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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass for the Intentions Week

MON, MAY 5 9:15 am	Amado & Armando Lacaba Sr. †
TUES, MAY 6 7:00 pm	John Elmer Go †; Angelina & Macario Gaddi †
WED, MAY 7 9:15 am	For the health & intentions of Lito & Dona Olindan
THUR, MAY 8 7:00 pm	Sixto Viduya †; David Daychuck †
FRI, MAY 9 9:15 am	Joy Lawani †; Sixto Viduya †
SAT, MAY 10 9:15 am	All souls in Purgatory
5:00 pm	William & Josephine Lambe & all deceased members of the Lambe family †; Lloyd Lobo †; Rose Lobo †; Maria, Fedele Trigian & deceased family †; In thanksgiving for the birthday of Brandon Dookhie
SUN, MAY 11 9:00 am	Maria Jose Medeiros & daughters & In thanksgiving for all the grandchildren
10:30 am	Maria Angelica & Maria Estrella D'Souza †; Agnes Gomes †; Marie Carolan †
12:30 pm	Juanito & John Elmer Go †; Maria & Hesús Perez †
8:00 pm	For the People of the Parish

THIS WEEK AT SMDY

Monday, May 5th

10:00 am - Stitches from the heart
7:00 pm - CWL Executive Meeting

Tuesday, May 6th

1:00 pm - 55 Plus Club
5:30 pm - Legion of Mary - English
7:00 pm - TMIY

Wednesday, May 7th

7:00 pm - Confirmation Class
7:30 pm - 9am Choir practice

Thursday, May 8th

7:30 pm - SVPD
7:30 pm - Alpha
7:30 pm - 1030am Choir practice

Friday, May 9th

Saturday, May 10th

10:00 am - Confirmation Class
3:30 pm - Children's Choir practice
6:15pm - Bible Study

Sunday, May 11th

8:00 am - Legion of Mary - Vietnamese

God is good all the time. God is with us when we are not with Him. He is for us when we are not for Him. He watches us when we do not watch Him. He protects us when we do not protect ourselves and He gives to us when we don't deserve. I am thankful for all that God has given me in 70 years. Anything and everything I can do I will do for this Church, for the Almighty; I just wanna be in that number when the saints go marchin' in!

-Actor Denzel Washington (1954-), his reflections shortly after the day of his baptism, December 21, 2024

The days of Easter are to celebrate Christ's victory over sin and death and the ongoing, unfolding implications of that glorious triumph. The season of Easter is also the time to celebrate those recently baptized and encourage the "neophytes" to progress in their faith formation and to deepen in their marvel and understanding of the Christian mystery (mystagogy). The multi-award winning actor, Denzel Washington, is now included in the ranks of the baptized. From his birthplace north of the Bronx, his life pivoted in his late teens; following his parents divorce, his enrollment in post-secondary education, led him to acting rather than follow the course of street violence like so many of his peers. His unquestionable talent is evident from the many diverse roles he has excelled in: historical champions of civil rights activism (Cry Freedom, Malcolm X, The Great Debaters...), menacing villains (American Gangster, Training Day, Flight...), lead action film heroes (Book of Eli, Man on Fire, Manchurian Candidate, Equalizer) – all his portrayals convey his signature no-nonsense, on screen intensity and formidable presence. Denzel's theatrical roles portray a courageous man of no compromise whose skill, toughness, and street-smarts allow him to confront treacherous and wicked antagonists. His various interviews speak of his sincere effort at not being dragged into the mire of Hollywood filth. And so, his acting life mirrored his personal life with his decision, just shy of his 70th birthday, to be plunged into the saving waters of baptism. His father was a Pentecostal minister and undoubtedly the complex layers of his paternal relationship has both disturbed and intrigued him throughout all his career success. As Catholics, we can pray and applaud Denzel Washington's perseverance in where our good Lord is leading him and hope the well-liked actor & Christian grows in the fullness of truth of God's revelation.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

There are two places in Scripture where the curious detail of a "charcoal fire" is mentioned.

One is in today's Gospel, where the Apostles return from fishing to find bread and fish warming on the fire.

The other is in the scene in the High Priest's courtyard on Holy Thursday, where Peter and some guards and slaves warm themselves while Jesus is being interrogated inside (see John 18:18).

At the first fire, Peter denied knowing Jesus three times, as Jesus had predicted (see John 13:38; 18:15-18, 25-27).

Today's charcoal fire becomes the scene of Peter's repentance, as three times Jesus asks him to make a profession of love. Jesus' thrice repeated command "feed My sheep" shows that Peter is being appointed as the shepherd of the Lord's entire flock, the head of His Church.

Jesus' question: "Do you love me more than these?" is a pointed reminder of Peter's pledge to lay down his life for Jesus, even if the other Apostles might weaken.

Jesus then explains just what Peter's love and leadership will require, foretelling Peter's death by crucifixion ("you will stretch out your hands").

Before His own death, Jesus had warned the Apostles that they would be hated as He was hated, that they would suffer as He suffered; John 15:18-20; 16:2).

We see the beginnings of that persecution in today's First Reading. Flogged as Jesus was, the Apostles nonetheless leave "rejoicing that they have been found worthy to suffer."

Their joy is based on their faith that God will change their "mourning into dancing," as we sing in today's Psalm. By their sufferings, the know, they will be counted worthy to stand in heaven before "the Lamb that was slain," a scene glimpsed in today's Second Reading.



Fm. Roger

SHARELIFE

On the second ShareLife Sunday, we call upon your compassionate hearts to support your vulnerable brothers and sisters in need. More people than ever are turning to our agencies for help. The kindheartedness of ShareLife supporters like you enables access to essential programs and services, such as the treatment program and transitional housing at St. Michael's Homes. For Jack, your support was transformative. After moving to start a physically demanding job, he suffered a knee injury which ultimately left him unemployed and addicted to pain medication. Thanks to your empathy, Jack had a safe space to overcome his addiction and gained the power to build himself back up.

Thus far we have raised **\$9,076.40** toward our goal of **\$62,000**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at share-life.org/donate.



BUS TO PILGRIM BASILICA

In keeping with the Jubilee Year, our parish has organized a trip to Martyrs' Shrine on Saturday, May 31, 2025. The bus will leave the church premises at 10:00am after the 9:15am mass at our church. Fr. Roger will be accompanying us, and there will be devotional prayers, the Holy Rosary and Stations of the Cross. On the way home we shall be stopping at the Outlet Mall in Alliston, for supper/shopping. We should be back at the church at about 7:00pm. Please bring your own lunch. The cost is \$35.00 per person. Please register with Flo by email: richflo83@hotmail.com



RECONNECT ~ REDISCOVER ~ RENEW ~ YOUR FAITH

Have questions about life, faith & God but, do not know where to find the answers? Try Alpha! Alpha is a series of interactive sessions exploring the basics of the Christian faith. The course is over 10 evenings - Includes dinner, A short talk, An open discussion with small groups, There's no pressure, no follow up and no charge. 2025 Alpha Registration - **Introductory Session Starts Thursday May 1 at 6:30 pm in the church hall.**



BIRTHRIGHT BRAMPTON

Next weekend, Birthright Brampton will be holding their Annual Baby Bottle Campaign. Please take a few moments to sign out a bottle after mass and support our major pro-life fundraiser. Fill the bottle with coins, bills and cheques. All donations of \$20 or more will be issued a tax receipt. Please help us save the lives of babies.



SMALL GROUP FAITH MINISTRY

"Where two or three come together in my name, I am there with them." (Matthew 18:20) If you would like to apply what you have learned from Scripture, teachings, and practical personal reflection questions, join the SGM meetings on Wednesdays and Saturdays. For more information, email Olivia Saqui at SGFM.smdy@gmail.com



SERRA'S VOCATION SEEDS

How am I being called to feed the lambs of Jesus? Could it be as an ordained or consecrated person? If God is calling you, to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact **Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto** at 416-968-0997. Email: vocations@archtoronto.org or www.vocationtoronto.ca



Volunteers Needed!



If you are interested in volunteering at the parish, please email Linda at LYeh@archtoronto.org with the following information:

1. Your first and last name, phone number and email address.
2. Are you an Adult (18+) or Minor (under 18)
3. Which ministry you are interested in.

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a charitable Catholic organization, active throughout Canada. The work of the society is to assist those in need who live within our parish boundary. If you are in need of assistance please contact the St. Marguerite d'Youville Conference directly at 647-642-4906 or email: vincentdepaulsmdy@gmail.com

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

If you are grieving the loss of a loved one and require support, please contact the Bereavement Ministry by email at Bereavement.smdy@gmail.com

THE 55+ CLUB

The 55+ group meets weekly on Tuesdays from 1:00 pm - 4:00pm. For more information contact Sandy at 905-791-7315 or email: sandyrob-in22@gmail.com

STITCHES FROM THE HEART

Stitches from the Heart group meet Mondays after the 915am Mass. Everyone is welcome to join us whether you knit or would like to learn. For further information contact Mary at 905-915-8765. Any donation of yarn would be greatly appreciated.

ROSARY APOSTOLATE

Would you like to pray, Mother Mary's most favourable prayer, the Holy Rosary with the children at our schools? The Rosary Apostolate is going back to in person. JOIN US! Training and supplies will be provided. **Recruitment weekend: February 15 & 16th after all Masses. Please see Paula in the Narthex to sign-up.** For more information leave a message for Paula at the office.



PARISH BOOK STORE

The Parish bookstore is open on the first and third weekend of every month after all Masses. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Linda at LYeh@archtoronto.org.

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary, a world-wide apostolic organization of Catholics, meets every Tuesday: Adults: 6pm and Saturdays at 5pm for the Vietnamese Legion. Our Lady of Fatima statue will visit your home. For more information, please leave message for Lina Go or Annette Fernando at the parish office.



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