## A Note from Our Pastor

#### Dear Brothers and Sisters.

This past week we were blessed with two very important milestone events on the same day! In the morning of Wednesday May 3, 2023, the second phase of our Sanctuary Renovation concluded with the dedication of our new altar. We were able to accomplish this goal thanks to all our carpentry teams under the leadership of Mr. Marco Escobar.

The second event took place that evening. Our parish, on behalf of the Wester Pastoral Region, hosted the Mass of Welcome for our new Archbishop, His Grace, Francis Leo with His Excellency Ivan Camilleri.

It was truly a heavenly experience to have both ceremonies celebrated with hundreds of God's faithful people present.

Thanks to all our dedicated staff and volunteers who helped ensure that all ran seamlessly. Thank you for your service to the Lord.

May I conclude this message praising God with the Psalmist:

Hallelujah! Praise God in his holy sanctuary; give praise in the mighty dome of heaven. Give praise for his mighty deeds, praise him for his great majesty. Give praise with blasts upon the horn, praise him with harp and lyre. Give praise with tambourines and dance, praise him with strings and pipes. Give praise with crashing cymbals, praise him with sounding cymbals. Let everything that has breath give praise to the LORD! Halleluiah! Psalm 150:1-6

May the Lord continue to shower us with his blessings,

Fr. James Cherickal

## The Catechism Corner

#### **(**: *Why is faith a personal act, and at the same time* ecclesial?

A: Faith is a personal act insofar as it is the free response of the human person to God who reveals himself. But at the same time it is an ecclesial act which expresses itself in the proclamation, "we believe." It is in fact the Church that believes; and thus by the grace of the Holy Spirit precedes, engenders and nourishes the faith of each Christian. For this reason the Church is Mother and Teacher. CCCB 166-169.181

# Memorial Mass for Mrs. Theresa Cherickal

May 11, 2023 at 7pm You are invited to Join Fr. James Cherickal



**Beloved Mother** 

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sínners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen of Fr. James Cherickal



## 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

### **First Holy Communion**

Congratulations to all the children who have received their First Holy Communion!

May you always feel the presence of God in your life and be guided by His wisdom and grace.

We invite their parents to continue bringing them to Holy Mass regularly so that they can receive the Eucharist often.

## **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



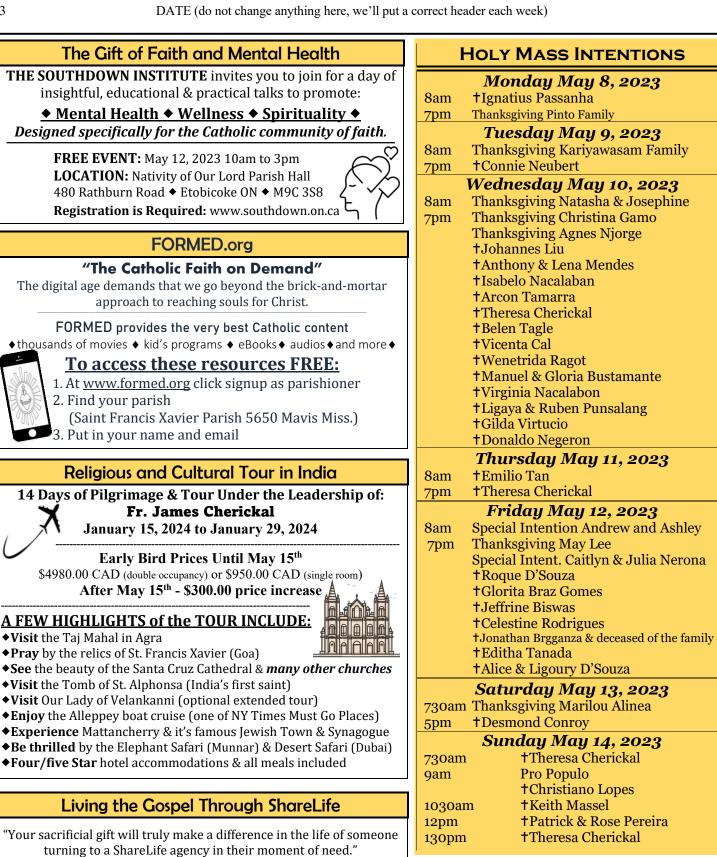
The CWL would like to wishes all mothers a Happy Mother's Day! Appreciate wonderful women while supporting the CWL

#### 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration: Flores de Mayo

In Honour of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary of Manaoag JOIN US: May 13, 2023 • St. Francis Xavier Parish

Order of Events: 230pm Assembly • 3pm procession 330pm Rosary • 4pm Flower Offering • 5pm Mass •630pm get together dinner @ the Parish Hall•

If you would like the statue of our Lady of the Holy Rosary of Manaoag to visit your home Contact: 647-800-8480



– Cardinal Thomas Collins

The third ShareLife Sunday of the year is June 4. We ask you to share your blessings and give generously through the parish or at sharelife.org.

Thank you for living the Gospel!



The world is thy ship, not thy home St. Therese of Lisieux