

Focus on the Word

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Revelation 11.19-12.10; Corinthians 15.20-26; Luke 1.39-56

Almighty ever-living God, who assumed the Immaculate Virgin Mary, the Mother of your son, body and soul into heavenly glory, grant, we pray, that, always attentive to the things that are above, we may merit to be sharers of her glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for every and ever. Amen.

Parish Week / Sunday, 15 August 2021

Saturday, 14 Aug. / St. Maximilian Kolbe, priest & martyr

- 8.00 am Mass: † Shirley Rea (Dino Aseo & family)
 12.30 pm Memorial Mass: † Mervyn & Delicia Rajapakse, Alex Abeyesekera
 5.00 pm Mass: † Christa, Fred & Robert Eisenblaetter (Caroline Lerma)

SUNDAY, 15 AUG. / ASSUMPTION OF MARY

- Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo
- 2nd Collection: Canadian Missions

- 9.00 am Mass: † Cyril Bastiampillai (Caroline)
 10.30 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (D'Souza family)
 12.00 pm Mass: † Michael D'Mello (Esme)
 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday, 16 Aug. / St. Stephen of Hungary

- 8.00 am Mass: † Michael O'Herlihey (Lina Vitello)
 7.00 pm Mass: † Mariano Marasigan (daughter)

Tuesday, 17 Aug.

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving
 Christopher Ryan 2nd Birthday (Shoba)

Wednesday, 18 Aug.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Hector & Sheila Menin (Gina Arroyo)

Thursday, 19 Aug. / St. John Eudes, priest

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Birthday Thanksgiving (Gina Arroyo)

Friday, 20 Aug. / St. Bernard, abbot & doctor

- 8.00 am Mass: † Ottavio Panigutti (Christa Hahn)

Saturday, 21 Aug. / St. Pius X, pope

- 8.00 am Mass: † Helmut Kufer (Christa Hahn)
 5.00 pm Mass: † Jesus Escobar (family)

SUNDAY, 22 AUG. / 21-B

- Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea

- 9.00 am Mass: † Amado & Lucing Lao (Carolina Aquino)
 10.30 am Mass: † Sheila Gomes (Patrick DeCaires)
 12.00 pm Mass: † Babies Alleluia & Glory D'Cunha (family)
 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo



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.

Pray for the Deceased

Bruno R. Corrales, Lydia Depippo, Olimpio Macabali, Kevin Riley, Renate Stocker

The **21 victims of the ultra marathon disaster in Gansu province, China**



15 August: Feast of the Assumption

Parishioners may be interested to know that this year, a major liturgical feast falls on Sunday, 15 August: the *Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*. This Feast takes precedence over an *Ordinary Time* Sunday. Our liturgical ministers, especially our Lectors, should note that it is not the "20th Sunday in Ordinary Time." Please prepare for the correct Readings.

regeneration

re:gen Chastity is an initiative committed to build a culture of life by sharing with young people the beauty of the Catholic faith, particularly in the area of sexuality.

On 21/22 August, there will be a special presentation on RE:Gen at our Masses by **Judel Villardo**. See the website bulletin for more details.

2nd Collection: 15 August, Canadian Missions

On 15 August, the 2nd collection is for the *Canadian Missions Collection*. CATHOLIC MISSIONS IN CANADA was established in 1908, to provide support to Catholic missionaries - priests, sisters, brothers & lay people – who dedicate their lives to proclaim the Gospel throughout regions of need in Canada, and among our Indigenous, First Nations, Metis and Inuit brothers and sisters.

COMING UP

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28 Aug. Wedding: Raphael Santiago – Mary Parayna (1:00 pm)
 29 Aug. 2nd Collection: **Maintenance**

4 Sept. Wedding: Santos – Clavesillas (1:00 pm)
 6 Sept. Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
 19 Sept. Infant Baptism (1.30 pm)

Website stmariagoretti.archtoronto.org

We are currently celebrating our Masses with a 127-person capacity limit on attendance, and all must wear a face mask. It is not mandatory to sanitize hands as you enter the Church; but it is recommended and available for those who wish.

RCIA, RCIC



Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults & Children

The RCIA meets on Friday evenings at 7.30 pm; their next meetings are on 20 Aug. and 3 September. The RCIC meets on Saturday mornings; their next meeting is on 4 September.

Residential Schools

The RCIA is holding a study series on the history of Residential Schools in Canada. Documents provided from public records, the Archdiocese and archival sources are reviewed in light of the current interest in advancing the Reconciliation effort.

Parishioners are welcome to participate; however, due to the pandemic guidelines, it is necessary to register so that the number attending may be tracked.

The next meetings will be held at 7.30 pm on 20 August and 3 September. If you wish to take part, please send an email message to: stmariagoretti@rogers.com, and be sure to including the **names** of those wanting to participate, and a **telephone number** to allow for quick contact.

1st Communion, Confirmation

Students *who will be starting Grades 3 and 8* in September, and who should have received their 1st HOLY COMMUNION and CONFIRMATION this past Easter Season, will be provided their appropriate Liturgies after School resumes in September.

We will also ensure that students starting Grades 4 and 9, and who were not able to have these Sacraments that were held in June, due to family or scheduling issues, will be included in our planning.

A Special Gift ANTHONY MENDONCA, masks

Our Parish extends its thanks to **Anthony Mendonca**, for donating to our Church a generous supply of high quality N95 face masks. Your kind gift is greatly appreciated.

Mass Intentions: Requests for 2022

The Mass Intention book for 2022 is now open. The parish office will accept requests for intentions after any Sunday Mass and during the week:

Monday, after the 8.00 am Mass, until 10.00 am;
Wednesday, from 12 noon to 2.00 pm;
Friday, from 12 noon to 2.00 pm.

Fr. Edwin's 40th Anniversary

Special Mass: 7.00 pm, 25 August

The Children's Choir planned a Special Mass on 29 November 2020 for Fr. Edwin, to mark his 40th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood. Due to the resumption of pandemic restrictions, it had to be rescheduled. The Mass will now be held at 7.00 pm on Wednesday, 25 August 2021. All are welcome.

Stewards of the Church

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.

As Stewards of God's gifts we cooperate with God in our own redemption and in the redemption of others. The New Covenant in and through Christ forms a community – the *Body of Christ*. The Unity of this people is itself a precious good to be cherished, preserved and built up by those who live in love. We are called to be Stewards of the Church: to be collaborators in continuing the saving work of Jesus Christ, which is the mission of the Church.

Parish Memorials

A lasting legacy: Remember **St. Maria Goretti Church** in your will. Such a gift would enable you to express your affection for your Parish in a tangible way. By leaving a bequest, you help to ensure the vitality of our ministries and the work we do for God's Kingdom in the name of Jesus.

Our *legal title* is: "**St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church, Scarborough, Ontario.**" Correspondence is addressed to the *Pastor*, 717 Kennedy Road, Scarborough, Ontario M1K 2C1.

Upcoming Weddings

Raphael Santiago and Mary Parayno

28 August 2021, St. Maria Goretti Church

Kevin Santos and Julianne Clavesillas

4 September 2021, St. Maria Goretti Church

Alessandro Nicoletto and Kimberly Robinet

10 September 2021, St. Peter Church, Woodbridge

Alfred Kattan and Julianna Valente

25 September 2021, St. Maria Goretti Church

Bryan Mullins and Rachel Versace

25 September 2021, St. John Church, Kingston Road

John Paul Belen and Vanessa Albino

9 October 2021, St. Maria Goretti Church

Kevin Turner and Rhea Fortuno

29 October 2021, St. Maria Goretti Church

Victor Bevilacqua and Sara Keats

6 November 2021, St. Maria Goretti Church



Victor Bevilacqua checks out an issue with our sump pumps.

The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

15 August

The feast of the **Assumption** recalls the spiritual and physical departure of the Mother of Jesus Christ from the earth, when both her soul and her body were taken into the presence of God.

Venerable **Pope Pius XII** confirmed this belief about the Virgin Mary as the perennial teaching of the Church when he defined it formally as a dogma of Catholic faith in 1950, invoking papal infallibility to proclaim, “that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.”

His Apostolic Constitution “**MUNIFICENTISSIMUS DEUS**” (*Most Bountiful God*), which defined the dogma, contained the Pontiff's accounts of many longstanding traditions by which the Church has celebrated the Assumption throughout its history.

The constitution also cited testimonies from the early Church fathers on the subject, and described the history of theological reflection on many Biblical passages which are seen as indicating that Mary was assumed into heaven following her death.

The bodily assumption of Mary is not recorded in Scripture; however, Catholic tradition identifies her with the “woman clothed with the sun” who is described in the 12th chapter of the Book of Revelation.

The passage calls that woman's appearance “a great sign” which “appeared in heaven,” indicating that she is the mother of the Jewish Messiah and has “the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.” Accordingly, Catholic iconography of the Western tradition often depicts the Virgin Mary's assumption into heaven in this manner.

Eastern Christians have also traditionally held Mary's assumption into heaven as an essential component of their faith. Pius XII cited several early Byzantine liturgical texts, as well as the eighth-century Arab Christian theologian **St. John of Damascus**, in his own authoritative definition of her assumption.

“It was fitting,” St. John of Damascus wrote in a sermon on the assumption, “that she, who had kept her virginity intact in childbirth, should keep her own body free from all corruption even after death,” and “that she, who had carried the creator as a child at her breast, should dwell in the divine tabernacles.”



Readings for the Feast

1st Reading **Revelation 11.19; 12.1-10**

Psalm 45 *Response: At your right stands the Queen in gold of Ophir.*

2nd Reading **1 Corinthians 15:20-26**

Gospel **Luke 1:39-56**

First Reading

A Reading from the Book of Revelation

God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple. A great portent appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pangs, in the agony of giving birth.

Then another portent appeared in heaven: a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman who was about to bear a child, so that he might devour her child as soon as it was born.

And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron. But her child was snatched away and taken to God and to his throne; and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, so that there she can be nourished for one thousand two hundred sixty days.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, “Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ.”

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 45

**R: At your right hand stands the Queen
in gold of Ophir.**

Daughters of kings are among your ladies of honour;
at your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.
Hear, O daughter, consider and incline your ear; forget
your people and your father's house. *R. (Raise hand.)*

The king will desire your beauty.
Since he is your lord, bow to him.
The princess is decked with golden robes;
in many-coloured robes she is led to the king;
behind her the virgins, her companions, follow.
R. (Raise hand.)

With joy and gladness they are led along
as they enter the palace of the king. *R. (Raise hand.)*



Second Reading

A Reading from 1st the Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a man; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.

Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. **R:** Alleluia.

Mary is taken up to heaven;
the hosts of Angels shout for joy.

R: Alleluia.



Gospel

A Reading from
the Holy Gospel
according to Luke

Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

And Mary said,
"My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,

for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

And Mary remained with Elizabeth about three months and then returned to her home.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Statement from **Cardinal Thomas Collins**, *Archbishop of Toronto*, on the passing of the former Premier of Ontario, **William G. Davis**

9 August-2021

I join with so many others throughout the province and country who are mourning the passing of the former Premier of Ontario, the Honourable **William G. Davis**. The former premier dedicated much of his life to the vocation of public service and was known for treating others with dignity and respect.

Among his many accomplishments, we acknowledge his significant leadership as a champion for publicly funded Catholic Education in Ontario.

We pray for the repose of his soul, and that his loved ones may find peace in knowing that his legacy of kindness and service will live on for years to come through those whom he inspired. *May he rest in peace.*

Prayer In Time of COVID

by **Bishop Robert Kasun**, CSB, Auxiliary Bishop, Central Region, Archdiocese of Toronto

Gracious God, you who are the author of all life, and who desire the well-being of all people, during these dark days of COVID-19, increase in us, respect and reverence for all human life.

Grant restored health to the sick,
comfort and hope to the dying,
eternal peace for those who have died,
strength to family members, relatives, clergy,
friends and volunteers,
renewed energy to hospital workers,
PSWs, nurses and doctors,
and perseverance to all in the health care professions.

Grant wisdom to scientists for the development of effective and moral vaccines,
discernment and right judgment for legislators,
aid to the discouraged, poor and vulnerable,
courage and justice for front-line workers and all who risk their lives for the benefit of others.

Keep always in our minds the vision of the true common good of all the world.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Memorare

REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.



The Assumption of the Virgin
Juan de Valdes Leal, 1658, -1660,
National Gallery of Art, Washington DC (*public domain*)

re:gen Digital Media

re:gen is a vibrant missionary community of Catholic young adults dedicated to evangelizing the culture in the Archdiocese of Toronto and beyond.

Established in 2015, **re:gen** consists of 3 ministries: *Chastity*, *Campus*, and *Digital Media*. All three share the mission of sharing the faith, teaching **St. John Paul II's** *Theology of the Body*, and help youth understand the Catholic view on love, sexuality, and chastity.

We are looking for people who are open to listening about our mission, with no obligation to support, so we can share more about our mission and vision to others. With the generosity and support of the people, we have been able to reach the hearts of thousands of youth. And with Digital Media being our brand new ministry, we hope to reach out to more people online and bring the important values of understanding love, sexuality, and chastity to even more hearts.

Interested in learning more? Interested in supporting the mission?

Please contact **Judel Villardo** if you wish to learn more about re:gen and his mission and vision as a Digital Media Missionary for the upcoming year.

He would love to speak with you!

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To you, O Blessed Joseph *Ad te, beate Ioseph*

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our afflictions, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.

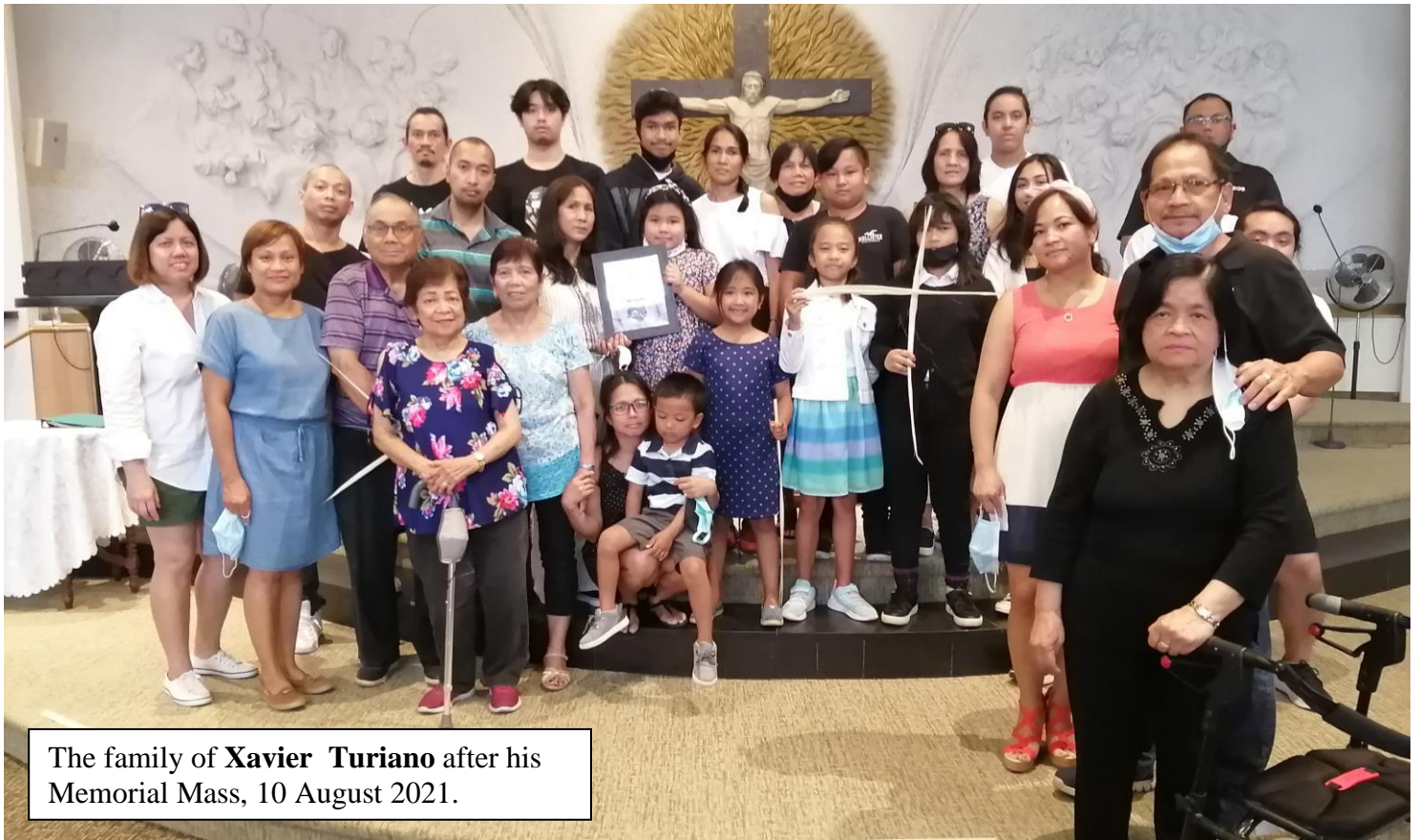
The official prayer of the Year of St. Joseph—To you, O blessed Joseph (*Ad te, beate Ioseph*)—was composed by Pope Leo XIII in his 1889 encyclical, *Quamquam Pluries*. The Holy Father asked that it be added to the end of the Rosary especially during October, the month of the Holy Rosary.



William Ryan Roman Villanueva, David Marcello Operario and Apollo Kwabena Bosompem receive their Blessing in Preparation for Baptism, 11 August 2021.



Primo Miguel G. Sibal and Andrew Greg Tana receive their Blessing in Preparation for Baptism, 10 August 2021.



The family of **Xavier Turiano** after his Memorial Mass, 10 August 2021.



The family of **Julita Bautista** after her Memorial Mass, 2 August 2021.