

### 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!**  
**Hallelujah!**  
 Psalm 150:1-6

May the Lord continue to shower us with his blessings,  
 Fr. James Cherickal

**The Catechism Corner**

**Q:** *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

Mrs. Theresa Cherickal  
**Beloved Mother**  
 of Fr. James Cherickal

*Holy Mary,  
 Mother of God,  
 pray for us  
 sinners, now  
 and at the  
 hour of our  
 death.  
 Amen*

**National March for Life**

**26<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE: *Stand Firm***

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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 13<sup>TH</sup> & MAY 14<sup>TH</sup>  
 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

**The Gift of Faith and Mental Health**

THE SOUTHDOWN INSTITUTE invites you to join for a day of insightful, educational & practical talks to promote:

◆ **Mental Health** ◆ **Wellness** ◆ **Spirituality** ◆

*Designed specifically for the Catholic community of faith.*

**FREE EVENT:** May 12, 2023 10am to 3pm

**LOCATION:** Nativity of Our Lord Parish Hall  
480 Rathburn Road ◆ Etobicoke ON ◆ M9C 3S8

**Registration is Required:** [www.southdown.on.ca](http://www.southdown.on.ca)



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**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



**Living the Gospel Through ShareLife**

"Your sacrificial gift will truly make a difference in the life of someone turning to a ShareLife agency in their moment of need."

- 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](http://sharelife.org).

**Thank you for living the Gospel!**



**HOLY MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday May 8, 2023**

8am †Ignatius Passanha

7pm Thanksgiving Pinto Family

**Tuesday May 9, 2023**

8am Thanksgiving Kariyawasam Family

7pm †Connie Neubert

**Wednesday May 10, 2023**

8am Thanksgiving Natasha & Josephine

7pm Thanksgiving Christina Gamo

Thanksgiving Agnes Njorge

†Johannes Liu

†Anthony & Lena Mendes

†Isabelo Nacalaban

†Arcon Tamarra

†Theresa Cherickal

†Belen Tagle

†Vicenta Cal

†Wenetrída Ragot

†Manuel & Gloria Bustamante

†Virginia Nacalabon

†Ligaya & Ruben Punsalang

†Gilda Virtucio

†Donaldo Negeron

**Thursday May 11, 2023**

8am †Emilio Tan

7pm †Theresa Cherickal

**Friday May 12, 2023**

8am Special Intention Andrew and Ashley

7pm Thanksgiving May Lee

Special Intent. Caitlyn & Julia Nerona

†Roque D'Souza

†Glorita Braz Gomes

†Jeffrine Biswas

†Celestine Rodrigues

†Jonathan Brgganza & deceased of the family

†Editha Tanada

†Alice & Ligoury D'Souza

**Saturday May 13, 2023**

730am Thanksgiving Marilou Alinea

5pm †Desmond Conroy

**Sunday May 14, 2023**

730am †Theresa Cherickal

9am Pro Populo

†Christiano Lopes

1030am †Keith Massel

12pm †Patrick & Rose Pereira

130pm †Theresa Cherickal



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