

A Note from Our Pastor



My dear brother and sisters,

As we struggle through this process of constant shifts and changes, a few thoughts have come to me these days. The first imagery was regarding the moving of the sacred altar and crucifix from the sanctuary and leaving it empty for renovation. During the past 25 years, this sacred sanctuary and altar has been our refuge and strength in times of joy and sorrow. Many sacraments were celebrated, both solemn and simple; many were baptized, confirmed, and married. Countless milestone events were celebrated with gratitude and pomp!

After the sacred altar and Ambo were taken out for renovation, I spent so much time alone in that empty church, moved with indescribable emotions! I Prayed silently, gathering all those Holy Masses and sacraments administered in the church throughout the many years. I felt so sad inside! Soon enough I thought about my ailing mother who is totally dependent on others. I could see my mother in the place of that empty sanctuary. Once an icon of hard work, a faith hero, a role model, active and vibrant mother now remains quiet, bedridden, with silent prayers on her lips... The first sanctuary of prayer in my life was our family prayer time and it was she who lead the family prayer! She is silent now! My current altar where I celebrated Mass and sacrament is also empty and silent now!

Our sanctuary is under renovation; we are waiting to see it beautifully completed so that we can, once again, offer glorious sacrifices to the Lord. My mother is also waiting for the glorious days in which she will see face to face her Lord and Master, whom she loved and worshipped through her life.

This Church sanctuary renovation time can be an opportunity for all of us to reflect on our families and our priorities. The Church calls the Catholic home a “domestic Church”. What about your family? The book of Deuteronomy 11:18-21 advised the Israelites how to honor God and develop a sanctuary in each one’s heart. In Short, let’s not forget the proven slogan: “The family that prays together, stays together.”

In Christ,

Fr. James Chericakal

The Catechism Corner

Q: What’s the importance of the Old Testament for Christians?

A: Christians venerate the Old Testament as the true word of God. All of the books of the Old Testament are divinely inspired and retain a permanent value. They bear witness to the divine pedagogy of God’s saving love. They are written, above all, to prepare for the coming of Christ, the Saviour of the universe. CCCB 121-123

Catholic Women’s League Food Drive



April 15, 2023 from 4:30pm to 6:00pm
April 16, 2023 from 7:00am to 2:30pm

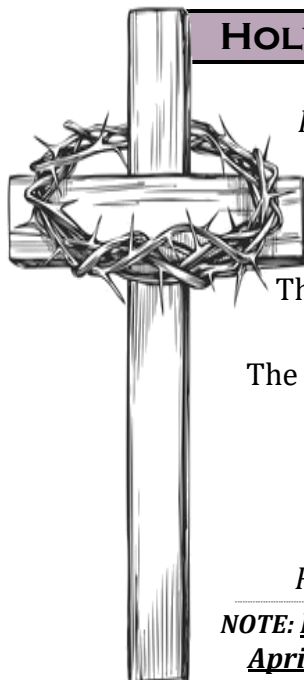
LOCATION: Church Parking Lot



PROCEEDS WILL GO TO:

- ★ Monetary Donations to the Missionaries of Charity
- ★ Food Donations to the Good Shepherd Ministries

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



Palm Sunday - April 2nd

Regular Sunday Mass schedule

Holy Monday - April 3rd

CONFESSIONS: 7pm to 9pm

Holy Thursday - April 6th

The Lord’s Supper: 5pm ♦ 7pm

Good Friday - April 7th

The Passion: 11am ♦ 1pm ♦ 3pm

Stations of the Cross: 7pm

Holy Saturday - April 8th

Easter Vigil: 8pm

Easter Sunday - April 9th

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

NOTE: Mass will not be celebrated on:
April 3rd at 7pm or April 4th at 8am

Masses During Sanctuary Renovations

Great Progress Has Been Made in the Renovation!

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of all those involved we will be able to:



Resume Mass in the Church

Palm Sunday - April 1st and April 2nd

Bundle Up Weekend: April 1st to April 2nd

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul “Bundle Up” Collection
At St. Francis Xavier Parish, Mississauga



Please let those gently used items you can do without benefit our neighbours in need.

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is a non-profit charity whose volunteer members collect clothing, shoes, and linens to donate, exchange for vouchers or sell to support our works of charity

WE COLLECT: clothing ♦ shoes ♦ linens

♦ Please tie bags for easier handling

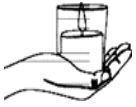
♦ Truck/Bin in Church parking lot all weekend



Does your ministry have any info or news to share? Contact: sfxbulletin5650@gmail.com a week in advance

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

Recruiting Altar Servers

Volunteer Hours will be Provided

Must be in grade 5 or higher

Next meeting: April 29, 2023 at 3pm



Instagram: @sfx.altarservers ★ Email: Sfxaltarservers1@gmail.com

Installation of Archbishop Frank Leo

On the Solemnity of the Annunciation, March 25, 2023

Bishop Francis Leo was installed as Archbishop of Toronto

Please keep him and Cardinal Collins in your prayers



Mass of Welcome for Archbishop Francis Leo

May 3, 2023 at 7pm ◆ St. Francis Xavier Parish, Mississauga

ALL ARE INVITED

Religious and Cultural Tour in India

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

This is ShareLife Sunday

ShareLife Sunday marks the first collection for our parish's annual campaign. In the words of Cardinal Collins: "Vulnerable members of our community are relying on you and me to ensure ongoing access to the care they so desperately need. This is why it's crucial we meet our parish campaign goal. Our goal can be met if we each do our part"

Our parish goal this year is **\$141,400.00**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.



HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

March 27th to April 2nd

Monday March 27, 2023

8am Thanksgiving Avril & Matt
 7pm Special intent. Carol

Tuesday March 28, 2023

8am †Rosalina Ong
 7pm Thanksgiving Gabriella Dytuco & Gloria Sorroea

Wednesday March 29, 2023

8am All the souls in purgatory
 7pm Thanksgiving Tom & Megan's family
 Thanksgiving Rathaël
 Thanksgiving Reynold
 Thanksgiving Roger & Myra Dela Cruz
 Special intent. Jacqueline Revita Runez
 †Loida C. Person
 †Ana Ermina Faleiro
 †Renato Mina
 †Romualdo Vieira
 †Irene & Joaquim Britto
 †Arturo Golea Sr.
 †Sheila Mundle
 All the souls in purgatory

Thursday March 30, 2023

8am †Jeff La
 7pm †Camela Frozenali & Maud Dixon

Friday March 31, 2023

8am Thanksgiving Ryan & Ian Jayakody
 7pm Thanksgiving Holy Spirit
 Special intent. Jacqueline Revita Runez
 †Jonathan Braganza & deceased family
 †Thelma Sacramento
 †Francisca Kitt

Saturday April 1, 2023

730am Special intent. Audrey Pansoy
 5pm †Antonio Grande

Sunday April 2, 2023

730am †Jose & Sarah Mscarsenhas
 9am Thanksgiving Martinez family
 1030am †Anita M., Fortunato O., Wilfredo S.
 12pm Pro Populo
 130pm †Jose Velho

Behold, the servant of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word

-The Blessed Virgin Mary

STATIONS of the CROSS

Every Friday of Lent After 7pm Mass

