



Above left: left to right: Mrs. & Mr. Benny and Camilo Bastiampilai with Bishop Gérard LaPlante and Fr. Jürgen Schmode top right picture, during the reception: left to right: Mr. Tony Klymchuk, Mr. Samuel Thomas, Bishop Gérard LaPlante, Mr. Camilo Bastiampilai, Mr. Jean Doucet, Fr. Gordon Hangerud

25th Wedding Anniversary of Mr. & Mrs. Camilo and Benny Bastiampilai

The Bastiampilai family has been a member of St. Raphael's Old Catholic Church for more than 13 years and both of their sons were Altar servers. Originally from Sri Lanka, they have made their home in Vancouver since 1994; Camilo works with Grimm Sausages and Benny is a manager with an A&W Restaurant in North Vancouver. The mother of Camilo traveled from Toronto to be with his family on this special occasion.

At the end of Holy Mass, the couple renewed their wedding vows and were presented with a special cross as a gift from the Church. Afterwards, everyone was invited by the family for a picnic in the back of the Church.



above left picture during the reception: Mrs. Rose Muirhead and Mrs. Kathy Tasaka; above right: Mr. Hamid Zamani Sadr, Fr. Jürgen Schmode, Mr. Camilo Bastiampilai, Mr. Samuel Thomas, Bishop Gérard LaPlante, Mrs. Bastiampilai from Toronto, Mrs. Benny Bastiampilai, Ricky Bastiampilai, Mrs. Rose Muirhead, Mr. Tony Klymchuk, Mrs. Zaplotinsky



Above left: Mrs. Dolores Durocher, Mr. John Githiga Karanja, Bishop Gérard LaPlante, Mr. Tony Klymchuk, Mr. Michael Wanyoike, Mrs. Sonja Muller top right picture: the garden in spring bloom

Mr. John Karanja from Kenya and Mrs. Sonja Muller visiting

This last month we also saw the visit of Mr. John Githiga Karanja from Kenya. He is a soccer player and will play for the Whitecaps soccer team; also in the picture is Mrs. Sonja Muller who got married last year with Mr. Walter Botwinski, who has now been promoted to Major in the US Army.

The rainy weather was good for the garden of St. Raphael's. As you can see by the pictures, everything is blooming with strong colors this year and it is a joy to see.



above pictures: on the left: even the sparrows have a little church in the garden! On the right: the seating corner was redone by Mr. Harry Werner