 St. Albert the Great School 1<sup>st</sup> **Reconciliation**

### Rite of Election 12 pm Mass, 6 March

#### *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and Children*

On Sunday, 6 March, RCIA & RCIC candidates completing the *Catechumenate* period will celebrate the Rite of ELECTION. This rite provides them with their entry into the MYSTAGOGY, the final period before they receive the Sacraments of Initiation.

## World Day of Prayer 6 March

### “I Know The Plans I Have For You.”

On Sunday, 6 March, our Parish Council of the Catholic Women’s League of Canada will be hosting this year’s World Day of Prayer service at 1.30 pm. See the website bulletin for more details.

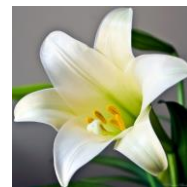
## Ash Wednesday

**William McLeod**, a 4<sup>th</sup> grade student in Bountiful, Utah, was forced to wash off his Ash Wednesday cross by a teacher who did not understand Lent. The Davis School District later apologized for the incident, as did the teacher in a handwritten note.



## Easter Flowers

Parishioners are invited to sponsor this year’s display of EASTER FLOWERS in our Sanctuary. Envelopes are available at the office.



## The Sacrament of Baptism

*Congratulations* to the newest members of our Church, born again in water and the Spirit as brothers & sisters of Jesus:

20 November 2021

**Arkyn Gabriel Ancheta**  
**Evana Gurinder Dabhi**  
**Wehlani Reign Edwards**  
**Tyler Xavier Molina**  
**Elijah Tre Carreon Pinlac**  
**Thea Chloe Yumul**

5 December

**Athena Blake Ysabelle Yamoyam**

11 December

**Chelsea Machel Drover**  
**Ella Sophie Galego**  
**Christopher Joseph Caleb Hayes**  
**Emma Jane Idio**  
**Astoria Isla Minty-Martin**  
**Jayson Rahim**  
**Mauricio Hanson Reece**  
**Penelope Katherine Blake Revives**

18 December

**Xavier Amos Dumpit**



Xavier Amos Dumpit



# Updates to the WorshipSafe Protocols as of 1 March 2022

- ❖ All capacity limits, including physical distancing requirements, are removed from Churches. Distancing at Communion would remain a good practice for now.
- ❖ Indoor mask use is still required.
- ❖ Holy Communion on the tongue resumed; those receiving this way should try to be at the end of the line.
- ❖ The *Kiss of Peace* should still be replaced by a bow or wave at this time.
- ❖ Holy Water fonts are refilled.
- ❖ Altar Servers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion can return to pre-pandemic duties.
- ❖ Choirs and cantors still must be masked or three meters/nine feet from anyone else.
- ❖ Proof of vaccination is not a requirement to enter Archdiocese of Toronto churches.
- ❖ Baptisms can return to pre-pandemic practices.
- ❖ Confessionals can reopen; masks required.
- ❖ Hand sanitization upon arrival and before the distribution of Holy Communion is encouraged.
- ❖ Meetings in halls may resume, with mask use.
- ❖ Parishioners should be encouraged to continue self-screening for Covid-19 symptoms and stay home if they have any symptoms.
- ❖ Parishes are encouraged to review updated procedures with volunteers and others who may be assisting with the celebration of the Sacraments.
- ❖ Announcements at the beginning of Mass during March 2022 will note the lifting of restrictions.



## PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.





The Lenten motif in the Sanctuary.



# POPE JOHN PAUL II AND YOUTH

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**2 April 2006 – Fr. Thomas Rosica**

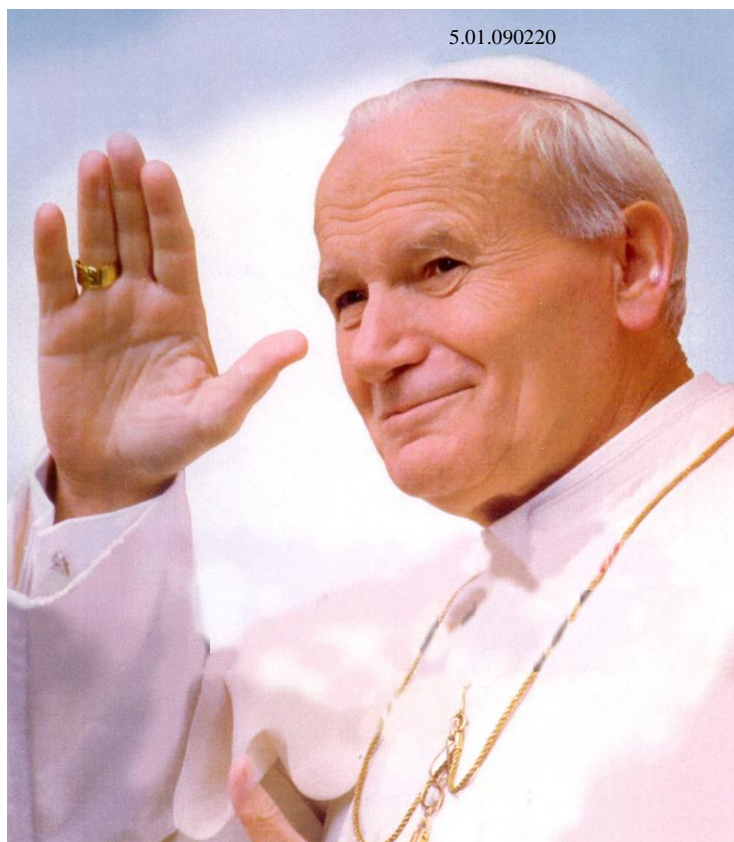
Today marks the first anniversary of the death of Pope John Paul II. In last Sunday's column, I wrote about the lessons we learned from his very public death. Today I would like to look at one of his most significant legacies: The unique relationship he forged and enjoyed with young people during his 26 year Pontificate.

I will never forget the scenes of John Paul II's funeral that the world experienced in Rome one year ago. More than half the crowd of four million plus was composed of young people who had trekked to Rome from every part of the world. Such a thing would have been unthinkable 25 years ago! They streamed into St. Peter's Square in interminably long lines – carrying backpacks, sleeping bags, blankets, pictures, flags, water bottles, and radios – and after 12-15 hour waits, wept openly as they paused for 15-20 seconds before the body of an old man lying in state in St. Peter's Basilica: this man who had spent his life preaching that restraint and self-sacrifice were more important than pleasure and excess.

Then on Friday morning, April 8, 2005, millions more young people watched the funeral of someone who told them to become "Saints of the new millennium," to be "the salt of the earth and light of the world," and to spend their lives serving others before satisfying themselves.

Why were young people the world over so deeply affected by the death of this Pope, leaving pastors, parents, teachers and cynics scratching their heads in confusion? Why would teenagers and young "twenty somethings" feel so close to an old Polish man – a Church leader – who told them what to do? I have done a lot of thinking and reflecting on these things, especially since World Youth Day 2002.

I believe that in John Paul II, young people found a solid point of reference. They related so well to him because they knew that as a youth, he struggled to discern his vocation, his unique place in God's big scheme of things. He worked in a rock quarry. He lost his parents at a young age. He had a rich social life of a young man of his time, including serious friendships with both young women and men. When he began his university studies, he intended to live his life as a committed lay Christian, as an actor or writer or director in the theater, perhaps later a professor of language.



It was only after much serious reflection that he came to a different understanding – that God had chosen him for the priesthood and that there could only be one answer on his part. He lived under the great and tragic ideologies of the last century. He didn't back down, nor did he stop dreaming of something better.

Young people today need heroes like John Paul II and they don't want to live just on the surface. In a world that constantly panders to the young, John Paul II presented a challenging Church that combined the truth with charity and pastoral care. In the 1970's, after the Second Vatican Council, in our attempts to be "avant garde," relevant and prophetic, we allowed many traditions to fall by the wayside.

Now the younger generation is reviving devotional practices more familiar to their grandparents than their parents. Through these same young people are more involved in traditional conservative religion practices, they're also very receptive to social justice messages and they are actively involved in serving the poor and helping to bring about systemic changes in the world and in society. Their own faith and commitment have been inspiring and edifying for me and for many of my generation who simply don't know who we are and where we are going any more.



We are tired of the old causes and ideologies to which we have committed ourselves – causes and ideologies that didn't deliver the goods! Leaders of other faiths, including Jews and Muslims throughout North America in particular, are saying they, too, have noticed a renewed interest in traditional religious practices among young people who are engaged in their religion, raising the possibility that the John Paul II generation of Catholics may simply be mirroring a larger generational trend.

There was no mediocrity, fatigue or heaviness in John Paul II's message to young people. The Polish Pontiff set the bar high, and he lived above it.

The old warrior was clean and uncompromising in his expectations of young people, but he was neither condescending, pedantic or incomprehensible in his approach. John Paul II genuinely cared about young people and followed through by focusing time, attention and resources on them. He enacted in his life the line in the classic movie *Field of Dreams*: "If we build it, they will come." Because he knew deep down inside that if the church doesn't build something for young people, they will likely go elsewhere. And they do go elsewhere. And too often, those elsewhere are dangerous and very scary places.

As he lay dying one year ago today, his personal secretary, now Cardinal Stanislas Dziwisz of Krakow, held the Pope's hand as they listened to the prayers songs in the square below. Dziwisz told the Holy Father: "Listen, they have come in great numbers. They are here for you." Forcing himself to speak, the Pope uttered painstakingly: "I have looked for you and now you have come to me. I thank you." These were among his final words on April 2, 2006. How fitting to describe the centerpiece of his life, Papacy, and his enduring legacy to humanity: A bridge to young people and the future generation.

Though broken and bent at the end of his earthly pilgrimage, John Paul II crossed the threshold of history, standing tall, as a giant and a real hero. Perhaps that is why his "dear young friends" loved him as they did.

(Fr. Thomas Rosica is CEO of Salt and Light Catholic Media Foundation and Television Network. He lectures at the University of Toronto, St. Michael's College.)



World Youth Day 2002, Toronto, Ontario:

The **Cross** is carried along University Avenue during the praying of the *Stations of the Cross*.

## Song of the Inexhaustible Sun

by Karol Wojtyła

I beseech You, Lord, leave me  
and my fallible thoughts,  
put me not to the test of weakness,  
the test of incapacity.

For there is no gratitude  
that can embrace infinity,  
no heart that can encircle You  
with the sun's ring of red.

If the heart enclosed the world,  
and the world went up in flames,  
even if I spent myself  
nothing could I give, I know.

Yet day by day You multiply  
my feeble ineffectual lot,  
surrendering Your infinity  
to my fallible thought.

[Picture at left:] *Healing time*, Rome, 1982:

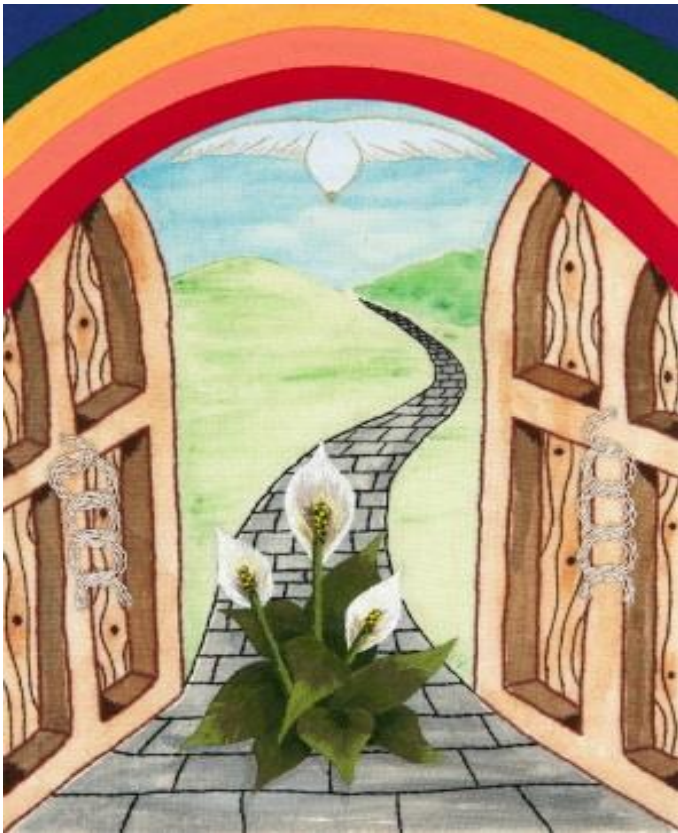
**Pope John Paul II** meets and forgives **Mehmet Ali Agca**, who had attempted to assassinate the Pope on 13 May 1981.



# World Day of Prayer 2022

## “I Know the Plans I Have for You”

Prepared by the Women of England,  
Wales & Northern Ireland



WDP 2022 Artist: Angie Fox

**Worship Service: 1.30 pm**  
**Sunday, 6 March 2022**  
**St. Maria Goretti Church**

### WELCOME, GREETING, OPENING PRAYER

Leader In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, God said, 'Let there be light!'

#### *First candle is lit*

**All** God, giver of life,  
we light a candle of hope  
to celebrate with all your people  
as we watch and wait  
for your plans and promises to be fulfilled.

Leader The people walking in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
on those living in the land of deep  
darkness a light has dawned.

**All** God of hope, in our busy-ness may we find  
space to see you at work in our lives and our  
world. May we be people who radiate your  
hope as we worship in celebration today. Amen.

### SONG

#### *Second candle is lit*

**All** God, giver of life, we light a candle of hope  
to celebrate with all your people  
as we watch and wait for your plans and  
promises to be fulfilled.

### PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Leader ... Gracious God, forgive us

**All** God, in your mercy, forgive us

Leader ... Generous God, forgive us

**All** God, in your mercy, forgive us

Leader ... Compassionate God, forgive us.

**All** God, in your mercy, forgive us. God, in your  
mercy, help us to act on your call for  
repentance.

Leader Jesus, thank you that through your sacrifice  
we are forgiven.

Holy Spirit transform our hearts and minds,  
so that we may live and love as Jesus showed  
us.

**All** Amen

### SONG

### VOICES OF WOMEN

#### *The third candle is lit*

**All** God of love,  
we light a candle of hope  
to celebrate with all your people  
as we watch and wait for your  
plans and promises to be fulfilled.

### STORIES OF HOPE

Lina's Story

#### *The fourth candle is lit*

**All** God of care, we light a candle of hope  
to celebrate with all your people  
as we watch and wait for your plans and  
promises to be fulfilled.

Natalie's Story

#### *The fifth candle is lit*



**All** God of tenderness,  
we light a candle of hope  
to celebrate with all your people  
as we watch and wait for your plans  
and promises to be fulfilled.

Emily's Story

*The sixth candle is lit*

**All** God of compassion,  
we light a candle of hope to celebrate with all  
your people as we watch and wait for your  
plans and promises to be fulfilled.

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader God of our past, our present and our future,  
receive our thanks and praise, which we offer  
in Jesus' name.

**All** Amen.

BIBLE READING – Jeremiah 29: 1 – 14

SONG – *For Surely I Know the Plans*

For surely I know the plans I have for you.  
The Lord said: Surely I know the plans I have for you.  
Plans for your welfare, plans to not harm you,  
And to give you hope again.  
For surely I know the plans I have for you. (Repeat)

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#### DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

#### REFLECTION and RESPONSIVE ACTION

*The seventh candle is lit*

**All** God, giver of life, we light a candle of hope  
and participate with all your people  
in responsive prayerful action  
to bring to life the plans and promises  
you have for us.

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Leader ... God, in your mercy

**All** Hear our prayer

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### OFFERING and OFFERTORY SONG

#### DEDICATION FOR THE OFFERING

#### SONG

#### BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Leader ... Let us go in peace hope and love.

**All** Amen



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