



# Parish Week

Easter Sunday  
4 April 2021

## Focus on the Word

Easter Sunday, Year B

Acts 10.34-43; Colossians 3.1-4; John 20.1-18

*O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life. Amen.*

### HOLY SATURDAY, 3 Apr.

7.00 pm Easter Vigil Liturgy  
† Gabriel & Francis Andreas (Pushpa Christy)  
- RCIA Initiation into Church

### EASTER SUNDAY, 4 Apr. / *The Resurrection of the Lord*

- Homilist: Elias Chachati
- Two Collections: (a) Offertory; (b) Easter
- 9.00 am Mass: † Cynthia Ibanez (Jocelyn)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Ernesto & Lydia Rodas (family)
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Michael D'Mello (Esme)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

### Monday 5 Apr.

8.00 am Mass: † Genoveva Marquez (Gloria)  
7.00 pm Mass: † Mina Kapadia (Mukesh)  
7.40 pm Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent meeting

### Tuesday, 6 Apr.

8.00 am Mass: Int. Marriage (Joseph & family)

### Wednesday, 7 Apr.

8.00 am Mass: † Domenico Chimienti (Denyse Robillard)  
6.30 pm St. Maria Goretti School 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Mass, #1

### Thursday, 8 Apr.

8.00 am Mass: † Cyril Bastiampillai (family)  
6.30 pm St. Maria Goretti School 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Mass, #2

### Friday, 9 Apr.

8.00 am Mass: † Lydia Marquez (Family)  
7.00 pm Mass: † Jewhara Abla Chachati  
(Maria Bautista & Trevor Hendricks)

### Saturday, 10 Apr.

8.00 am Mass: † Josefina Mabaquiao (Emelita Gotera)  
10.00 am RCIA Youth Initiation catechism class  
12.00 pm Memorial Mass: † Josefina Mabaquiao  
2.30 pm St. Maria Goretti School 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Mass, #3  
5.00 pm Mass: Int. for Divine Mercy (Gina & Glenn)

### SUNDAY, 11 APR. / EASTER 2-B / DIVINE MERCY

- Homilist: Deacon Ramon Vilaro
- 9.00 am Mass: Int. Laureano & Norma Cruz  
Thanksgiving 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary
- 10.30 am Mass: Int. Greta Carlo (friends)
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Agapet & Clive Francis Fernandez  
(Mary Joseph)
- 6.30 pm St. Maria Goretti School 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Mass, #4
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

## Pray for the Deceased

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



## April Collections

### 4 April: Offertory and Easter

On 4 April, the first collection is for the *Regular Sunday Offertory*.

The second collection is for the *Easter Sunday* collection for our special Church needs.

### 18 April: ShareLife

On 18 April, *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.

### 25 April: Maintenance

The 2<sup>nd</sup> collection on Sunday, 25 Apr., will be for the support of our major parish projects through the *Maintenance Collection*.

## COMING UP

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| 17 Apr. | <i>World Day of Prayer</i> (1.00 pm)   |
| 18 Apr. | <i>ShareLife</i> Sunday  |
| 19 Apr. | <b>Joyce Durban:</b> birthday (1927)   |
| 21 Apr. | <b>Queen Elizabeth II:</b> birthday (1926)   |
| 23 Apr. | Wedding: Belen – Albino (1:00 pm)  |
| 24 Apr. | Wedding: Churchill – Dhanasekar (1:00 pm)  |
| 25 Apr. | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection: <b>Maintenance</b> ;<br>- St. Vincent de Paul <i>Bundle Sunday</i> |
| 3 May   | Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)  |
| 9 May   | Infant Baptism (1.30 pm)   |
| 16 May  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection: <b>Pope's Pastoral Works</b>                                       |
| 30 May  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection: <b>Maintenance</b>   |
| 10 June | <b>Prince Philip:</b> birthday (1921)  |

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

During the current pandemic zone management, we are celebrating our Masses according to the usual schedule. There is a 15% capacity limit on attendance, and all must wear a face mask.

# ShareLife 2021

*Living the Gospel by supporting mental health care in our community.*



In this time of Lent, please reflect on the great needs of our brothers and sisters who are helped through your generous support of *ShareLife*.

Last year, generous *ShareLife* supporters enabled 21,000 people to receive affordable mental health care through family service agencies across the Archdiocese of Toronto, including our community.

Our parish goal for this year's campaign is \$41,000.00. Please give generously.

As we undertake our 2021 Parish Campaign, we thank you for your faithful support!

18 April 2021, is *ShareLife* Sunday.  
Thank you for supporting *ShareLife*!

## Sacramental Preparation *Ready to move forward*

All families of the Candidates for 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion and Confirmation have been eagerly waiting for news as to how the preparation process would proceed.

The modification in Church capacity that was made on 15 March has made it possible for us to resume plans to celebrate these extremely important events in the lives of our Youth.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Communion *and* Confirmation

The celebrations of 1<sup>st</sup> HOLY COMMUNION and CONFIRMATION, which were to take place after Holy Week in 2020, are now being rescheduled in the near future. The families of Candidates in our schools who have prepared to receive these Sacraments will be given information so that they can prepare properly. Keep referring to this website bulletin for more details.

Here is a first chart for the 1<sup>st</sup> Communion schedule:

The *St. Maria Goretti School* 1<sup>st</sup> Communions will be held:

Wednesday	7 April	6.30 pm
Thursday	8 April	6.30 pm
Saturday	10 April	2.30 pm
Sunday	11 April	2.30 pm
Wednesday	14 April	6.30 pm
Thursday	15 April	6.30 pm
Saturday	17 April	2.30 pm



The assignments will be similar to the lists that had been prepared for the 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Masses planned for November and December 2020. As soon as this proposed schedule can be confirmed, it will be distributed to the families along with any necessary planning reminders.

The *Saturday* 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Class will resume shortly.

The *RCIC Youth* will have the next meeting at 10 am on 10 April.

## Pastor's Easter Message



*To be a Christian is to believe that Jesus is risen! Our faith in the Resurrection defines our identity. Our faith is a commitment to life. Easter is our New Passover, the Day on which the Lord appeared to those who had begun to lose hope, and opened their eyes to what the Scriptures had foretold. May the Risen Lord breathe on our minds and on our eyes, that we may know him in the Breaking of the Bread, and follow him in his risen life. I would like to extend to you and your families a sincere Happy Easter from myself, **Fr. Elias Chachati, Deacon Ramon Villardo**, and all who make up our Ministry Team at *St. Maria Goretti Parish*. May the peace of the Risen Lord be with you always.*

**Fr. Edwin Galea**, *Pastor*

**Fr. Elias Chachati**, *Associate*

**Rev. Mr. Ramon Villardo**, *Deacon*

## Stewardship 2020 Receipts, 2021 Envelopes

The *Charitable Tax Receipts* for all recorded donations during 2020 are in the Vestibule, as well as the *2021 Sunday Offertory Envelopes*. They may be picked up during Church opening hours.

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.

We hope and pray that all Parishioners are staying healthy – both physically and spiritually. Please let us know if the Parish can help you during these difficult times.

Our Parish relies on the support of our Parishioners to function. Without the weekly offertory collection during this COVID 19 crisis, the Archdiocese has ways that we can continue our support.

→ **P.A.G.** You can contribute through *Pre-Authorized Giving*.

All that is required is that you complete a *Letter of Authorization* at the Parish Office, and bring one *voided cheque*. Contributions are withdrawn from your bank account on the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

### *Remembering the Parish in your Will*

Your parish has been there for you and your family during the most important moments of your lives. Make sure your Catholic community is active and alive for years to come.

Please consider your Parish in your *will* or through a *planned gift*. A Bequest is a beautiful way to express your faith and gratitude for a lifetime of blessings – a lasting legacy of love that will help the Church continue to serve future families with its many ministries.

For more details, please call the Parish Office at 416-261-0076 and ask for the Pastor, **Fr. Edwin**; or contact **Peter Okonski**, Manager of Planned Giving and Personal Gifts, at 416 934 3400, ext. 519; or by email at [development@archtoronto.org](mailto:development@archtoronto.org). All calls are confidential.

# We Remember our Instructions for First Holy Communion

## WE WALK WITH JESUS

Your family celebrates special occasions. So do your friends at Church – they enjoy celebrations. The Church celebrates feast days like CHRISTMAS and EASTER, and special occasions like your BAPTISM and FIRST HOLY COMMUNION.

### A Day to Remember

After Jesus died on the Cross on Good Friday, Peter, Andrew, and all the followers of Jesus gathered together in a room. They were very sad. Jesus was their best friend. He taught them about God’s Law of Love and he showed them how to live it.

Suddenly, some women ran into the room. Early that morning, before sunrise, they had gone to the tomb where Jesus was buried. Now they had some incredible news.

The tomb was empty! Then they remembered the words of Jesus: “ON THE THIRD DAY, I WILL RISE AGAIN.” They were so happy! Jesus was risen, just as he had told them.

Imagine yourself in the place of Peter. He was sad when Jesus died on the cross, but now was filled with joy. Can you remember a time when you were so happy you could hardly speak? It must have been like that for Peter and the others.

### A Meal to Remember

A new life began for the friends of Jesus. Jesus had died on the Cross, but God the Father raised him to new life. His friends often talked together about all that Jesus had done and said. They remembered his Last Supper with them, and the beautiful words he spoke came back to them.

Imagine yourself at the table with Jesus and his friends. Put yourself among the Apostles. What would you have said to Jesus about his incredible words? What do you think he meant?

*The Church Teaches:*

**Jesus is really and truly present in Communion.**

**He gives us his body and blood.**

*Adapted for children from Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC #1375)*

At the end of the meal, Jesus said: “DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.” From then on, when his followers shared the bread and wine, they remembered Jesus, and he was there with them.

Just as Jesus asked, his followers soon began to gather every Sunday, the day of the Resurrection, in memory of him. For them, every Sunday was like celebrating Easter all over again.

At first his followers met in private homes. But soon there were many new members, so they had to move to larger spaces. They began to build Churches where they could praise and worship God and share their faith and love in memory of Jesus.

### Your Parish Church

The people in your parish, which is the Christian community in your neighbourhood, gather every Sunday just as Christians have done since the time of Jesus. When you attend and celebrate Mass with your family, your neighbours, and with everyone who is part of your parish family, Jesus is truly there with you.

Your parish church is the place where you will celebrate your First Holy Communion.

## WE LEARN ABOUT THE MASS

When you go to **Mass**, also called the *Lord’s Supper*, or the celebration of the *Eucharist*, you look, you listen, you sing, and you make gestures. You watch what the Priest does as he leads the people in prayer. But it is *all of us together* who celebrate the Eucharist. The two main parts of the Mass are the

**Liturgy of the Word**  
and the **Liturgy of the Eucharist**.

# The Mass



## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

**Procession of Gifts:** Greeters collect offerings to support the Church in proclaiming the Gospel; Candidates for 1<sup>st</sup> Communion & Confirmation prepare their prayer slips; and the gifts for the Altar are presented: the Bread and Wine that will become the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist.

**Eucharistic Prayer:** The Priest begins this long prayer, in which he thanks God for the gift of His Son, Jesus, who gave his life to save us.

**Sanctus:** After the first part of the Prayer, the *Preface*, we sing the *Sanctus*: “**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD, GOD OF HOSTS. HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY...**”

**Last Supper Narrative:** The Priest says the words that Jesus used at the Last Supper. The bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ.

**Memorial Acclamation:** We say what we believe about Jesus Christ. We say, “**WE PROCLAIM YOUR DEATH, O LORD, AND PROFESS YOUR RESURRECTION, UNTIL YOU COME AGAIN.**”

**Doxology, Great Amen:** The Priest says the *Doxology* at the end of the *Eucharistic Prayer*, a summary of our praise. The faithful reply “**AMEN,**” meaning, “Yes, we agree.”

**Lord’s Prayer:** We pray the *Our Father*, which Jesus taught the Apostles when they asked him how to pray; it is truly a summary of the whole Gospel. To show our care for others, we then exchange a simple *Sign of Peace*.

**Breaking of Bread:** The Priest re-enacts the gesture of Christ at the Last Supper, and invites the assembly to share in the Eucharist, becoming one body in Christ. They sing or recite the *Agnus Dei* (“Lamb of God”). The Priest holds up a host and says the words used by John the Baptist, “Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.” Jesus is our *sacrifice* who *takes away the sins of the world*.

**Communion:** The Priest eats and drinks the Body and Blood of Christ. The faithful approach the communion stations, and receive the Body of Christ. The Priest or Eucharistic Minister says to each communicant, “The Body of Christ.” The communicant answers, “**AMEN.**”

## CONCLUDING RITE

*The Priest invites the assembly to go forth and to honour God and serve one another in the spirit of community.*

**Prayer after Communion:** The closing prayer of Mass.

**Announcements:** Important developments in the life of the Parish community are identified, so that the assembly may be able to participate. This may include a *ShareLife* appeal; or a special event hosted by a parish ministry.

**Blessing and Dismissal:** The Priest blesses the assembly and sends it out into the world to do the work of Christ and share the Good News of our salvation. He says “Go forth, the Mass is ended.” We answer, “**THANKS BE TO GOD.**”

## INTRODUCTORY RITE

*The Introductory Rite calls the assembly together as a worshipping community. We prepare to: listen to the **Liturgy of the Word**, and to celebrate the **Liturgy of the Eucharist**.*

**Entrance Procession:** The Mass opens with a procession to the Altar. It introduces the Priest and the ministers to the assembly and is a visual sign of a community gathered in faith. We stand and sing a song of praise.

**Greeting:** The presiding Priest venerates the altar, and greets the assembly from the Chair, beginning with the Sign of the Cross, the sign of our faith. He says, “The Lord be with you.” We answer, “**AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT.**”

**Penitential Rite:** Reflecting on the all-embracing mercy of God, we say a prayer called the *Confiteor*, or “I confess.” We admit to God and to others that we are sinners. Then in the *Kyrie* (“Lord have mercy”) we ask for forgiveness.

**Gloria:** We sing the *Gloria*, the song the angels sang the night Jesus was born. The first line in the song is “Glory to God in the highest.”

**Collect:** With the words “Let us pray,” the Priest invites the assembly to observe a brief silence to realize that they are in God’s presence. The Priest “collects” their needs and offers them to God the Father through Christ, in the Holy Spirit. All present join by acclaiming, “**AMEN.**”

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**First Reading:** The Lector proclaims this reading, usually taken from the Old Testament. At the end, the Lector says, “The Word of the Lord.” We answer, “**THANKS BE TO GOD.**”

**Psalm:** The Cantor leads as we praise God.

**Second Reading:** This reading is usually taken from one of the *Epistles* (Letters) of the New Testament, often a letter from St. Paul; or it may come from the Acts of the Apostles.

**Gospel:** While the Gospel book is carried from the Altar to the Pulpit, we sing the word *Alleluia*, which means “Praise God.” Before reading the Gospel, the Priest or Deacon says, “A reading from the Holy Gospel according to....” We answer, “**GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.**” The Priest or Deacon reads from one of the four Gospels, according to Matthew, Mark, Luke or John. The reading ends with, “The Gospel of the Lord.” We answer, “**PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST.**” In his *Homily*, the Priest or Deacon helps us to understand how the Gospel guides our lives.

**Creed:** In this prayer, which is a summary of the key elements of our faith, we proclaim what we believe about God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – and His Holy Church.

**Intercessions:** In the *Prayer of the Faithful*, we intercede for others by asking God for things that people need.

# Some Churches

*Below:* St. Columbkille Church, Uptergrove, Ontario, 1882.

*Bottom:* Las Lajas Sanctuary, Ipiales, Colombia, 2002.



St. Maria Goretti Church, Scarborough, 2020.



Popes **St. John Paul II** and **Benedict XVI** in Society.



[Above:] **Pope Benedict XVI** walks hand in hand with international youth at the 2005 **World Youth Day** celebration in Cologne, Germany. It was his first time at a WYD event since his election as Pope on 19 April that year, after the death of **St. Pope John Paul II**.

[ Below: ] **Pope Benedict XVI** celebrates a solemn Mass on the occasion of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of **Pope Pius XII**. The Pope wears: A Red Pontifical *Dalmatic* under the *Roman Chasuble*, a papal *Mitre Simplex* and he carries the *Ferula*.



Much of the liturgical thought of Pope Benedict XVI can be seen in his autobiography *Milestones*, which chronicles his life until he was called to Rome. In *Milestones*, he describes the Liturgy's effect on him in his youth, as the church year was celebrated by his Parish, such as the darkening of the Church for the somber season of Lent. His parents' gift to him of a child's missal (like their own hand missals) drew him more deeply into the holy mysteries as a boy. When he entered the Seminary he encountered the new liturgical movement which presented the faith more in the spirit of returning to the *Sacred Scriptures* and the *Fathers of the Church*. He saw the Mass as the centre of each day, while the study of Sacred Scripture was seen as the soul of theology. These are themes that would later be taken up by the Second Vatican Council, 1962 - 65.

The Church gives us the *ritual*; but it is God Who acts through the Holy Spirit to lead us to participate *actually* and *really* and *personally*.



On 16 October 1978, when the newly-elected **Pope John Paul II** appeared on the balcony, he broke tradition by addressing the gathered crowd:

“Dear brothers and sisters, we are saddened at the death of our beloved **Pope John Paul I**, and so the Cardinals have called for a new Bishop of Rome.

They called him from a faraway land – far and yet always close, because of our communion in faith and Christian traditions.

I was afraid to accept that responsibility, yet I do so in a spirit of obedience to the Lord and total faithfulness to Mary, our most Holy Mother. I am speaking to you in your - no, *our* Italian language. If I make a mistake, please correct me.”



On 19 April 2005, at the balcony, **Pope Benedict**'s first words to the crowd, given in Italian before he gave the traditional *Urbi et Orbi* blessing in Latin, were:

“Dear brothers and sisters,

After the great **Pope John Paul II**, the Cardinals have elected me, a simple, humble labourer in the vineyard of the Lord. The fact that the Lord knows how to work and to act even with insufficient instruments, comforts me. Above all, I entrust myself to your prayers.

In the joy of the Risen Lord, confident of his unfailing help, let us move forward. The Lord will help us, and Mary, His Most Holy Mother, will be on our side. Thank you.”



Photo of **Pope Benedict XVI** in the main St. M.G. Parish office, in the last light of day.