



Parish Week / Sunday, 23 May 2021

Saturday, 22 May / St. Rita of Cascia, *religious*

- 8.00 am Mass: † Bonifacia Gonzales (Antonieta Moore)
 11.00 am Wedding: Benjamin Zupansky & Larissa Vase
 5.00 pm Mass: † Beatriz Remedios (Lillian D'Souza)

SUNDAY, 23 MAY / PENTECOST

■ Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo

- 9.00 am Mass: † Clive Francis Fernandez (Mary Joseph)
 10.30 pm Mass: † Alexander D'Souza (family)
 12.00 pm Mass: Int. Joel & Joarr Arroyo & family
 (Gina & Glen)
 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday 24 May / Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Living & † Deceased Members of Merin,
 Dimaiwat, Pango & Cerillo families (Gina Arroyo)
 7.00 pm Mass: Int. Brian Moggudge, for speedy recovery
 (Dominic Dias)

Tuesday, 25 May / St. Bede the Venerable, *priest*

- 8.00 am Mass: † Ajith Maduranayagam (Peter Gomes)

Wednesday, 26 May / St. Philip Neri, *priest*

- 8.00 am Mass: † Denis Gomes (family)

Thursday, 27 May / St. Augustine of Canterbury, *bishop*

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving for Sandra Gomes-Pereira
 (Louis)

Friday, 28 May

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Guna, 64th Birthday (Mary Mariampillai)

Saturday, 29 May / St. Paul VI, *pope*

■ Anniversary of St. Maria Goretti's 1st Holy Communion (1902)

- 8.00 am Mass: † Yoahan Alexander (family)
 5.00 pm Mass: † Beatriz Remedios (family)

SUNDAY, 30 MAY / MOST HOLY TRINITY

■ Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galen

■ 2nd Collection: Maintenance

- 9.00 am Mass: † Maria Coutinho, 1st Death Anniversary
 (Lawrie)
 10.30 am Mass: † Ernesto & Lydia Rodas (family)
 12.00 pm Mass: † Josefina Mabaquiao (Emelita Gotera)
 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Focus on the Word

Pentecost Sunday - B

Acts 2.1-11; 1 Corinthians 12.3-13; John 15.26-27; 16.12-15

O God, who by the mystery of today's great feast sanctify your whole church in every people and nation, pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit across the face of the earth and, with the divine grace that was at work when the Gospel was first proclaimed, fill again the hearts of your believers. Amen.

Pray for the Deceased

Sophie Manalo
 Rodolfo Rivera
 Dora Valy

Jane Doe, killed in the **unprovoked**
mass stabbing in North Vancouver



Upcoming Collections

30 May - Maintenance

The 2nd collection on Sunday, 30 May, will be for the support of our major parish projects through the *Maintenance Collection*.

13 June - Marygrove Camp

On Sunday, 13 June, the 2nd collection will be for *Marygrove Camp*, run by the St. Vincent de Paul Society. *Marygrove* offers 1,100 girls from less-fortunate families an opportunity to attend summer camp. Many children will benefit from your generosity.

20 June - ShareLife - 2nd Offering

On 20 June, the 2nd collection will be the Second Offering for our annual *ShareLife Appeal*, which raises funds in support of 33 Catholic agencies and 8 grant recipients, respecting the sanctity of all human life.

If you use one of the recycled envelopes marked "ShareLife," remember to write your own Sunday envelope number on top.

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| 4 June | Wedding: Phillip Anthony – Anne Bermas (3:00 pm) |
| 7 June | Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm) |
| 9 June | Wedding: Robert Luxmore – Katrina Mulla (12:30 pm) |
| 13 June | - 2 nd Collection: MaryGrove ;
Infant Baptism (1.30 pm) |
| 18 June | Fr. Edwin Galea : Anniversary of birth (1954) |
| 19 June | Deacon Ramon : Ordination Anniversary (2004) |
| 20 June | 2 nd ShareLife Appeal |
| 27 June | 2 nd Collection: <i>Maintenance</i> |
| 30 June | Wedding: John Dave Magdirila – Ahziel Tabanes |

Website stmariagoretti.archtoronto.org

No Public Masses: During the current pandemic lockdown, there are no public Masses. Our Church is open for personal prayer every day from 8.00 am to 6.00 pm. The *Mass Intentions* that were booked before the *Stay at Home* was imposed will all be honoured by the Priests in their private Masses. See the website bulletin.

ShareLife 2021

*Living the Gospel
by putting faith
Into action.*

Your gift to *ShareLife* helps!



“ShareLife is where the rubber hits the road. This is how we validate the legitimacy and integrity of our Christian life: not by the words we speak, but by the love we share, in practical ways. That’s what we do with ShareLife.”

– **Cardinal Thomas Collins**

Thank you very much for supporting our Parish’s *ShareLife* Campaign. Thus far we have raised \$ 8,370.00 toward our Parish goal of \$ 41,000.00.

We are fortunate in our community to have *ShareLife*-funded agencies that reach out to the marginalized, especially during the pandemic. These agencies respect the values we hold dear as a Catholic community.

As a Pastor, I find it reassuring to know I can refer those who come to me for guidance with difficult family issues to a Catholic Family Service agency that will be attentive to our beliefs and values as they help them.

These services are made possible through our generosity toward *ShareLife*. When you support these agencies, you are helping them to grow in response to the increased demand for service they face. This results in a positive impact on the lives of those who turn to them for help.

As Catholics, we are called to care for one another. One way we do this is through our support of *ShareLife*. We express this love and care by supporting the work of *ShareLife*-funded agencies. Through their programs and services, we are able to fulfill this commandment.

Thank you for “LIVING THE GOSPEL” through our parish *ShareLife* campaign. If you have not contributed to date, please consider doing so.

20 June 2021, is our next *ShareLife* Appeal.
Thank you for supporting *ShareLife*!

Sacramental Preparation

We continue to plan celebrations 1st HOLY COMMUNION and CONFIRMATION, vital events in the lives of our Youth.

See the photos on the website of the 1st Communion Masses for **St. Maria Goretti School**. When we are able, we will organize the 1st Communion candidates from **St. Albert School**, and then all the **Confirmation** candidates, beginning with the Saturday Class.

When the candidates come to Church with their families for their Sunday blessing (and for Confession and Communion for those above Grade 3), they may submit their *Sunday Mass Slips*. See the website bulletin for more details, since most students received their slips early in 2020, and began submitting them at that time.

The *RCIC Youth* will have their next meeting at 10 am on 5 June.

RCIA, RCIC

Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults & Children



The RCIA meets regularly on Friday evenings at 7.30 pm, and the RCIC meets periodically on Saturday mornings; their next meeting is on 5 June.

Do you cherish the **Bible**? Would you like to help spread the *Good News* to new Catholics? You can serve as a **Bible Sponsor** for the candidates currently in the process of joining the Church. For more information on how you can help, call: **Fr. Edwin**, 416-261-0076.

Mary, Mother of the Church

Feastday: 24 May 2021



On 3 March 2018 **Pope Francis** announced that the Church would celebrate the Feast of MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH every year on the *Monday after Pentecost*, to foster Marian piety.

In the words of **Cardinal Robert Sarah**, this celebration will help us remember that the Christian life must be anchored to the Cross, to Christ in the Eucharistic Banquet, and to Our Lady, Mother of the Redeemer and Mother of the

Redeemed. Honoring Mary as Mother of the Church on the day after Pentecost also highlights that Mary was with the disciples on Pentecost, praying with them as the Holy Spirit descended. From the awaiting of the Spirit at Pentecost, Mary has never ceased to take motherly care of the Pilgrim Church on earth.

Upcoming Weddings

Note: Due to the pandemic, some of the Weddings previously announced were deferred. The list below includes some names of couples whose Weddings were planned before the pandemic.

There is a promise of Marriage between:

Glenn Vincent Churchill and Aishwarya Dhanasekar
22 May 2021, *St. Maria Goretti Church*

Madona Alphonse and Nirushiya Sivakumar
5 June 2021, *Infant Jesus Church, Trincomalee, Sri Lanka*

Robert Luxmore and Katrina Mulla
9 June 2021, *St. Maria Goretti Church*

Victor Bevilacqua and Sara Keata
6 November 2021, *St. Maria Goretti Church*



[George and Maria Ponniah celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary]

Confirmation Preparation Resource (4)

The Promise of the Holy Spirit in the Scripture Readings for the Feast of Pentecost

1st Reading: Acts 2.1-11

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in their own language. Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and converts, Cretans and Arabs — in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.”

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12.3b-7, 12-13

Brothers and sisters: No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.



Gospel: John 20.19-23 *The Arrival of the Holy Spirit*

It was evening on the day Jesus rose from the dead, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”

When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”



Mass Slips

When Candidates come to Church with their family for the Sunday blessing (and Confession and Communion for those above Grade 3), they can submit their *Sunday Mass Slip*.

When we enter the Church, we need to sign in at the Table near the hand sanitization station. On Saturday and Sunday, there will be a box on the Table marked, “Mass Slips.” When you have signed in, and before you enter the Church to pray and receive Holy Communion, place your Mass Slip in the box. At the present time, Candidates only need to write their name, and the day and time of their Church visit. Spare slips will be available at the Office for Candidates who have misplaced their originals.

Confirmation

Gift of the Holy Spirit

BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION and the EUCHARIST comprise the SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION. Confirmation completes Christian initiation, and strengthens the Candidates by the gift of the Holy Spirit. They are witnesses of Christ, bound to spread and defend the faith by their words and deeds.

Origins of the Sacrament

The Old Testament prophets announced that the Spirit of the Lord would rest on the awaited Messiah for his saving mission. The descent of the Holy Spirit on Jesus at his Baptism in the Jordan by John was the sign that this was the expected one: the Son of God, who would communicate the Spirit to the entire messianic people. On Pentecost, filled with the Holy Spirit, the Apostles began to proclaim the mighty works of God, and Peter declared this outpouring of the Spirit to be a sign of the messianic age.

In the Letter to the Hebrews, the doctrine on Baptism and the Laying on of Hands is listed among the first elements in Christian instruction. The Laying on of Hands is recognized as the original sign of the Sacrament of Confirmation, which perpetuates the grace of Pentecost in the Church.

The Bishop

The original ministers of Confirmation are the Bishops, the successors of the Apostles. They have received the fullness of the Sacrament of Holy Orders. (The Bishop may transfer this mandate to the local Parish Priest.) The Sacred Chrism used for the Anointing was blessed at the Mass of Chrism at the Cathedral during the previous Holy Week.

The Sponsor

The Sponsor is a fully-initiated member of the Church who:

- ❖ Represents the community; ❖ Will support the parents;
- ❖ Testifies that the Candidate will be a witness for Christ.

The original Godparent may perform this duty; or another adult who serves as an example of Christian living.

The Name

The Confirmation Name is the Christian *Baptismal* name, or the name of another *Saint* who will serve as a lifelong patron and prayer partner to the newly-confirmed.

Effects of Confirmation

The purpose of the Sacrament is the full outpouring of the Holy Spirit, as it was given to the Apostles on Pentecost:

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind...divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them the ability. (Acts 2.1-4).

The entire Church benefits by Confirmation: it conveys the grace of *Pentecost*, enabling us to live with the fruits of the Holy Spirit:

Charity, Joy, Peace, Patience, Generosity, Goodness, Perseverance, Mildness, Faith, Modesty, Continence, Chastity.

Confirmation has several important effects:

- (1) **It makes us more aware of God;**
- (2) **It releases the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit:** Wisdom, Knowledge, Counsel, Understanding, Courage, Piety and Reverence of the Lord.
- (3) **It unites us more firmly to Christ;**
- (4) **It binds us more perfectly to the Church;**
- (5) **It gives us strength to spread and defend the faith by our words and actions in order to:**
 - ✕ be true witnesses of Christ;
 - ✕ confess the name of Christ boldly;
 - ✕ never be ashamed of the Cross.

Confirmation perfects the grace of Baptism, and imprints a spiritual mark or permanent, indelible character on the Christian's soul. A Candidate for Confirmation who has attained the age of reason must profess the faith; be in the state of grace; desire to receive the Sacrament; and be prepared to assume the role of disciple and witness to Christ, both in the Church and in the world.

The Liturgy

Confirmation is ordinarily celebrated within the context of the Holy Mass. Following the Proclamation of the Word of God, the Sacrament is administered in this order:

Presentation of the Candidates

Homily

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

*Laying On of Hands*¹

*Anointing with Sacred Chrism*²

¹ LAYING ON OF HANDS: The Bishop faces the people and introduces the prayer. Then he (and any concelebrating Priests) extend their hands over the Candidates, and ask the Father to send the Holy Spirit upon them.

² ANOINTING WITH CHRISM: Candidates walk to the Sanctuary. The Bishop goes to them individually, takes some Chrism, addresses them by their Confirmation Name, and makes the Sign of the Cross on their foreheads.

Bishop: “ _____ , be sealed with
the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

Newly Confirmed: “AMEN.”

Bishop: “Peace be with you.”

Newly Confirmed: “AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT.”







The Window Monster of Krakow

It's a bird! It's a lizard! It's... a *pastry*?

Animal control officials in Krakow, Poland are having a good laugh after an unusual call when they were asked to remove a strange “window monster” that was menacing locals from its perch in a lilac bush.

Officials showed up at the apartment complex to investigate and discovered that it wasn't a monster. It was a *croissant*.

The Krakow Animal Welfare Society (KTOZ) shared details of the unusual incident, including a transcript of the caller who reported it, in a Facebook post after vanquishing the crusty menace earlier in the week. A “desperate-sounding” woman called KTOZ to report what she said was a “creature” in the tree outside her window, they said.

“He’s been sitting here for days and everyone is scared of him,” she told them. “Come and pick him up!” Staff asked if the animal might be a bird, but the woman rejected that notion. She said it looked like an iguana. Two KTOZ inspectors showed up at the scene and quickly spotted the “brown creature” sitting atop a lilac bush. “His brown skin shines in the sun,” KTOZ wrote in their tongue-in-cheek post. “We looked closely; the poor guy has no legs or head.”

The inspectors burst out laughing after realizing that the supposed “dragon child” was a French pastry that had likely been dropped from a window of the apartment complex, only to land in the bush. They removed the doughy demon from the tree and assured the woman that she was safe.

Then they went back to the office and blasted the story across the internet. Although the incident had a ridiculous conclusion, KTOZ says it's still worth reporting suspicious incidents when they happen. They'd prefer to answer a call and see it end in comedy, rather than not hear about it and have it end in “tragedy.”

The only tragedy in this case was that someone lost a perfectly good croissant.

15 April 2021

Philosophical Reflections

1. Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
2. The last thing I want to do is to hurt you, but it's still on my list.
3. Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
4. If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
5. We never really grow up; we only learn how to act in public.
6. War does not determine who is right, only who is left.
7. Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
8. To steal ideas from one person is *plagiarism*. To steal from many is *research*.
9. I didn't say it was your fault. I just said that I was blaming you.
10. In filling out an application where it says "In case of an emergency, notify," I answered "a doctor."
11. Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are sexy.
12. You do not need a parachute to skydive; you only a parachute to skydive twice.
13. I used to be indecisive, but now I'm not so sure.
14. To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.
15. Going to Church doesn't make you religious, any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.
16. You're never too old to learn something stupid.
17. I'm supposed to respect my elders, but it's getting harder and harder for me to find someone older than me.



Twin panda cubs cuddling.

Eglinton LRT Line

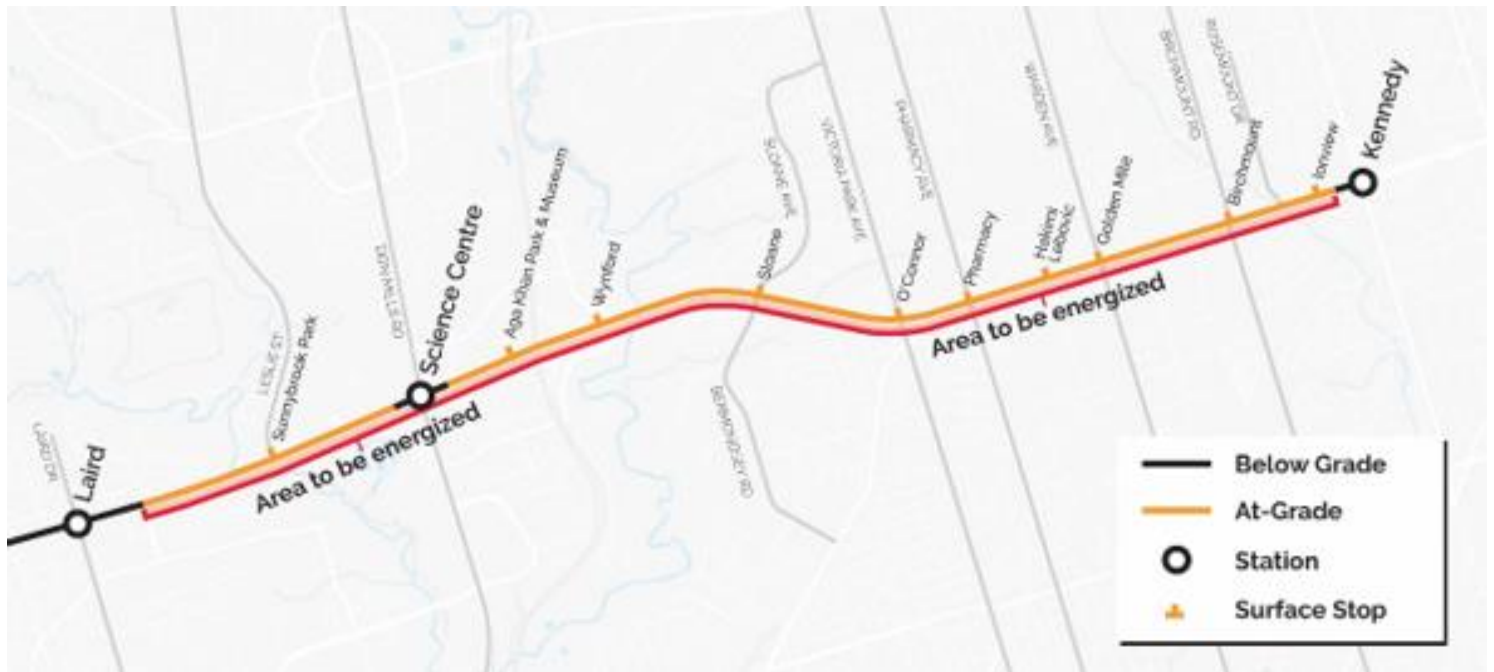
Overhead Catenary System Energization between Laird Drive and Kennedy Road

On 3 May 2021, the overhead catenary system (OCS) between Laird Drive and Kennedy Road was energized. The OCS cables are now electrified and

dangerous if encountered. It is never safe to go near the OCS. Please obey signage and stay away from all overhead cables.

The OCS is installed above the LRT tracks and powers the Light Rail Vehicles (LRVs). Power is delivered from traction power substations located along the alignment to the LRVs via the OCS cables.

Signage has been installed along the At-Grade alignment to notify the public that the OCS is live.



New overhead appearance
of Kennedy Station.



A friend of **Mathilde Blais** is comforted as she prays for her beside her bike, near the site in Montreal where Mathilde died on 28 April 2016 when she was struck by a vehicle in an underpass on the way to work.

