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MASS INTENTION

SATURDAY (May 3)
5:00 PM Open

SUNDAY (May 4)
7:30 AM +Alicee Hilchie
9:00 AM Open
11:00 AM +Felipe Enriquez,
+Amado, Lusing, and Judith King,
+Thomas Anthicques, +Nancy
Amalsad
12:30 PM Jen King Yeak, +Grace
Badiola, +Rino Rossi, +Chad
Mason, +Helen Tolentino,
+Felimon Tablada Sr.

MONDAY (May 5)
7:00 PM +John William Wardell

TUESDAY (May 6)
7:30 AM Thanksgiving of Joanna
Aguila, +Geronimo Saboriendo,
+Alfred Lee, +Eldwin Mendoza

WEDNESDAY (May 7)
7:00 PM +Purita Mandawe,
Thanksgiving of Elmer & Anne
SolCruz

THURSDAY (May 8)
7:30 AM Thanksgiving of Karl
Pereira and Sarita D'Sa

FRIDAY (May 9)
7:00 PM +Kaherina Ksiezopolski

SATURDAY (May 10)
9:00 AM Open

5:00 PM Open

Do you remember that our parish
church was solemnly dedicated
on May 2, 2018 by H.E. Thomas
Cardinal Collins?
We thank God this weekend for
such a grace!



In the last couple of days since we celebrated Easter Sunday, we have been as a Church experiencing Easter like no other. Pope Francis went home to the house of our Heavenly Father on Monday of the Octave of Easter. Several years ago, the same happened with Pope John Paul II on the Eve of the Divine Mercy. Both proclaimed in action and words the Gospel of Mercy.

In today's Gospel story, the gospel writer did not only tell us about the breakfast that Jesus had with the disciples. He also included other details which were very ordinary, such as Peter going fishing, catching nothing, feeling so vulnerable and exposed, but may just point us to the reality of Easter.

What if Easter is not just about an empty tomb and people meeting Jesus alive immediately following the discovery of the rolled stone? Perhaps, Easter has more to do with the ordinary and the familiar, very much like the disciples who were back in Galilee, who found themselves doing their old routine of fishing, to the same boat, the same water, the same work, the same frustration - and it was there that Jesus "showed himself."

Except perhaps about the coming conclave, most of us are back to the everyday routines of our life - what if Jesus really wants to meet us where we really are? Just because your net is empty, don't throw it away as of yet. It is when our nets are empty... and when the jars are empty as it was in Cana, that Jesus comes to us.

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SUNDAY OFFERING

Offertory	\$ 4,443.40
Building Fund	\$ 1,353.00
Mass Stipend	\$ 270.00
Candle Offering	\$ 409.60
Flower	\$ 45.00
ShareLife	\$ 40.00
Wedding	\$ 500.00
First Communion	\$ 3,713.75
Rectory	\$ 352.16
Easter	\$ 320.00
Total	\$ 11,447.36

Thank you for your generous financial contribution.

SUPPORTING THE PARISH

One of the most financially sound ways to support the Archdiocese of Toronto is with the gift of securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds). When you donate securities to a registered charity, you pay no capital gains tax and receive a tax receipt for the full amount of the gift. It means a great tax break for you and an increased support of various archdiocesan charities such as your Parish, ShareLife, St. Augustine's Seminary and many others. For further information, contact the Development Office at 416-934-3400 ext. 561 or send an email to development@archtoronto.org.

Thank you to all Parishioners who donated food items for Eden Food Bank. Our local Knights of Columbus were able to gather 370 lbs.

Canadian Food for Children

As you recall, Dr. Simone came to visit our parish to share with us the work that he is doing for children the world over. Canadian Food for children is one of the agencies that our ShareLife supports. However, there is an immediate need which Dr. Simone expressed to us: Peanut butter, flour, salt, shoes, Soap. If you would like to give any of these, please bring them to the parish at any time this week.

A DAY WITH MARY

On Saturday, May 31, 2025, the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a new archdiocesan event called "A Day With Mary" will be taking place at Villanova College located at 2480 15th Sideroad in King City.

We will gather together from all corners of the archdiocese to participate in Mass, pray the Rosary, grow deeper in our devotion to Our Lady through a keynote address by Dr. Josephine Lombardi for the adults, inspiring personal witnessings and children's catechesis for the kids. There will be music, food and fellowship and we hope that you will consider joining His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo and so many others who love the Blessed Mother.

A Day With Mary will be held rain or shine, please plan according to the weather. In case of severe rain or thundershowers, the event will move inside the school.

Registration is now open on the Archdiocesan Website. Admission is free for all ages!

OPEN TO ALL FAMILIES
YOUNG AND OLD ALIKE

The Knights of Columbus is inviting all parishioners to a two hour Saturday Night Bowling from 7 PM to 9 PM on May 10.

The Two hours of Bowling cost \$15 at Streetville Bowl

Tickets will be available starting on April 26.

Come and enjoy a night of fun with fellow parishioners!

WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT SPRING 2025

May 22 to 25

Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre
Mississauga

ACTS is a three-day retreat led by those who have attended prior ACTS retreats under the guidance of Catholic clergy and certified spiritual companions. The retreat focuses on Adoration, Community, Theology and Service. Scripture and the teachings of the Catholic Church are the guidelines. For more information, please contact the Women's Retreat Director: Rebecca Williams **CONTACT:** Rebecca Williams or Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre **PHONE:** 905-978-3507 or 905-278-5229 **EMAIL:** Rebecca7623@gmail.com or office@qoa.ca

Life-giving Wounds: A Healing Retreat for Adult Children of Divorced or Separated Parents

The Life-Giving Wounds retreat invites participants to move through the broken image of love that appeared to them in their parents' relationship to their deepest origin and identity as God's beloved, capable of great love. The next retreat will be from Friday, May 16 at 6 p.m. to Sunday, May 18 at 3:30 p.m. at St. Augustine's Seminary (2661 Kingston Rd., Scarborough). Must be 18 or older to attend. Cost: \$340 per person (\$200 for students), which includes meals, lodging and retreat material. Limited subsidies are available if cost is a concern.

Please contact lgwtoronto@proton.me. For university/college students, contact your campus minister for more information. Space is limited. To register, visit: <https://bit.ly/LGW-TO-Retreat-Register2025>.



THE CONCLAVE

It has been announced that the start of the Conclave that will elect the successor of Pope Francis will begin on Wednesday, May 7, 2025.

Let us all pray that the one who is chosen for us will be a pastor after God's own heart. Here is a prayer that you might want to use.

Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful,
And kindle in them the fire
of your love.

Send forth your Spirit, and
they shall be created. And
you will renew the face of
the earth.

O God, eternal shepherd,
who govern your flock with
unfailing care, grant in your
boundless fatherly love a
pastor for your Church
who will please you by his
holiness

and to us show watchful
care.

Through our Lord Jesus
Christ, your Son, who lives
and reigns with you in the
unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever. Amen.



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