

A GOSPEL REFLECTION:

If you love me, you will keep my commands John 14:15

The Lord Jesus fulfilled the Mosaic Law on behalf of all who would trust in name as Saviour so there is now no condemnation for those that are in Christ Jesus. The law of the Spirit of life has set us free, in Him, from the law of sin and death. And yet, Jesus called us to keep His commandments, why would this be?

We may no longer be under the curse of the Law but this does not exclude us from living godly in Christ Jesus. We are now under grace and so if we love our Saviour, we will keep His commandments out of our love for Him and not out of duty. But what is His new commandment and how can we keep it?

We have been removed from our old life into our new life. We have been transferred from the ministration of condemnation into the ministration of reconciliation. We are no longer under the old covenant that was cut in stone but under the new covenant that was written in the shed blood of Jesus Christ. He gave His life for love of us, and we simply love Him because He first loved us and gave Himself for us.

And the commands of our Saviour to all His followers are rooted and grounded in love, His love, the love of Christ dwelling in us and the love of Christ flowing through us to others.

The commands of Christ are distinct from those given to Israel and so much more glorious, for we are commanded to love one another in exactly the same way that Christ loved us. And when we abide in His love and walk in spirit and truth, we truly fulfil the new commandment that the Lord Jesus gave to His disciples, shortly before His death and Resurrection.

Jesus gave us a new and better covenant and He also gave us a new and better commandment that can only be carried out in spirit and truth. We can only fulfil His commandment of love in the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit as we live our life in total dependence upon Him, trusting His Word and doing only those things that we hear from Him.

"A new commandment I give to you," were some of the last words that the apostles heard before His crucifixion, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you" This new commandment to the Church is a foundational principle upon which Christianity is founded and if we truly love the Lord Jesus, we will keep His commandments of love so that the life we now live in the flesh is not of us, but Christ living in us.

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Cardinal Collins - 50th Anniversary

His Eminence Cardinal Collins

will be Celebrating Holy Mass in his home parish in celebration of the **50th Anniversary Since His Ordination**

Sunday May 21, 2023 at 11am

Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate

28 Norfolk Street ♦ Guelph ON

A reception in the Parish Hall will follow

All Are Welcome!



Confirmation

Congratulations to all the young adults that were recently Confirmed!



May the Holy Spirit always be your guide & strength.

We invite you to continue coming to Holy Mass every Sunday and to frequent the sacraments regularly.

Prayer to the Mother of the Lord of all Mothers

Mary, on this day when we honor all mothers, we turn to you. We thank the Lord whom you serve for the great gift of motherhood. Never has it been known that anyone who sought your intercession was left unaided by grace.

Dear Mother, thank you for your "Yes" to the invitation of the angel which brought heaven to earth and changed human history. You opened yourself to God's word and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

Dear mother, intercede for all our mothers. Ask your Divine Son to give them the grace of surrendered love so that they may join with you in giving their own "Fiat." May they find daily strength to say yes to the call to the sacrificial love- the very heart of the vocation of motherhood. May their love and witness be a source of great inspiration for all of us called to follow your Son.



On this Mother's Day,
Mother of the Word Incarnate,
pray for us who have recourse to thee. *Amen.*



The Catechism Corner



Q: *What are the symbols of faith?*

A: The symbols of faith are composite formulas, also called "professions of faith" or "Creeds," with which the Church from her very beginning has set forth synthetically and handed on her own faith in a language that is normative and common to all the faithful. CCCB 185-188, 192-197

CWL Annual Scholarship – SFX Council #3067

Scholarship of \$500.00 Available to:



- ★ Any student from our parish (male or female)
- ★ Graduating high school this year
- ★ Will be attending University/College (Two-year diploma course minimum)

Applications need to be submitted by July 14, 2023

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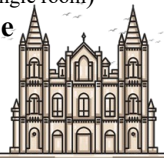
14 Days of Pilgrimage & Tour Under the Leadership of:
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 January 15, 2024 to January 29, 2024



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 \$4980.00 CAD (double occupancy) or \$950.00 CAD (single room)
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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)
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Share Your Love on Mother’s Day

On Mother’s Day, all moms deserve to be celebrated and supported. Did you know that our parish’s ShareLife campaign is helping young women with an unexpected pregnancy? One such mother is Nikki, who was able to continue her education and receive practice assistance through a ShareLife-funded agency called Rose of Sharon.

“If it wasn’t for you and for ShareLife, I don’t know where we would be today,” says Nikki. “We will always and forever be grateful for your support!”



HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday May 15, 2023

8am †Isidro Venus
 7pm †Theresa Cherickal

Tuesday May 16, 2023

8am Thanksgiving Ian Passanha
 7pm †Gonzalo & Merlyn Fernandes
 †Theresa Cherickal

Wednesday May 17, 2023

8am All souls in purgatory
 7pm Thanksgiving Priscila Soto
 Thanksgiving Rahil D’Silva
 Special intent. Raphael Tam
 †Alwyn D’Souza
 †Cory Gonzalez
 †Angeles Borromeo
 †Nenita Aliermo
 †Theresa Cherickal

Thursday May 18, 2023

8am Thanksgiving Bernard Miranda
 7pm †Roberto Nicolas

Friday May 19, 2023

8am †Theresa Cherickal
 7pm Thanksgiving Frances Nissa Fernandez
 Thanksgiving Teena Thomas
 Thanksgiving Van Doan
 Special Intent. Jonathan Fernandes
 †Potenciana Yateo
 †Maria Vu
 †Manuel & Maria Santos
 †Mansueta Espanol
 †Daisy Pimentel
 †Esther Fernandes
 †Winifred Coelho

Saturday May 20, 2023

730am †Owen Lobo
 5pm †Reynaldo Garcia

Sunday May 21, 2023

730am †Felix & Lucy Sequiera
 9am †Francisco Jabier
 1030am †Owen Lobo
 12pm †Conceicao & Jose Tavares
 130pm Pro Populo

Happy Mother’s Day!
The loveliest masterpiece of the heart Of GOD is the love of a MOTHER
 St. Therese of Lisieux

