

St Francis Xavier Parish

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Thanksgiving

For wealth and plenty in the land,
For faith in God's sustaining hand,
For every blessing great and small
We thank the giver of it all.

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As we gather this Thanksgiving Weekend to celebrate the abundance of God's grace and mercy, I am overwhelmed with gratitude for the blessings that have been poured upon our community at St. Francis Xavier Parish. Together, we have much to be thankful for, and it is only fitting that we take a moment to recognize the incredible outpouring of love and dedication that surrounds us.

Our parish is home to a multitude of vibrant ministries, each serving a unique purpose in spreading the Gospel and making a difference in our community. Through these ministries, we serve the Lord, reach out to those in need, comfort the afflicted, and bring the Good News to all who seek it. The leaders of these ministries play a crucial role in guiding our efforts and ensuring that we continue to grow and thrive as a faith community. Their dedication is a true reflection of the Lord's mercy. I also want to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude to our Pastoral council and the incredible volunteer team that made our Ministry Harvest of last week an outstanding success. The results speak volumes about the dedication, hard work, and love that were poured into this event. It was a true celebration of our faith and our commitment to serving one another.

In our parish, we are blessed with an extraordinary pastoral team, Fr. Ed, Deacon Anthony and Deacon Ryan, are each a testament of unwavering faith and devotion of our community. They selflessly give their time, talents, and treasures to ensure that our parish thrives. Our parish staff is wonderfully lead by Joanita whose dedication is extraordinary. A big thank you to Katherine and all our amazing student staff. Working with all of you is a constant reminder of how blessed I am to be pastor of such a beautiful community.

As we reflect on the many blessings we have received and the incredible work done within our parish, let us remember the words of 2 Corinthians 9:8, "And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." Indeed, our community abounds in good work, and we do so because of the abundant blessings and grace the Lord has showered upon us.

On this Thanksgiving weekend, let us offer our prayers of thanks to our incredible Carpenters team that has dedicated hundreds of volunteer hours and an amazing skillset in developing a beautiful new sanctuary for us. A special note of thanks to our regional bishop H.E. Bishop Ivan Camilleri for his unrelenting support throughout the process and finally blessing the sanctuary statues in the second phase completion on Saturday October 7, 2023, at the 5pm Mass.

May the Lord continue to bless us, guide our efforts, and fill our hearts with gratitude. Happy Thanksgiving!

Fr. James Cherickal

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Knights of Columbus Food Drive



Thanksgiving Food Drive
For Families Newly Arrived in Canada



Thank you!

Most Needed Items

Rice, lentils, breakfast cereals, granola bars, jams, pasta cookies, powdered milk, tea & coffee

Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre

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THE 2023 WOMEN TOGETHER RETREAT

Wednesday October 25, 2023 ♦ 9am to 3pm
Concluding with Holy Mass

Info: 905-278-5229 ♦ office@qoa.ca
Cost: \$45.00



The Catechism Corner



Q: *In what sense do we understand man & woman as created "in the image of God?"*

A: the human person is created in the image of God in the sense that he or she is capable of knowing and of loving their Creator in freedom. Human beings are the only creatures on earth that God has willed for their own sake and has called to share, through knowledge and love, in his own divine life. All human beings, in as much as they are created in the image of God, have the dignity of a person. A person is not something but someone, capable of self-knowledge and of freely giving himself and entering into communion with God and with other persons.

SFX Youth Ministry

**Youth Ministry
Starting Soon!**



Contact: sfyouth1@gmail.com

Parent Info Nights - Communion & Confirmation

Please Register Online Prior to Attending Meeting

First Holy Communion


Dates: October 10th 11th or 12th
Times: 5pm ♦ 6pm ♦ 7pm

Confirmation

Dates: October 16th 17th 18th or 19th
Times: 5pm ♦ 6pm ♦ 7pm

Please Note:

- ♦ kindly bring:
 1. Baptism certificates
 2. registration form
 3. registration fee
- ♦ Please arrive 45min prior to meeting



Confirmation Enrollment Ceremony: October 14 & 15
Catechism classes begin: **October 28, 2023**

Revive – Couple Enrichment

Saturday October 21, 2023 ♦ 9am to 12pm

REVIVE

A Psycho Spiritual Approach to
Couple Enrichment



One-day interactive workshop

- ♦ Effective Communication
- ♦ Conflict resolution
- ♦ Growing through pains

Lead By: Rev. Dr. Kurien Jacob
At: St. Francis Xavier Parish

Registration: Parish office or Parish website

Bereavement Sessions

Bereavement Sessions Sep. 29th to Nov. 24th
For eight weeks meetings on Fridays
730pm to 930pm



The Bereavement Ministry Provides:

- ♦ emotional support ♦ validation of feelings ♦
- ♦ discussion of coping strategies that lead towards healing ♦

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HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday October 9, 2023

8am †Marshall D'Souza
7pm †Romana Fernandes

Tuesday October 10, 2023

8am Thanksgiving Eshika Perumal
7pm †Vivek Fernandes

Wednesday October 11, 2023

8am Thanksgiving Precy Andrade
7pm Thanksgiving Sharon D'Sa
Thanksgiving Joseph Pathyil
Thanksgiving/honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Special intention Jerry Torres
Special intention Van & Phuong
†Isabel Duque
†Antu Joseph
†Vincent Simon Corriea
†Herminia Palattao
†Genara Santos
†Vickie Francisco
†Juliana Barreto
†Lira Mascarenhas

Thursday October 12, 2023

8am Special intent. Paula Pires & Chana Algarvio
7pm †Ram & Murari Goyal

Friday October 13, 2023

8am †Nerin Pragash
7pm Thanksgiving Anne Tolbert
Thanksgiving Rego Family
Special intention Mr. & Mrs. Williams
Special intention Allysa Lalusin
Special intention Remedios Family
†Yehan Fernando
†Joseph Dias
†Wison Tolbert
†Charles D'Mello
†Keith Martin
†Antu Joseph
†Rita & Terence Fernando
†Joseph Tran
†Anthony Lo
†Elias Pereira & Verodiane Fernandes
†Sumintra Mahabir
†Nerin Pragash

Saturday October 14, 2023

730am †Joventina & Emilio Tan
5pm †Juanita Bernabe

Sunday October 15, 2023

730am Thanksgiving Manuel & Lydia Pereira
9am †Francisco Jabier
1030am †Francesco, Laura & Fausta Mansueto
12pm †Fortunato Laranjo
130pm Pro Populo



Give thanks to the
Lord, for He is good;
His faithful love
endures forever

Psalms 118:1

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