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Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, May 5	12:10 p.m.	† Joe Agius, David and Raymond Fenech
Tuesday, May 6	12:10 p.m.	† May Lowe
Wednesday, May 7	7:00 p.m.	† Stanley Ritchie Intentions of the Holy Spirits Guidance at the Conclave
Thursday, May 8	12:10 p.m.	† Molly Breenen
Friday, May 9	12:10 p.m.	† Frank Prior
Saturday, May 10	9:00 a.m.	† Compton DeCunha † Patricia Elliot Intentions of Marcelo and Lali Lopez Intentions of Michael Sheridan

We are proud supporters of publicly funded Catholic Education.

Catholic Education Week — May 4-9, 2025 “Pilgrims of Hope”

During Catholic Education Week (May 4 – 9, 2025), we give thanks for the gift of publicly funded Catholic Education in our province. Catholic schools foster supportive communities where children can experience the joy of God's love and understand the Christian mission in the world. As we celebrate this Year of Jubilee, as pilgrims of hope, let us journey with our parishes, educators and families to sow and nurture the seeds of faith with the next generation of Catholics, encouraging them to live lives of holiness and Christian witness as one body in Christ. To indicate your support of Catholic education and sign-up for email updates, visit: www.togetherinfaith.ca. Please visit [Frank Cardinal Leo's Message for Catholic Education Week 2025](#). It is also posted on our bulletin boards or for the video message it can be accessed at: <https://youtu.be/2nqRDR-O4zU>.



Praying for the Sick

If you or a family member is sick please let us know and we shall add their name to our prayer list gathering space of the church.

which is posted in the

Rest in Peace

We remember in pray those who have died recently including: **Pope Francis and Heather Labadia.**

IN THE HOSPITAL

Visiting the Hospital: if you or a family member are admitted to RVH please let them know you are Catholic and call the parish office to inform us. If you wish to receive Holy Communion please let the parish office know and one of our pastoral visitors will come to see you.



Conclave to Elect a New Pope

The Conclave to elect a new Pope will begin on **Wednesday, May 7th**. You are invited to join us for Mass at 7:00 p.m. on May 7th as we pray for the Election of a new Pope.

Proclaiming God's Word! Is God Calling you to be a Lector?



A note of thanks to all lectors who served God's people by proclaiming the Word of God throughout Holy Week and the Easter Triduum. Your commitment to preparation and proclamation enriches our liturgies. If you would like to learn more about serving as a lector at Sunday Mass please contact Catherine Ecker at 705 728 2985 ext. 115 or email cecker@archtoronto.org



Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

For 50 days we celebrate the great feast of Easter! In our parish and homes, we continue to praise our God and celebrate Jesus' victory over death. Alleluia!

Property Taxes and School Support

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(Catholic)
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Do you know if the education portion of your property taxes supports the Catholic School system? If you are a baptized

Roman Catholic you have a right to direct your tax dollars to the Catholic School system. Tenants and homeowners alike are able to designate their taxes. The number of supporters determines the number of trustees. Being a supporter allows you to elect a trustee for the Catholic school system. You do not need to have a child in school to support Catholic education. To ensure your property taxes are designated properly contact the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (M.P.A.C.) at 1-866-296-6722 or visit <https://smcdsb.on.ca/cms/one.aspx?portalId=30054&pageId=108844>. Have your assessment notice or property information available.

2025 Easter Food Drive

Thank you to all who supported this year's Easter Food Drive. We collected 2,301 lbs. of food and \$3,377 in cash, cheques and gift cards.

TODAY IS SHARELIFE SUNDAY MAY 4TH 2025



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Confirmation Preparation: Important Reminder!
Catechetical Meeting # 3 Candidates and Sponsors
7:30 – 8:45 p.m.



It is understood that the candidate and sponsor will attend the meeting. **IF**, the sponsor cannot attend the parent is to attend. The second and final opportunity to attend this essential meeting in Monday, May 5th. Questions or concerns please contact David Murdoch (dmurdoch@archtoronto.org) or Catherine Ecker (cecker@archtoronto.org) 705 728 2985 ext. 115.

Celebrating Initiation During Easter



In the Church the Easter season is the normative time for celebrating the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Beginning today children will join us at the table of

the Lord for the first time. You are asked to pray for all families who will join us at the Lord's table. We thank God for their witness of faith.

A Sign of our Communion with God and Union with Others

Beginning May 3 / 4 a number of our young people will begin to share in Holy Communion. They and their parents have been preparing for months. This is an ideal time to review the process for sharing in Holy Communion. Our sharing in Holy Communion is a profoundly public personal act. We process forward to share in Holy Communion. It is most definitely a holy union with Jesus and with our brothers and sisters in Christ. There is nothing private about the Communion procession. In 2011, the Canadian Bishops instructed that our common sign of reverence before sharing in Holy Communion be a bow of the head. The Church's ritual does not expect anyone to genuflect, kneel or make the sign of the cross before or after receiving Holy Communion. At the time of Holy Communion when the person in front of you has received Holy Communion and you are in the front of the procession, you **bow your head**, the Minister of the Body of Christ will say, "**The Body of Christ**", you reply, "**Amen**". It is important to note that the only appropriate response is **Amen**. The Church expects that **Amen** is said in a voice that can be heard by the Minister of Holy Communion. After saying **Amen** the Minister of Communion places the host in your hand. You put the host in your mouth immediately. If you are going to share in the Blood of Christ you move to the Minister and he / she says, "**The Blood of Christ**", you answer "**Amen**" and take the chalice and take a sip. Then you return to your place.

The Communion procession is a time of communal prayer. We sing the Communion hymn as an outward sign of our unity. We sit or kneel for silent prayer when the priest sits down after Communion.

Ministry with Maturing Adults

All are welcome to attend the various session offered for those in the second half of life.

VON SMART (*Seniors Maintaining Active Roles Together*) **Exercise Program** is held on Tuesday mornings. For details regarding registration please call: VON at 705 737 5044 ext. 221.

Christian Meditation an ancient form of contemplative prayer is deeply rooted in the Christian tradition. Our next meeting will be at 10:30 a.m. on **Tues. May 6th at 10:30 a.m. on Zoom**. The Zoom link is on our parish website or contact Catherine Ecker if you are interested

in learning more about this form of prayer or have questions. All are welcome! Catherine Ecker. cecker@archtoronto.org or 705 728 2985 ext. 115. **Alumni Writing Group**: this is a gathering for those who have already completed the Life Story Writing program. The monthly meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m. on **Thursday, May 8th** in St. Joseph's Room.

Register Today for "A Day With Mary"

This free outdoor event is taking place Saturday, May 31 on the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Villanova College in King City. There will be food, music, fellowship and Holy Mass celebrated by our Archbishop, His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo. For more information and to register, visit www.archtoronto.org/mary



Youth Ministry

For more information on youth ministry, or to register for Edge Camp or Bible Camp please contact Shannon Barks at stmarysyouthministry-barrie@gmail.com or 705.229.7426.

M.E.R.C.Y. (Ministry to Educate Roman Catholic Youth) for youth grades J.K. to Gr. 4. Our next gathering is **Friday, May 9th from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm**.

EDGE-for grades 5-8. Our next gathering is **Friday, May 23rd from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

LIFETEEN – Youth program for high school teens to explore their faith through talks, prayer and friendship meeting monthly. Our next gathering is **TODAY Sunday, May 4th** after the 4:00 p.m. Mass. Dinner provided.

BIBLE CAMP 2025 - Monday, July 7th to July 11th from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. daily. \$75.00 per youth.

EDGE CAMP 2025 – August 20-24th at Camp White Pine for grades 5-9, and high school youth.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY - THEOLOGY ON TAP – Sunday, May 11th at 6:00 p.m. at Flying Monkeys Brewery, 107 Dunlop St. East. (*Attic Lounge upstairs*).

BICYCLE PILGRIMAGE: All teens are invited. We depart from the parish on Fri., May 30th at 3:00 p.m. The cyclists are picked up at Martyr's Shrine in the afternoon on Sat., May 31st. Families are invited to meet the cyclists and join us for Mass and dinner at the Shrine.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf-hAmXdzumE9fXNkfUPKGZRysH3T0mGCIFMP6zX1fxlsBc4A/viewform?usp=sharing>

Classic Movies – Join us on **Tuesday, May 13th at 2:00 p.m.** in our parish hall for a screening of "**The Searchers**" starring John Wayne.

Just Sing! - You're invited to join us for song and fellowship as we come together to JUST SING our way through folk, pop, gospel and traditional music. No sign up – just come and just sing! Cookies and tea included. Join us on **Tuesday, May 6th at 2:00 p.m.** in St. Joseph's Room. No talent required.



Archdiocesan Year of Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome with Cardinal Frank Leo Nov. 10 – 17, 2025

The pilgrimage will include visits to Rome's major basilicas and Holy Door, daily Mass and a day trip to Assisi. Registration began online **April 24**. Space is limited. For full registration details, to view a detailed itinerary and learn more about this prayerful journey to Rome, visit: <https://bit.ly/ArchTORome2025>.

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