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“my Lord and my God” Jn. 20:28

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Wednesday : 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Thursday & Friday: 10:00 am. – 7:00 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 Noon
WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday to Friday: 12:10 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m.

ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Fridays after the 12:10 Mass to 7:00 Evening Mass.

DEVOTIONS TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Wednesdays with evening Mass.

BAPTISMS

An information package should be picked up at the Parish Office before meeting with the priest.

CONFESSIONS

20 Minutes before all Masses on weekdays and Saturdays.

MARRIAGES

An information package should be picked up at the Parish Office before meeting with the priest.
One-year advanced planning is required.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

In the case of serious illness, families are requested to notify the Parish Office to arrange the Anointing of the Sick.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

St. Benedict 905-475-9646
St. Francis Xavier 905-470-2225

DAY CARE

St. Mary of Leuca 905-475-2536
St. Mary of Leuca CONVENT 905-475-2350

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday May 4 **12:10 p.m.**
Intentions of Ryan Leitch
(Allan Dinglasan)

Monday May 4 **7:00 p.m.**
Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday May 5 **12:10 p.m.**
Intentions of Father Richard Andrews,
Father Martin Pereira and Father Allyn Rose
(JP and Virginie Chan)

Tuesday May 5 **7:00 p.m.**
Intentions of
Maurice and Sew Lian Chan Lok
(Pat Chong)

Wednesday May 6 **12:10 p.m.**
+May D'Souza
Family)

Wednesday May 6 **7:00 p.m.**
CONFIRMATION

Thursday May 7 **12:10 p.m.**
+Mary Kamala Nicholas and Family
+Rosaline Thirchelvam and Family
(Family)

Thursday May 7 **7:00 p.m.**
+Joyce and Leslie D'Souza
(Family)

Friday May 8 **12:00 p.m.**
+Fellicer S. Sombero
(Family)

Friday May 8 **7:00 p.m.**
+Bemvinda and Manuel D'Souza
(Ninochka D'Souza)

Saturday May 9 **9:00 a.m.**
+Hector Chin (Family)

Saturday May 9 **5:00 a.m.**
+Louisa Lui (Family)

Sunday May 10 **8:00 a.m.**
Intentions of Sr. Emma Ling
(Ling Family)

Sunday May 10 **10:00 a.m.**
In Thanksgiving and for the intentions for
Jefferson Tse (Family)

Sunday May 10 **12:00 p.m.**
+Rosita Maria D'Costa
(Family)



“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be.”

- (John 14:1-3)



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS

We would like to congratulate all our First Holy Communion candidates who have received the Blessed Lord in the Eucharist:

Ashton, Britney, Christopher, Dante, Emilia, Fabrizio, Hugo, Ian, Neithan, Jewel, Kamea, Martin, Miykael, Riley, Savanah, Zhavia, Aria, Benjamin, Bodiya badge, Grant, Jaxon, Kaius, Maddox, Madisyn, Mateo, Nimrod, Reggie, Thomas, Tristan, Antoniette, Caleb, Cassidy, Catherine, Farrine, Jahmellia, Joaquin, Lorenzo, Sydney, and Zac.



MEMORIAL LAMPS & INTENTIONS

May 1st – May 7th

For

+Nick D'Alessandro & +Catherine D'Alessandro

Requested by Family

+V.S. Antonipillai & +J. Arulanantham

Requested by Mary Alexander.

Also Intentions of Manora Family

Requested by Thomas Alex Manora

IN MEMORIAM

With deep gratitude we pray for the repose of the soul of **Pete Fernandes (former Custodian of our Parish Church)**. Also we Pray for Rev.J. Kuriedath & Maria Nayagam Nallaia. RIP

***Let us pray for the sick & those
in care homes or hospitals.***

Nicholas Marshall, Lynn Demers, William Lee Ah-Chong, Cecile Isaacs-Garel, Andy Pucyk, Dennis Remedios, Eva Lemanac, Conrad Poon, Yvonne Lamanna, Joe Agosta, Audrey Carb, Giuseppe Greco, Joe Cherian & Jackie Mackenzie

May 3, 2026

OUR PARISH MATTERS.....



CONFIRMATION MASS

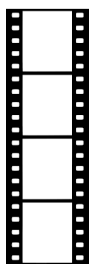
The celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on Wednesday, May 6, 2026, at the 7:00 p.m. Mass. Candidates and sponsors are asked to meet in the Large Hall at 6:00 p.m. to prepare.



THE LEGION OF MARY 2000 HAIL MARY DEVOTION

Saturday, May 16, 2026, beginning at 6:00 a.m. and continuing throughout the day. All are welcome to come and pray at any time. Please see the bulletin board for more details.

DINNER & MOVIE NIGHT WITH SAINTS



Join us at our Parish Hall for a special "Dinner & A Movie with the Saints," featuring the inspiring film *Mary of Nazareth*, on Saturday, May 16, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Enjoy a delicious dinner at 6:00 p.m. followed by the movie. Organized by the Men's Group of our Parish.

THE DAUGHTERS OF ST. PAUL WILL BE VISITING OUR PARISH ON THE WEEKEND OF MAY 30 & 31.



Meet the sisters before and after all Masses as they share their mission and offer a selection of Catholic books and faith resources. Take this opportunity to grow deeper in your faith.

THE BEATIFICATION OF FRIAR PEDRO DE CORPA & HIS COMPANIONS

Cardinal Frank Leo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto, will represent the Holy Father as the Papal Legate (official representative of Pope Leo XIV) at the upcoming beatification celebration of the Georgia Martyrs, Friar Pedro de Corpa and his four Companions. The liturgical celebration will take place on October 31, 2026 in Savannah, Georgia in the USA.

EVERY SUNDAY AFTER MASS JOIN US FOR COFFEE & COOKIES



We warmly invite all parishioners & visitors to join us for our *Parish Koinonia* every Sunday after 10:00 am & 12:00 noon Mass in the Main Hall. All are welcome!

THANK YOU FOR HELPING YOUR PARISH

We thank you for your continued generosity in supporting the needs of your parish.

From Our Pastor ...

MARY'S WITNESS ENLIGHTENS OUR PATH

The Month of May is dedicated to our Blessed Virgin Mary – the Mother of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Our Archbishop Cardinal Francis Leo sent us an inspiring and instructive message that helps to understand the deeper significance of our devotion to Mary throughout month of May. I am reproducing below some excerpts from his most recent Message to all the faithful in the Archdiocese of Toronto:

"The **origin** of this *dedication* dates back many centuries. Historians point to the hymns of 13th century Alfonso X "the Wise" King of Castile and León followed by the writings of 14th century Dominican, Blessed Henry Suso as being the seeds of the devotion of Our Lady this month. In the 16th century the Benedictine Wolfgang Seidl published a volume on the devotions and teachings connected to May. At roughly the same time, in Rome, St. Philip Neri was teaching the youth to honor Our Lady with songs, flowers, praises and acts of virtue and mortification. However, it wasn't until the Baroque period, the end of the 17th century in Italy and in Germany, when we see this month develop significantly with the establishment of Confraternities and devotions including the singing of litanies and crowning statues with crowns made of roses. In the modern sense, nevertheless, the recognized initiator of the Marian Month *per se* in terms of its formalization including daily prayers and practices is the 18th century Jesuit Fr. Annibale Dionisi, in Rome, followed by other inspired pastors of souls such as Archbishop G.M. Saporiti of Genoa and the Jesuit Fr. A. Muzzarelli. **The holy Rosary, originally linked specifically to the month of October, is now introduced in the month of May as well.** Subsequently, at the beginning of the 19th century throughout Europe and the Americas as well as in the missions, this devotion spread rapidly. It came to be an important and beautiful expression of the Church's devotion to the Mother of Jesus and to this day, it continues to help us journey in faith, keep the fire of devotion burning in our hearts and challenge us to live the life of faith, virtue and justice after the example of the one who alone was chosen to be the Mother of God."

As our personal, familial and communitarian response to the message of our Chief Shepherd, "let us contemplate the mystery of Our Lady's life." As the Mother of the Church Mary offers timely wisdom and guidance on what it means to be disciples of Christ whose daily living is marked by spiritual discernment and apostolic action (cf. *LG*, 63-65)."

Holy Mary, Mother of God. Pray for us.

Fr. Joseph Chandrakanthan
Pastor