

A Note from Our Pastor

My dear brothers and sisters,



I am deeply moved by the excitement and enthusiasm expressed by our parishioners regarding our Altar and Sanctuary renovation. Almost a hundred people turned up for the moving and clearing of the sanctuary and setting up the new chapel in the hall. Thank you for your support, prayers, and spirit of joy.

As we gather this weekend at the St. Francis Xavier School cafeteria, this might bring some nostalgic memories to the founding members. Twenty-five years back, it is in this cafeteria and in these hallways that you started this journey of faith with the late Msgr. Terence F. D’Souza. Today, as we go through this most important phase of our sanctuary renovation, the Lord has brought us back to where we started. We remember the past and the hard work of the pioneers of this church, with gratitude.

I am grateful to Mr. Dan Compagnon, principal of St. Francis Xavier School; Betty-Anne Pickett, school chaplain; and Laura laboni of the DPCDSB Permit Department, for allowing us to use this magnificent facility for our church needs. We appreciate the great help of the SFX school custodians, George, Helena, and Frank. We also acknowledge the many people who have provided so much thoughtful leadership in making this happen. Our parish secretary, Joanita Miranda; the Sacristans led by Christina Guimba; Ushers led by Joseph Remedios and Gizelle Cordeiro; Altar servers led by Nicola Pereira and Angelica Palattao; EMOHC’s led by Vickie Velasco and Jestin Nazren; and all Choir groups and their leads, deserve special appreciation for organizing and accommodating this special celebration at the school in the coming weekends. I am also grateful to Ernesto Cordeiro for providing us with his personal sound equipment for the Holy Eucharistic celebration.

As announced last weekend, we ask everyone for your prayers and financial support in this most memorable phase of our parish history. One Hail Mary a day for your pastor’s intention is highly appreciated. I also look forward to seeing all parishioners and visitors of our church come forward with your pledge for this “Tile Project”. A pledge form is available from the ushers as well as from the parish office. Please support generously.

In Christ,

Fr. James Cherickal

The Catechism Corner

Q: *What is the relationship between Scripture, Tradition, and the Magisterium?*



A: Scripture, Tradition and the Magisterium are so closely united with each other that one of them cannot stand without the others. Working together, each in its own way, under the action of the Holy Spirit, they all contribute effectively to the salvation of souls. CCCB 95

NEW Community Board

Located by the entrance of the Parish’s Main Hall

This is a space where parishioners can promote small businesses or where you can look for a service that you might be needing.

Parishioners working & serving Parishioners

We Support Parishioners & Catholic Business Enterprises

- ★ Kindly use this space respectfully
- ★ Please present your promotional material to the parish office prior to posting



SFX LIBRARY UPDATE

We are Proud to have a Resource Library in our Parish Through the vision of Fr. Bob O’Brian & the collaborative leadership of many parishioners the library has served our parish for years

★ **We Thank Mr. Venant Ferreira:**
The current coordinator, for his leadership & dedication, as he moves forward to another voluntary task

★ **We Welcome Miss. Melissa Chin:**
We are excited to have her lead the library team

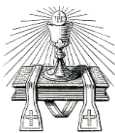


On behalf of the SFX family we wish them both the very best!
The SFX Library will be open on Mon, Wed, Fri evenings

MASSES DURING SANCTUARY RENOVATIONS

Saturday Vigil Mass & Sunday Masses at:
St. Francis Xavier High School

50 Bristol Road West ♦ Mississauga ON L5R 3K3 ♦ Cafeteria



Weekday Masses at:
The Fr. D’Souza Hall in the Church

Discernment Retreat for Men

---Come & See---

Weekend Discernment Retreat
**At St. Augustine’s Seminary for Single men 18+
March 17 to March 19th**

Special Address From:
His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins



Learn from his many years of experience as:
Seminararian, Deacon, Priest, Bishop, Cardinal
Opportunity for Q&A

- ♦ Holy Mass ♦ Prayer ♦ Discernment stories ♦
- Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

SFX Bereavement Sessions

Bereavement Sessions April 12th to May 31st
For eight weeks meetings on Wednesdays
 730pm to 930pm



The Bereavement Ministry Provides:

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

Registration required: 905-890-5290/sfxbereave@gmail.com

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(Saint Francis Xavier Parish 5650 Mavis Miss.)
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14 Days of Pilgrimage & Tour Under the Leadership of:

Fr. James Cherickal

January 15, 2024 to January 29, 2024



Early Bird Prices Until May 15th

\$4980.00 CAD (double occupancy) or \$950.00 CAD (single room)

After May 15th - \$300.00 price increase

A FEW HIGHLIGHTS of the TOUR INCLUDE:

- ★ Visit the Taj Mahal in Agra
- ★ Pray by the relics of St. Francis Xavier (Goa)
- ★ See the beauty of the Santa Cruz Cathedral & *many other churches*
- ★ Visit the Tomb of St. Alphonsa (India's first saint)
- ★ Visit Our Lady of Velankanni (optional extended tour)
- ★ Enjoy the Alleppey boat cruise (one of NY Times Must Go Places)
- ★ Experience Mattancherry & it's famous Jewish Town & Synagogue
- ★ Be thrilled by the Elephant Safari (Munnar) & Desert Safari (Dubai)
- ★ Four/five Star hotel accommodations & all meals included



Pick up a flyer by the parish office for more details

LIVE THE GOSPEL BY SUPPORTING SHARELIFE

ShareLife Sunday is March 26th and we once again ask you to give generously to support Catholic agencies, who in turn care for the most vulnerable in our communities.

As a parish, this is our opportunity to live the Gospel!



Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website or sharelife.org/donate.org

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday March 13, 2023

8am †Anthony Paradiso
 7pm Special intent. Anthony Nathan

Tuesday March 14, 2023

8am Thanksgiving Amelia Mathias
 7pm Thanksgiving Isabel Robles

Wednesday March 15, 2023

8am †Jovita Agsulid
 7pm Thanksgiving Gayle Estrada
 Thanksgiving Alan & Antonia Roaring
 Special intent. Jacqueline Revita Runez
 Special intent. Ceasar Tidor Telen
 Special intent. Lisa
 †Denis Rodricks
 †Pearl Aquí
 †Glorita Braz Gomez
 †Olga Silvera
 †Bernardino Abrigo
 †Virginia Veloso Remo
 †Josefino Rayos
 All the souls in purgatory

Thursday March 16, 2023

8am Thanksgiving Francisca Ogundele
 7pm †Jose Velho

Friday March 17, 2023

8am †Cecilia Castelino
 7pm †Paula Lagdameo Ward
 †Walter Serrao
 †Maria Alves Salsa
 †Maria Hong
 All the souls in purgatory

Saturday March 18, 2023

730am †Melinda & Felix Faria
 5pm Thanksgiving Vanessa Rodrigues

Sunday March 19, 2023

730am †Malaquias Fernandes
 9am Pro Populo
 †Ignatius Fernandes
 1030am Special intent. Sonal Castellino
 12pm †Francisco Jabier
 130pm †Daisy Pimentel

If God gives you the burden, God will give you the strength

-St. Josemaria Escriva



STATIONS of the CROSS

Every Friday of Lent After 7pm Mass