

A Note From Our Pastor

My dear brothers and sisters,
 “Blessed are those who mourn; for they will be comforted” Mat 5:4. In my mother’s passing and in my great loss, God’s word proved true. The outpouring of love and sympathy from all of you has comforted me. Thank you everyone. There will be a memorial Mass for my mother on Thursday May 11, 2023 at 7.00 pm, here at St. Francis Xavier Parish. Please join me in that Mass.

During the most hectic liturgical season, while I was away, Fr. Eduardo, proved his pastoral strength and liturgical expertise efficiently. Thanks to Fr. Ed and our liturgical team for your dedication and love for the Lord. A big thank you and congratulations.

Our Sanctuary renovation crew has not rested since we started it. On May 3rd, we will conclude the second phase. That day, Bishop Ivan Camilleri, our regional bishop, will consecrate the new altar and in the evening, our new Archbishop, His Grace, Francis Leo will celebrate Mass on the new altar. The third and final phase of the sanctuary renovation might take a bit longer to complete since it involves more detailed and time-consuming work. Once again, my heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to all our dedicated volunteers starting with our carpentry team led by the very talented Mr. Marco Escobar.

We have received a lot of positive feedback regarding the new sanctuary. Your enthusiasm is so evident in the way that you have responded to the invitation to support our ‘Tile Project.’ Students to seniors have lined up to help. Some of you have spread the word around and therefore, even people from far have joined in this joyful journey of faith and renewal. Allow me to share with you an amazing story of a student priest from Ottawa, who joined in our Tile Project. Fr. Ray Arockia Das is a student at Concordia University doing his higher studies and he relies on his scholarship. Fr. Ray heard about our ‘Tile Project’ from Ms. Diana Gamboa, one of our founding members. Fr. Ray felt inspired and decided to forgo taking the bus and decided to walk to the university during lent and saved \$100.00 and sponsored one Tile for our sanctuary! What an inspiring gesture of faith and fellowship! I wish all the best and God’s blessings on Fr. Ray for the successful completion of his studies. I am grateful to parishioners like Ms. Gamboa who have shared the good news of our parish initiatives. We need more funds to complete all our renovations. If you haven’t taken part in our ‘Tile Project’, I kindly invite you to consider it prayerfully.

Once again, we are privileged to have our new Archbishop, His Grace Francis Leo celebrating Holy Mass in our church on Wednesday May 3rd at 7.00 pm. All are welcome. The admission will be on a first come, first serve basis; therefore, come early. If the church gets packed, the overflow crowd will be accommodated in the Fr. D’Souza Hall. After the Mass, you will have the opportunity to greet the archbishop in person and take pictures with him.

Wishing you all a blessed weekend and week ahead,

In Christ,

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

Mass of Welcome for Toronto’s New Archbishop

His Grace Francis Leo

In Attendance: Bp. Ivan Camilleri ♦ Guest Priests & Deacons
 Members of Neighbouring Parishes

ALL ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

- ♦ Admission will be on a first come, first serve basis; come early.
- ♦ Overflow will be accommodated in the Fr. D’Souza Hall
- ♦ After Holy Mass: small reception & opportunity to greet the archbishop and picture taking


May 3rd at 7pm ♦ St. Francis Xavier, Mississauga

NOTE:
 Blessing of the Altar by Bp. Camilleri (May 3 @ 7:30am Mass)




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**

Queen of the Apostles Renewal Centre

Come take this opportunity to deepen and renew your relationship with God, the Church and family.

SIGN UP FOR:

- ♦ ACTS Retreat (Women) May 4th to 7th
- ♦ ACTS Retreat (Men) May 25th to 28th


CONTACT:
 Women’s Retreat: 416-857-7269 ♦ samliu001@gmail.com
 Men’s Retreat: 905-755-9166 ♦ agostinocg@gmail.com

The Catechism Corner

Q: Who Created the World?
A: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are the one and indivisible principle of creation even though the work of creating the world is particularly attributed to God the Father. CCCB 290-292, 316

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

It is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations!
 Please include this intention in your prayers so that we may be blessed with
HOLY PRIEST, DEACONS & RELIGIOUS



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Fr. James Cherickal

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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ShareLife Sunday & World Day of Prayer for Vocations

When you support ShareLife, you help educate our future priests. This past year, you invested in our Church's future by supporting 58 seminarians at St. Augustine's Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary.

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.

Thank you for supporting ShareLife!



HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday May 1, 2023

- 8am Special intention Marie
- 7pm †Jonathan Braganza & Deceased of the family

Tuesday May 2, 2023

- 8am Thanksgiving Eduardo & Cristina Guimba
- 7pm †Lilia & Domingo Dantes

Wednesday May 3, 2023

- 730am †Susana Ong
- 7pm Welcome Mass for Archbishop Francis Leo

Thursday May 4, 2023

- 8am †Maria Cristina Vibar
- 7pm †Deceased Members of the Campbell Family

Friday May 5, 2023

- 8am †Joseph Treyes
- 7pm Thanksgiving Fredrick D'Mello & Family
- †Theresa D'Sa
- †Francis Coutinho
- †Sonia Pepito
- †William Palattao Sr.
- †Maria Elvira Gomes
- †Hortencia Da Costa
- †Julia Orosio
- †Maria Lacsina
- †Theresa Cherickal
- †Antonietta Joanes
- †Henriquetta Lobo
- †Beatrice D'Souza

Saturday May 6, 2023

- 730am Thanksgiving Joe & Yvonne Fernandes
- 5pm Special intention Tony D'Souza

Sunday May 7, 2023

- 730am Pro Populo
- 9am †Benjamin & Lucy Cutinho
- 1030am †Joventina Tan
- 12pm †Ligory D'Souza
- 130pm †Aurora Sayoc Abella

Confirmation Masses

- May 1, 2023 at 7pm
- May 4, 2023 at 7pm
- May 6, 2023 at 10am

Kindly arrive 45min prior to Holy Mass

Thank you!



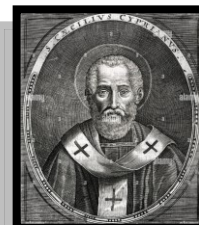
Catholic Education Week

April 30th to May 5th

We Are Many, We Are One

Join us in celebrating the Blessing of having Catholic Education in Ontario
Various events throughout the school board

Info: www.goodnewsforall.ca



No one, can have
God as Father
who does not have the
Church as Mother
St. Cyprian