



Parish Week

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

Sunday, 13 Mar. 2022

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*
- *Religious Articles*

- 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

Monday, 14 Mar.

- *School March Break Week begins*

- 8.00 am Mass: † Lea Nazem (Celia Marquez)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Int. In honour of our Lady of Vailankanni (Elizabeth Vaz)

Tuesday, 15 Mar.

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Josephine Macabali (family)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Lalita D'Souza (Joseph)

Wednesday, 16 Mar.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Ivan Brosek (Corine Maulion)
- 7.00 pm Mass: In Honor of St. Peregrine (Elizabeth Vaz)

Thursday, 17 Mar. / St. Patrick, *bishop*

- 8.00 am Mass: † Bob Hubers (Shoba Ryan)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Patricia Kang (Emilio Go & family)

Friday, 18 Mar. / St. Cyril of Jerusalem, *bishop & doctor*

- 8.00 am Mass: † Eugenie Tamer (Amalia Haddad)
- 7.00 pm Mass: In Honor of St. Jude (Elizabeth Vaz)
- 7.30 pm Stations of the Cross (Altar Servers)

Sat., 19 Mar. / St. Joseph, Spouse of Mary / Patron of Canada

- 8.00 am Mass: In Honor of St. Joseph (Lillian D'Souza & family)
- 5.00 pm Mass: † Joseph Wong Cho & Maria Lau Ken (Angela Tam)
- RCIA Initiation: Maggie & Lawrence, Rafael

SUNDAY, 20 MAR. / LENT 3-C

- *Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati*
- *2nd Collection: Maintenance*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Eleanor Alex Aexandris (Friends & family)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Frank & Joan DeVerno (family)
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Philomena Fernandes (Greta Gomes)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Focus on the Word

2nd Sunday of Lent, Year C

Genesis 15.5-18; Philippians 3.17-4.1; Luke 9.28-36

O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory.

Pray for the Deceased

The victims of the Russian invasion of Ukraine



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:

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| March | 18 | Altar Servers |
| | 25 | St. Vincent de Paul |
| April | 1 | Greeters & Euch. Ministers |
| | 8 | Knights of Columbus |
| | 15 | Lectors |



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.

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- 20 Mar. *2nd Collection: Maintenance*
- 27 Mar. *ShareLife Collection*
- 28 Mar. Meeting of Canadian Indigenous Delegation with Pope Francis at the Vatican (to 1 April 2022)
- 30 Mar. Lenten Day of Confession (4 - 5 pm, 7.30 - 9 pm)
- 4 Apr. 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. *2nd Collection: Maintenance*
- 15 May *Bundle Up Sunday*

Website 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!



We reflect on *Living the Gospel* by supporting *ShareLife*:

Our parish's 1st *ShareLife* collection will be held in two weeks, on 27 March.

In today's 2nd reading, St. Paul exhorts us to follow the example of the life of Jesus Christ. Our annual *ShareLife* campaign calls us as Christians to show our love to our brothers and sisters in this season of almsgiving.

More than 40 Catholic organizations and social service agencies are supported through your generous support. Without our support, the more than 150,000 people who are helped each year would not receive the hope offered through the important works of these agencies.

As we approach Easter, we give thanks to Our Lord for the everlasting love He gave us through his life and resurrection. Thank you for your generous support for *ShareLife*.

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

ShareLife Committee

Next *ShareLife* Committee meeting: 12 pm, Saturday, 26 March (the day before *ShareLife* Sunday).

Sacramental Preparation

May all our Parish families enjoy a happy and renewing March Break week, 14 – 18 March 2022.

We continue to move forward with the *Presentations* on the Sacraments for the newly-Confirmed Grade 8 youth (November–December 2021), and the students who made their 1st Communion in Grade 4 (April 2021) and Grade 3 (November 2021).

This is in conjunction with the formal preparation for **1st Holy Communion & Confirmation** for students now in Grades 2 & 7.

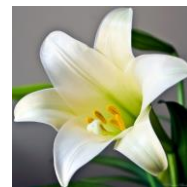
The Presentation videos are on line, along with the accompanying family guide texts.

The next scheduled celebrations are:

March 23 St. Albert the Great School 1st **Reconciliation**

Easter Flowers

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



Prayer to the Holy Spirit

O Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems and light all roads so that I can attain my goal, you who gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me and who in all instances of my life are with me: I want in this short prayer to thank you for all things and affirm once again that I never want to be separated from you no matter how great the material illusion may be. I wish to be with you in eternal Glory. Thank you for your mercy towards me and my loved ones. Amen.

Liturgy Notes

17 March: St. Patrick Day

St. Patrick of Ireland is one of the world's most popular saints. Apostle of Ireland, born at Kilpatrick, near Dumbarton, in Scotland, in the year 387; died at Downpatrick, Ireland, 17 March, 461. As a boy of fourteen, he was kidnapped and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd sheep. He escaped, but had a dream in which the people of Ireland were calling out to him "We beg you, holy youth, to come and walk among us once more." He was ordained by a Priest and later a bishop, and was sent to Ireland on 25 March 433. He converted all of Ireland, using a shamrock to explain the Trinity.



19 March: St. Joseph Day

Patron Saint of Canada

Everything we know about the husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus comes from Sacred Scripture. He was a carpenter, a working man (Matthew 13.55). We know Joseph was a man of faith, obedient to whatever God asked of him without knowing the outcome. We know he loved Jesus. His one concern was for the safety of this child entrusted to him. We also know that he treated Jesus as his own son, for the people of Nazareth said of Jesus, "Is this not the son of Joseph?" (Luke 4.22)

A Special Gift ALTAR FLOWERS, HERNANDO CRUZ PEREZ FUNERAL

Our Parish gratefully thanks the family of † **Hernando Cruz Perez**, who donated a vase of *White Flowers* to our Church from his funeral liturgy on 20 December 2021. Your kindness is sincerely appreciated.



Free Tax Clinic 2 April

Association of Filipino Canadian Accountants

AFCA has kindly offered to conduct a **free tax clinic** on 2 April 2022. Further details will be provided in the coming weeks.

RCIA, RCIC

Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults & Children



Please remember in your prayers the Adults and Youth who will be receiving Sacraments of Initiation at the 5.00 pm Mass on Saturday, 19 March: Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist. The next Initiation will be at the Easter Vigil.

The next meetings:

RCIA Adults, 18 March, following the 7.00 pm Mass and the *Stations of the Cross*;

RCIC Youth, 10.00 am, 19 March.

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.



Sacramental Preparation

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The next scheduled celebrations are:

March

- 23 St. Albert the Great School
1st Reconciliation
9.30 am (*at the School*)

April

- 6 St. Maria Goretti School
1st Reconciliation
9.30 am

May

- 1 St. Maria Goretti School
1st Holy Communion Mass
2.30 pm
- 5 St. Maria Goretti School
Confirmation Mass
7.00 pm
- 14 St. Albert the Great School
1st Holy Communion Mass
2.00 pm
- 19 St. Albert the Great School
Confirmation Mass
7.00 pm



Sent to God

Bidding farewell to our friends

Photos from the funeral of:
Fernando Policarpio, r.i.p.



The late afternoon sun lights up the picture of our Cardinal Archbishop in the Office waiting area. The letters on the wall are from the sign inside the Office indicating the periodic birthdays of our Office Team members.



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 Dionne quintuplets, born 28 May 1934, near Corbeil, Ontario.



The McCaughey septuplets, born 19 November 1997 in Des Moines, Iowa.

A historic rogue wave off the B.C. coast towered nearly as tall as a jumbo jet

THE WEATHER NETWORK, **Dennis Mersereau**, Digital Writer

10 February 2022, 6:50 pm

A new study confirms a towering wave that grew off the coast of Vancouver Island back in November 2020 was the most extreme rogue wave ever recorded.

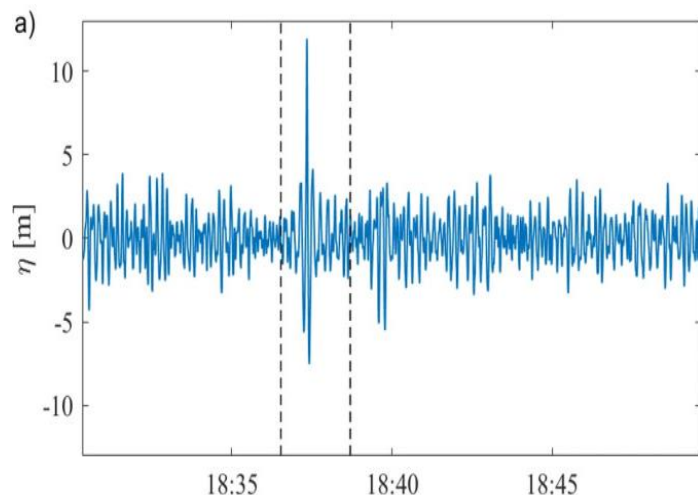
The waters off British Columbia produced the most extreme rogue wave ever recorded, according to a study conducted by experts at the University of Victoria in B.C. Rogue waves are sudden waves that grow disproportionately taller than the other waves around them. A rogue wave off the coast of Vancouver Island splashed its way into the record books in November 2020 when it grew almost three times the height of the waves around it.

Sizing Up the Record-Breaking Rogue Wave

The study, recently published in *Scientific Reports*, confirmed the authenticity of the data.

A MarineLabs Data Systems buoy deployed a few kilometres off the coast of Ucluelet, B.C., measured the wave on November 17, 2020. Conditions that morning saw average wave heights of about 6 m sweeping across the buoy's location.

Between those waves, and with no buildup beforehand, the buoy recorded a sudden 17.6 m rogue wave shortly before noon local time. After the rogue wave passed, the waves returned to their choppy but unassuming state.



A graph showing the rogue wave off the coast of Ucluelet, B.C., on November 17, 2020. [Courtesy: Johannes Gemmrich & Leah Cicon, *Scientific Reports*, (CC BY 4.0)]

“The probability of such an event occurring is once in 1,300 years,” said Dr. Johannes Gemmrich in a release announcing the study. Gemmrich studied the unique event with Leah Cicon at the University of Victoria.



Rogue Waves Were Thought To Be Mythical Until Recently

Rogue waves are so rare—and documented cases that much rarer—that scientists believed the phenomenon was merely mythical until recently, according to NOAA's National Ocean Service.

Before 1995, rogue waves were only known in stories told by mariners and lighthouse keepers of monstrous waves overtaking them without warning. A rogue wave in the North Sea on January 1, 1995, however, struck the Draupner natural gas platform off the coast of Norway. This chance encounter verified their existence and kickstarted scientific research into rogue waves' formation and frequency. While scientists are still working to understand precisely how, where, and why rogue waves form in different waters and conditions, there are a few basic principles that explain them. One method is constructive interference, according to the National Ocean Service, which occurs when waves passing through one another at just the right moment can add up and create one large rogue wave.

Another way rogue waves can form is through collisions, where waves crashing into one another can amplify into one large wave. We see this process play out in and near major storms like hurricanes and nor'easters.

Buoys recorded huge waves during 2004's Hurricane Ivan, which rose to an astounding height of more than 28 m, and also as Hurricane Dorian's remnants passed by Newfoundland in 2019. The storm produced a wave more than 30 m tall near Port aux Basques.

The study of the historic B.C. rogue wave in 2020, as well as other waves measured around the world, will help scientists build better models to understand and predict these dangerous waves in the future, keeping personal and commercial vessels safe while out at sea.

