

**WHAT MIGHT JESUS SAY TO US  
AS THE LIGHT OF EASTER BEGINS TO SHINE?**

"I went through all of that because you are worth it. You are worth living for. You are worth dying for. In your darkest nights, in your deepest depression, remember that God thought you were worth his life. You are loved that much. You matter that much. 'Greater love no one has than to lay down your life for your friends.'

"I did not die so that you could live in guilt and self-recrimination. I died to set you free from sin and guilt. I am not honored by your shame. I am honored by your using your life to make life better for others. I did not come into the world to condemn the world, but to save it. I am glorified by your creating something beautiful with your life.

"I went through all of that pain and degradation – the beating, the spitting, the taunting, the nailing, the stabbing, the ridicule and the rejection – to model to you how to handle the misfortunes and tragedies of life. There will be people who will hurt you in life. There will be people in your life who will betray you as Judas betrayed me. There will be people in your life who will abandon you as Peter and the other apostles abandoned me. Your friends are not always the ones you think are your friends.

"Yet, while some people let me down, surprising people stepped forward. Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus, people who had formerly come to me only secretly, or by night, now came out into the light. Therefore, do not let the unfairness and injustices in your life turn you bitter or cynical. There will be angels on your path as well. There will be a Simon of Cyrene to help you carry your cross. There will be friends like the Beloved Disciple and the women who stayed with me all the way to the cross.

"And if you feel that no one understands you, or cares about you, remember that my mother is now your mother. Her mothering spirit will be with you throughout your life, and, when you breathe your last breath, she will hold you in her arms, and lead you to my arms.

"So, endure your crosses bravely. If others nail you with false accusations, when people misjudge you, when your goodness is rewarded with meanness, do not focus on life's harshness, but focus on your God. You will not be abandoned, and, as I arose above the cruelty, so will you.

"So, let go of your anger and bitterness, and hold onto your God. And I will take you off your cross. I will call you out of your grave. I will share my life with you forever."

Suffering is a mystery for all of us. Jesus who seemed so much like God in his goodness to others seemed so inadequate at protecting himself. He who cared for others was not cared for by others. He who cured others was brutalized by others. He who raised the dead, joined the dead.

Suddenly, the resurrection changes all that. At Easter the power of the risen Lord is manifest! The rock, meant to seal the tomb, is pushed aside like a pebble. Guards, meant to ensure that his body was not stolen, are helpless to contain his body, now risen. In death, he looked like the most abject of us. Now he looks like God in glory. He who would not call a legion of angels to save himself from death, is now escorted to life by angels. The circle is now complete. Just as angels heralded his birth in Bethlehem, so now angels herald his rebirth in Jerusalem. - Reflection taken from: archbalt.org

BLESSED EASTER. HAPPY ETERNAL LIFE!

**Divine Mercy Sunday April 16, 2023**

**YOU ARE INVITED**



*Divine Mercy Sunday*

230pm: Exposition

3pm: Praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet

**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



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**Parish Devotions**

**Eucharistic**

**Adoration & Benediction:**

*Fridays 6pm to 7pm*

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena:**

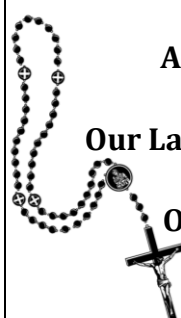
*Wednesdays after Masses*

**Our Lady of Velankanni Novena:**

*Saturdays at 730am Mass*

**St. Anthony of Padua Novena:**

*Tuesdays after 7pm Mass*



**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

**The Catechism Corner**



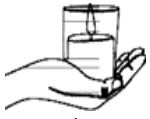
**Q:** *What is the unity that exists between the Old & New Testaments*

**A:** Scripture is one insofar as the Word of God is one. God's plan of salvation is one, and the divine inspiration of both Testaments is one. The Old Testament prepares for the New and the New Testament fulfills the old; the two shed light on each other. CCCB 128-130, 140

**SFX Bereavement Sessions**

Bereavement Sessions April 12<sup>th</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup>  
**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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**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



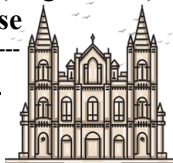
Early Bird Prices Until May 15<sup>th</sup>

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

After May 15<sup>th</sup> - \$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*

**Show Your Love by Giving to ShareLife**

Jesus' love for us invites us to give to others, especially those most in need. ShareLife agencies continue to support the most vulnerable in our community through services that are only possible through your kind and generous donations. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

**A Blessed Easter to You All!**



**HOLY MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday April 10, 2023**

8am The forgotten souls in purgatory  
 7pm †Melinda & Felix Faria

**Tuesday April 11, 2023**

8am †Francesco Piccin  
 7pm Thanksgiving Lavita De Souza

**Wednesday April 12, 2023**

8am Thanksgiving Manuel & Lydia Pereira  
 7pm Special Intent. Jacqueline Revita Runez  
 Special Intent. Avelino Garcia  
 †Isaias Daag  
 †Emma Fernandes  
 †Deceased Bastamante Family  
 †Allu & Luisa Carvalho  
 †Jose, Pricilla & Annette Fernandes  
 †John, Irene & Grace D'Souza  
 †Joaquim Fernandes  
 †Florentina Valbuena  
 †John Fernandes  
 All the souls in purgatory

**Thursday April 13, 2023**

8am Thanksgiving Jayakody Family  
 7pm †Daulton Alex

**Friday April 14, 2023**

8am †Apolonia Pereira  
 7pm †Simona Leuterio  
 †Diosado Marcelo Jr.  
 †Apolonia Pereira  
 †Armando Antoniazzi  
 †Bernard & Dumen Coutinho  
 †Fariyal Gova  
 †Theresa & Anthony Coutinho  
 †Peter Tran  
 †Gorden Spooner  
 †Joe Medeiros  
 The forgotten souls in purgatory

**Saturday April 15, 2023**

730am Francisco & Virginia Rolda  
 5pm Founders and Benefactors

**Sunday April 16, 2023**

730am †Ignatius Falope  
 9am †Francisco Jabier  
 1030am †Ana Soledad & Lucas Telan  
 12pm Pro Populo  
 130pm †Mila C. Lim



*He is not here,  
 HE has RISEN!  
 Just as He Said...*

Matthew 28:6