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OF THE YEAR 2025**

**FRANCIS
BISHOP OF ROME
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**TO ALL WHO READ THIS LETTER
MAY HOPE FILL YOUR HEARTS**

4. Saint Paul is a realist. He knows that life has its joys and sorrows, that love is tested amid trials, and that hope can falter in the face of suffering. Even so, he can write: "We boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope" (Rom 5:3-4). For the Apostle, trials and tribulations mark the lives of those who preach the Gospel amid incomprehension and persecution (cf. 2 Cor 6:3-10). Yet in those very contexts, beyond the darkness we glimpse a light: we come to realize that evangelization is sustained by the power flowing from Christ's cross and resurrection. In this way, we learn to practise a virtue closely linked to hope, namely *patience*. In our fast-paced world, we are used to wanting everything now. We no longer have time simply to be with others; even families find it hard to get together and enjoy one another's company. Patience has been put to flight by frenetic haste, and this has proved detrimental, since it leads to impatience, anxiety and even gratuitous violence, resulting in more unhappiness and self-centredness.

Nor is there much place for patience in this age of the Internet, as space and time yield to an ever-present "now". Were we still able to contemplate creation with a sense of awe, we might better understand the importance of patience. We could appreciate the changes of the seasons and their harvests, observe the life of animals and their cycles of growth, and enjoy the clarity of vision of Saint Francis. In his *Canticle of the Creatures*, written exactly eight hundred years ago, Francis saw all creation as a great family and could call the sun his "brother" and the moon his "sister". [2] A renewed appreciation of the value of patience could only prove beneficial for ourselves and for others. Saint Paul often speaks of patience in the context of our need for perseverance and confident trust in God's promises. Yet, before all else, he testifies to God's own patience, as "the God of all patience and encouragement" (Rom 15:5). Patience, one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit, sustains our hope and strengthens it as a virtue and a way of life. May we learn to pray frequently for the grace of patience, which is both the daughter of hope and at the same time its firm foundation. (an excerpt)

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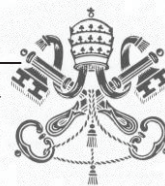


Tuesday May 13th
SFX Parish Hall | 9am to 6pm
All are welcome!

An Invitation for All

HOLY MASS

For the upcoming conclave &
the election of the new pope
Wednesday May 7th | 7pm



**PRAYER FOR THE ELECTION
OF A NEW POPE**

Lord Jesus Christ,

By entrusting to St. Peter and his successors the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven, You established the office of the papacy.

Grant to Your Church, we ask You, a pope who, in his dedication to the Sacred Tradition of the Church, will seek to govern the Church according to the Deposit of Faith and for the salvation of souls.

Immaculate Mary, Mother of the Church and Queen of Confessors, we consecrate to you the conclave and the election of the Holy Father. Blessed Mother, look not upon our sinfulness or upon the infidelity of many Catholics who do not accept the teaching of your Son, but upon the Church which is the spotless Bride of your Son, so that we do not get the leader we deserve, but a Holy Father who will guide the Church for the glory and honor of your Son. *Amen.*

Pilgrim Statue Visit



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At St. Francis Xavier Parish
Tuesday May 27th | 8am to 8pm

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◆†Bella & John Colaco
Requested by: Lynette Colaco

◆Leni Azurin & Jacqueline Cuenca
†Angie Barte
Requested by: Irma Cuenca

◆†John D'Costa Remedio Cardozo
Requested by: Anna Cardozo

◆†Elisea Del Rosario & Rosalia Badiola
Requested by: Arlene Del Rosario

◆†Rolda, Grande David & Jose families
Requested by: Evangelina Rolda

◆†Jose & Hensel Capellan
Requested by: Bernadette Capellan

◆†Yehan Fernando, Nancelin & Robert Peiris,
Meril & Mallika Fernando
Requested by: Ramesh Fernando ◆Dante Francisco Espanol

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On the second ShareLife Sunday, we call upon your compassionate hearts to support your vulnerable brothers and sisters in need. More people than ever are turning to our agencies for help. The kindheartedness of ShareLife supporters like you enables access to essential programs and services, such as the treatment program and transitional housing at St. Michael's Homes. For Jack, your support was transformative. After moving to start a physically demanding job, he suffered a knee injury which ultimately left him unemployed and addicted to pain medication. Thanks to your empathy, Jack had a safe space to overcome his addiction and gained the power to build himself back up.

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday May 5, 2025

8am †Terezinh Quadros
7pm †Lourdes Tavares

Tuesday May 6, 2025

8am †Deceased SFX Emeralds members
7pm †Heather Martyris

Wednesday May 7, 2025

8am †Ignatius Passanha
7pm In honour of Our Lady of Fatima & St. Joseph
Thanksgiving Oscar Valbuena & family
Special intention Juliet D'Costa
†Jovetina Tan
†Steve Pirabon
†Joseph Treyes
†Julia Orosio
†Elma Fernandes
†Leticia Lara
†Johnathan Braganza
†Henriqueta Lobo
†Jyoti Mynyal
†Maurice Braganza
†Vic Magno

Thursday May 8, 2025

8am †Ignatius Passanha
7pm †Ignatius Passanha

Friday May 9, 2025

8am †Terezinh Quadros
7pm Thanksgiving Kellman & Andrew
Thanksgiving Alwyn & Philomina Coelho
Thanksgiving Ritty Agustine
Thanksgiving John & Annie
Thanksgiving Lalanis family
Special intention Jacob and Lucas
†Departed members of the Quiney family
†Mariano Locquiao
†Elma Fernandes
†Carmen Fernandes
†Colette Pereira
†Jeganathan Ken
†Nolan T. Po
†Fr. Ajit Bandekar
†All souls in purgatory

Saturday May 10, 2025

8am †Minin & Mary Alfonso
5pm Anil, Susy & KK Kuruvilla

Sunday May 11, 2025

730am †Emilio Tan
9am Thanksgiving Gracian & Ann Alfonso
1030am Pro Populo
12pm Special intention Luisa & Jose Borges
130pm In Honour of Our Lady of Lourdes
7pm †Isabel Lee

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