

A Note from Our Pastor

Dear brothers and sisters,



Greetings from India.

I trust that you had a great Easter filled with joy. May the resurrection of our Lord give us hope in struggles and uncertainties.

I also hope that you were happy to be back in the church for the Holy Week as you saw the progress in the renovation project. My immense gratitude to our contractor Peter Chaberski, the Carpentry team, SFX Guild, and other volunteers in their efforts for the effective, although partial completion of the project to resume the liturgical services in the church.

In my 25 years of ministry in the Archdiocese, it was the first time that I was away from my parish during Holy Week and Easter. It was a very difficult decision, but I managed to join you virtually and spiritually at various celebrations.

Thanks to Fr. Eduardo, Fr. Dominic, Msgr. Thomas, Deacons Anthony, and Ryan, Parish Secretary Joanita Miranda, altar servers, choirs, EMOHCs, the decoration team, lectors, sacristans, and ushers for your wholehearted help and leadership.

Some of you might be asking: "Why is Fr. James taking this long to come back after the funeral?" Here in Kerala, there are traditions and rituals we observe after the death of a family member. We celebrate 7 consecutive days of Mass and cemetery visits. The immediate family also observes the next 41 days offering special prayers including daily Mass and acts of charity for the remission and forgiveness of the deceased's sins. The 41-day observance signifies the Ascension of our Lord to heaven after His Resurrection.


Still during this time, the parish priest visits the family to offer condolences and special prayers. After the prayers, the white veil which covered the bed of the deceased is removed. This signifies that through the intercessory prayers and penance, the deceased becomes worthy of heaven.

I will be returning soon and joining my family only spiritually. Once again, I take this opportunity to thank you for all your prayers, support, and consoling words.

May the Lord bless us all.

Fr. James Cherickal


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



National March for Life

26th NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE: **Stand Firm**

WE STAND FIRM for the pre-born, mothers in crisis pregnancies, those targeted due to disability and the elderly in hospitals and care homes. We march in solidarity with the vulnerable



COME MARCH WITH US On May 11, 2023
 Bus leaving for Ottawa at 630am
 from St. Francis Xavier Parish ♦ \$40.00
 Contact: stephengomes@hotmail.com ♦ 905-8679197


Mass of Welcome

Mass of Welcome for Toronto's New Archbishop
His Excellency Francis Leo
 May 3rd at 7pm ♦ St. Francis Xavier Parish, Mississauga

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 ♦ Sfxaltarservers1@gmail.com



CWL Mother's Day Flower Sale

Catholic Women's League Council 3067

MAY 13th & MAY 14th
AFTER ALL MASSES.
\$5.00/Single-Stem Bouquet
Assorted Colours Available




The CWL would like to
wishes all mothers a Happy Mother's Day!
Let us appreciate the wonderful women in our lives while supporting the CWL

The Catechism Corner

Q: *What are the characteristics of faith?*

A: Faith is the supernatural virtue which is *necessary* for salvation. It is a *free gift* of God and is accessible to all who humbly seek it. The act of faith is a *human act*, that is, an act of the intellect of a person- prompted by the will moved by God – who freely assents to divine truth. Faith is also *certain* because it is founded on the Word of God: it *works* "through charity" (Gal 5:6); and it *continually grows* through listening to the Word of God and through prayer. It is, even now, a *foretaste* of the joys of heaven.

CCCB 153-165, 179-180, 183-184

Holy Communion Masses

April 15, 2023 at 10am
 April 17, 2023 at 7pm
 April 20, 2023 at 7pm
 April 22, 2023 at 10am
 April 22, 2023 at 1pm



*Kindly arrive
 45 min prior to
 Holy Mass*

Confirmation Masses

April 24, 2023 at 7pm
 April 27, 2023 at 7pm
 April 29, 2023 at 10am
 April 29, 2023 at 1pm
 May 1, 2023 at 7pm
 May 4, 2023 at 7pm
 May 6, 2023 at 10am



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 prior to Holy Mass*

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday April 17, 2023

8am †John Luis Lobo
 7pm †Rodolfo Garcia Sr.

Tuesday April 18, 2023

8am The forgotten souls in purgatory
 7pm †Josefina Galves

Wednesday April 19, 2023

8am †Antonio & Teodora Jose
 7pm Thanksgiving Oliveros Family
 Special Intent. Aaron Magpayo
 †Avelino & Josephine Soares
 †Daisy Pimentel
 †Christopher, Domingo & Angela Correon
 †D. Parameswaran & Ashok Reginald
 †Francisco Xavier
 †Luiza Verdes
 †Emma Fernandes
 †Helen Dulay
 †Barcelisa, Bienvenido & Rustico Gamat
 †Angelita & Benito Salumbre
 †Antonio Fortunato

Thursday April 20, 2023

8am Special Intention Rossi Family
 7pm Thanksgiving Horacio Sarroca

Friday April 21, 2023

8am †Feelix Yogaretnam
 7pm Thanksgiving Malari
 †Romeo Aquino Sr.
 †Aida Marcelo
 †Ramnath Diptee
 †Billy Quebral
 †Antonieta Joanes
 For all the souls in purgatory

Saturday April 22, 2023

730am Special intent. Shannon Ried
 5pm †Mario Yatco

Sunday April 23, 2023

730am †Coreita Rocha
 9am †Maria Nhi Vu
 1030am †Edilberto Romano
 12pm Leachay Family
 130pm Pro Populo

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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



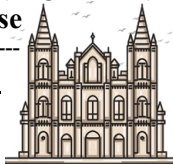
Early Bird Prices Until May 15th

\$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

Your ShareLife Gift Changes Lives

Our second ShareLife Collection will be on April 30. Among others, your contributions help people with disabilities and their family members. Your generous support enables our member agencies to provide them with the resources they need.

Thank you very much for supporting our parish's ShareLife campaign. Thus far we have raised \$25 315.50 toward our goal of \$141 400.00 Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.



The greatest attribute of God is love and mercy. It unites the creature with the Creator.

-St. Faustina