

Home Coming...



Finally, we are back home... after three weeks of homelessness we are back to our church! As the American presbyterian minister and theologian, Frederick Buechner reflects: "For some people going to Church is going home. In a very profound sense, I would say the same thing. Home is where Christ is". Many of you have sighed with great joy, hearing last Sunday's announcement, "On Palm Sunday, we should be going back to church"

Yes, for most Catholics, Church may be the most frequent place after our residence. The church, however, is more than just a location of religious ceremonies. It is a place of refuge, a place where God provides shelter and protection. The Israelites had that conviction about God's temple, and it is explicit in Psalms: "The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall, I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?... One thing I ask of the Lord, only that do I seek. To live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord, all the days of my life". (Psalm 27: 1, 4) It is in this house of the Lord, we bring all our cares and burdens of our lives. Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, waits for us in our churches, inviting us: "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" Mat 11:28

This experience of God's presence and his protection inspires us to be together around the Eucharistic table. Even with all inconveniences you filled the cafeteria of St. Francis Xavier School. Your enthusiasm in all the moving, setting up, cleaning etc. was amazing. One simple invitation was good enough to gather a hundred people to volunteer! Your faith and commitment always amaze me, and I am humbled by your witness and willingness. May the Lord bless you.

As you are aware, our Sanctuary renovation is still in the process of being completed. We are grateful for the hard work of our contractors for the Sanctuary restructuring and tiling work. The Volunteer team of Carpenters under the leadership of Marco Antonio is working tirelessly to add the rest of the facilities as it completes. Our St. Francis Xavier Guild members and other volunteers are always ready to help with timely moving cleaning. We request you to continue with your ongoing prayers as we complete the Sanctuary renovation work.

In Christ,

Fr. James Chericakal

The Catechism Corner

Q: *What importance does the New Testament have for us?*

A: The New Testament, whose central object is Jesus Christ, conveys to us the ultimate truth of divine Revelation. Within the New Testament the four Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John are the heart of all the scriptures because they are the principle witness to the life and teachings of Jesus. As such, they hold a unique place in the Church CCCB 124-127,139

Catholic Women's League 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 the Missionaries of Charity

★ Food Donations to the Good Shepherd Ministries

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Monday - April 3rd

Confessions: 7pm to 9pm

NO OTHER COFFESSION TIMES

DURING HOLY WEEK

Holy Thursday - April 6th

The Lord's Supper:

5pm ♦ 7pm

Good Friday - April 7th

The Lord's Passion:

11am ♦ 1pm ♦ 3pm

Stations of the Cross: 7pm

Holy Saturday - April 8th

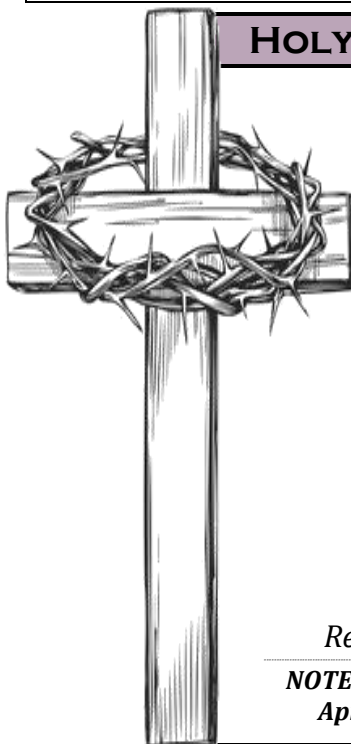
Easter Vigil: 8pm

Easter Sunday - April 9th

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

NOTE: Mass will not be celebrated on:

April 3rd at 7pm or April 4th at 8am

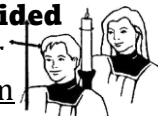


Recruiting Altar Servers

Volunteer Hours will be Provided

Must be in grade 5 or higher

Next meeting: April 29, 2023 at 3pm



Instagram: @sfx.altarservers ♦ Email: Sfxaltarservers1@gmail.com

Mass of Welcome for the New Archbishop



Mass of Welcome for Toronto's New Archbishop

His Excellency Francis Leo

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

Bundle Up Weekend: April 1st to April 2nd

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul "Bundle Up" Collection

At St. Francis Xavier Parish, Mississauga



Please let those gently used items you can do without benefit our neighbours in need.

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is a non-profit charity whose volunteer members collect clothing, shoes, and linens to donate, exchange for vouchers or sell to support charities

WE COLLECT: clothing ♦ shoes ♦ linens


♦ Please tie bags for easier handling

♦ Truck/Bin in Church parking lot all weekend



SFX Bereavement Sessions

Bereavement Sessions April 12th to May 31st
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 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



Welcoming Jesus into our hearts by sharing our blessings

Today is Palm Sunday. In our Lenten observance, we have been called to welcome Jesus into our hearts. Let us follow His example of sacrifice by sharing with those who need our help the most. One way we can do so is by giving generously to ShareLife.

Thank you for your support and for living the Gospel by providing for those in need.



HOLY MASS INTENTIONS
 April 3rd to April 9th

Monday April 3, 2023

8am Thanksgiving Stephen Richards
 7pm No Mass

Tuesday April 4, 2023

8am No Mass
 7pm †Philomena Saldanha

Wednesday April 5, 2023

8am Special Intent. Audrey Pansoy
 7pm Thanksgiving Ray & Gloria Sarroca
 †Bernadino & Casto Ras
 †Rogelio Zuce Sr.
 †Bridget Gonsalves
 †Mary Imelda Dissanayke
 †Vicente Bautista
 †Anthony Correya
 The forgotten souls in purgatory

Thursday April 6, 2023

5pm For All Ordained Priests
 7pm For All Ordained Priests

Friday April 7, 2023

11am Good Friday Service
 1pm Good Friday Service
 3pm Good Friday Service
 7pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday April 8, 2023

8pm Newly Baptized, Elects & Candidates

Sunday April 9, 2023

730am Robin & Yvette Vaz
 9am †Philomena Fernandes
 1030am Thanksgiving Rey & Virginia Santos
 †Lynn Lewis Nair
 12pm Pro Populo
 130pm Founders and Benefactors



*It's Palm Sunday, and so begins our journey
 with Jesus: From Jerusalem's gate, to
 Golgotha's cross, to Easter's triumph!*
 -Anonymous