



Parish Week

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

Sunday, 20 Mar. 2022

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, Richard

SUNDAY, 20 MAR. / LENT 3-C

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

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

Monday, 21 Mar.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Lea Haddad (Corine Maulion)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Sp. Int. Depali Ghosh (Dominic & Anita)

Tuesday, 22 Mar.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Olinda Lobo (Michael Ruocco)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Soledad & Sy Sin Kiu (Emilio Go & family)

Wednesday, 23 Mar. / St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, bishop

- 8.00 am Mass: † Precilla Dualan & Francis (Corine Maulion)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Beato & Natalina Gonsalves (family)

Thursday, 24 Mar. / St. Oscar Romero, bishop

- 8.00 am Mass: † Michael Joseph & Veronica Martin (Christine Martin)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Int. Errol Wijesinghe (friends)

Friday, 25 Mar. / Annunciation of the Lord

Pope Francis will conduct the CONSECRATION OF RUSSIA AND UKRAINE to the Immaculate Heart of Mary during the Celebration of Penance on 25 March in St Peter Basilica, Vatican City.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Joan Lugsdin (Corine Maulion)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Danilo Salcedo (Turiano family)
- 7.30 pm Stations of the Cross (St. Vincent de Paul)

Saturday, 26 Mar.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Souls in Purgatory (FOSS)
- 12.00 pm ShareLife Committee
- 5.00 pm Mass: Int. Birthday Lorenzo Jr. Merin (Gina & Glenn Arroyo)

SUNDAY, 27 MAR. / LENT 4-C / SHARELIFE

- Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo
- 2nd Collection: Share Life

- 9.00 am Mass: † Pasqualina Grande (family)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Justino Rodas 1st Death Anniversary (family)
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Cirilo Serneo (Helen)
- 1.30 pm Baptism
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Focus on the Word

3rd Sunday of Lent, Year C

Exodus 3.1-15; 1 Corinthians 10.1-12; Luke 13.1-9

O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy. Amen.

Pray for the Deceased

Fr. Antoni Mendreal, Carmel Perera, Benjamin Velasco Sr.

The 105 victims of the mudslide in Petropolis, Brazil

2nd Collection: 20 March, Maintenance

The 2nd collection on Sunday, 20 March, will be for the support of our major parish projects through the *Maintenance Collection*.

2nd Collection: 27 March, ShareLife

On 27 March, *ShareLife* Sunday, the second collection will be for our annual *ShareLife Appeal*, for all the agencies that help us to live the Gospel by caring for our brothers and sisters in need.

Lenten Masses

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

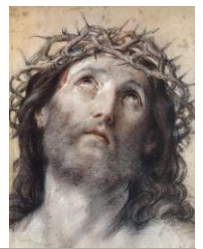
Stations of the Cross

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 25	St. Vincent de Paul
April 1	Greeters & Euch. Ministers
8	Knights of Columbus
15	Lectors



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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

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On 1 March 2022, we resumed 100% capacity for attendance, with no distancing requirement. *Face masks* are required until 21 March. For more information, 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!



Next week is *ShareLife* Sunday. Our parish goal this year is: \$42,000.00

As we approach our collection next Sunday, please consider your ability to contribute to our parish campaign this year.

The pandemic placed many agencies funded by *ShareLife* under stress as they continue to support the needs of clients.

Please deposit your *ShareLife* envelope in the collection basket. If you cannot come to Mass, you can make your donation online via the parish website. On the homepage, choose "Donate" at the right end of the selection bar, and follow the prompts from there.

Monthly giving is also a convenient way to spread your *ShareLife* contribution throughout the year.

However you can give, and whatever you can give, please give generously to *ShareLife*. The needs are great.

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

We hope all our Parish families enjoyed a happy and renewing March Break week, 14 – 18 March 2022

We continue with the *Presentations* on the Sacraments for those who received Confirmation (November–December 2021), and 1st Communion (April 2021 & 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**

April 6 St. Maria Goretti School 1st **Reconciliation**

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.

Easter Flowers

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



Lenten Day of Confessions

Wednesday, 30 March: 4 – 5 pm, 7.30 – 9 pm

Parishioners are invited to receive the *Sacrament of Reconciliation* on our LENTEN DAY OF CONFESSIONS:

Wednesday, 30 March

Confession will be heard from 4.00 – 5.00 pm, and then again following the 7.00 pm evening Mass, from 7.30 – 9.00 pm.

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.

A Special Gift SANITIZING PRODUCTS

Our Parish gratefully thanks the **Valisno family** for their donation of sanitizing products. Your kindness is sincerely appreciated.

Stewardship

2021 Receipts, 2022 Envelopes

The Charitable *Tax Receipts* for all recorded donations during 2021, as well as the 2022 *Envelopes* may be picked up in the Vestibule after Mass. Many thanks to all our faithful parishioners for your generous support of our wonderful parish through your weekly stewardship!



Free Tax Clinic 2 April

Association of Filipino Canadian Accountants

AFCA has kindly offered to conduct a **free tax clinic** on 2 April 2022. The Sign Up lists compiled after our Sunday Masses since February indicate that there is great interest in this offer.

To see if you may qualify for this service, check the details provided in the website bulletin.



Consecration of Russia and Ukraine, 25 March 2022

Pope Francis will consecrate Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary during a penitential prayer service in St. Peter Basilica on March 25. On the same day, there will be a similar consecration at the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal.

When Mary appeared to the three shepherd children in Fatima in 1917, she told them, “God wishes to establish devotion to my Immaculate Heart. If what I say to you is done, many souls will be saved, and there will be peace.”

Warning of “war, famine, and persecutions of the church and of the Holy Father,” Mary told the children, “to prevent this, I shall come to ask for the consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart.”

The Eastern and Latin Rite Catholic bishops of Ukraine began asking Pope Francis for the Consecration since the Russians started their aggression in 2014 in Crimea and Eastern Ukraine. The bishops said it was “urgently needed to avoid the worsening of the war and the danger from Russia.”

Since Russia invaded Ukraine on February 24, people have been showing up at the Sunday *Angelus* in St. Peter Square with signs asking the Pope for the consecration of Russia and Ukraine to Mary.

In 1917, the Fatima message promised: “If my requests are heeded, Russia will be converted, and there will be peace; if not, she will spread her errors throughout the world, causing wars and persecutions of the Church. The good will be martyred; the Holy Father will have much to suffer; various nations will be annihilated.”

But, the message continued: “In the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph. The Holy Father will consecrate Russia to me, and she shall be converted, and a period of peace will be granted to the world.”

In our Parish, there will be a Mass in solidarity with this Consecration at 12 noon on Friday, 25 March. All who can come are welcome to attend. If you cannot be present personally, please find a time to pause at home or at work to join yourself spiritually to the prayer of Pope Francis. May God guide and protect us.

Sacramental Preparation

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

The Sacramental Preparation programs now underway in our Parish Schools will resume immediately.

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



Updates to the WorshipSafe Protocols as of 21 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 now optional.
- ❖ Holy Communion on the tongue resumed; those receiving this way should try to be at the end of the line.
- ❖ The *Kiss of Peace* may be replaced by a bow or wave.
- ❖ Holy Water fonts are refilled.
- ❖ Altar Servers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion follow pre-pandemic duties.
- ❖ Choirs and cantors may be masked.
- ❖ 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.



Wait for Me, Daddy is a photo taken by Claude P. Dettloff on 1 October 1940, of The British Columbia Regiment marching in New Westminster, B.C., in preparation for their deployment in World War II. While the photo was taken, Warren “Whitey” Bernard ran away from his mother to his father, Private Jack Bernard.

Free Tax Clinic 2 April 2022

The Catholic Women’s League, in partnership with the Association of Filipino-Canadian Accountants, will be holding a FREE Tax Clinic, here at the Parish, on Saturday, 2 April: 9:30 am to 3.00 pm.

Eligible clients can have their 2021 Personal Income Tax Returns prepared for FREE.

The income thresholds are:

Single - \$35,000; *Couples* - \$45,000.

Also, you must have a *Simple Tax Situation*.

If you are interested, please check with Representatives from the CWL and AFCA, who will be in the Vestibule after Mass, to provide more information.

If ELIGIBLE, please pre-register as soon as possible as only a limited number of people can be accommodated.

Specific Time slots will be assigned to tax filers. Don’t forget to pre-register as soon as possible to secure your spot.



Monastery of Sumela

(Photo immediately above:) Complaints by Christians over the ancient Monastery of Sumela in northeastern Turkey being used as a disco for an electronic music video have led to the government opening an investigation. The Orthodox monastery, dedicated to the Virgin Mary, is located in the province of Trabzon. The Turkish Ministry of Culture and Tourism puts its foundation date around AD 386, in the reign of the emperor Theodosius I (375 - 395). Many thousands of Orthodox Christian worship at the monastery annually.





Patriarch Kirill

7 Mar. 2022

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“May the Lord preserve the Russian land, a land which now includes Russia and Ukraine and Belarus and other tribes and peoples.” A Sunday sermon with very political overtones. It was delivered 27 February at the Cathedral of Christ the Savior in Moscow by Patriarch Kirill, head of the Russian Orthodox Church. The 75-year-old patriarch castigated those who fight against the historical unity of Russia and Ukraine, calling them “*evil forces.*” “Protect our common historical homeland. God forbid that the present political situation in fraternal Ukraine, so close to us, should be aimed at making the evil forces that have always strived against the unity of Rus’ and the Russian Church, gain the upper hand,” he said. Rus’ was a medieval state, where today are situated Russia, Ukraine and Belarus.

