

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, April 29th

+ Aidan Carr

Requested by Abina & Colm Murphy and Family

Wednesday, April 30th

+ Helen Travers-Griffin

Requested by Rodney Travers-Griffin

Thursday, May 1st

+ Margaret Hyde

Requested by Abina & Colm Murphy and Family

Friday, May 2nd

+ Aidan Carr

Requested by Maureen Carr

Saturday, May 3rd

+ Sally Tatum Harper

Requested by Bernie & Linda Febria and Family

REST IN PEACE

In your charity, pray for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis, John O'Connor, Jean Proctor, William McGee, Georgina Revells

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light burns this week for the repose of the soul of Helen Travers-Griffin.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Philip Teixeira, John W., Gerry Genuino, Baby Isaiah Liam, Baby Owen, Patrick O'Neill, Jacob McLean, Elaine Atwood, Dawn Ruthven, Raphael Ng, Margaret (Peggy) McCarthy, Lynn Sparkes, Edna Higgins

WEEKLY REFLECTION

The Risen Lord Jesus revealed the glory of his resurrection to his disciples gradually and over a period of time. Even after the apostles saw the empty tomb and heard the reports of Jesus' appearance to the women, they were still weak in faith and fearful of being arrested by the Jewish authorities. When Jesus appeared to them, he offered proofs of his resurrection by showing them the wounds of his passion, his pierced hands and side. He calmed their fears and brought them peace, the peace which reconciles sinners and makes us friends of God.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

2025 NEOPHYTE MASS:

Cardinal Leo will preside at the annual Neophyte Mass to celebrate with all those in the archdiocese who have been newly initiated, fully initiated or received into the Church at Easter. **The Mass will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 11 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, 65 Bond St., Toronto.**

This Mass is open to all, but reserved seating is available only for Neophytes and up to five guests. Reserved seating will be designated by parish. Registration closes Monday, May 5. Seating is limited, so please register early. All other attendees will be seated in non-reserved sections on a first come, first served basis.

REGISTER:

<https://bit.ly/NeophyteMassRegisterMay2025>

CONTACT: formation@archtoronto.org.

A DAY WITH MARY – REGISTRATION OPEN:

Online registration is now open for A Day With Mary taking place **May 31 at Villanova College in King City**. During this Jubilee Holy Year, spend a day with our Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Hope and deepen your devotion to her through a keynote address by Dr. Josephine Lombardi, a number of inspiring witnessings and Holy Mass presided over by His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo. This family-friendly event will have music, food, fellowship, children's catechesis and activities. For more information and to register, visit www.archtoronto.org/mary

FROM THE OFFICE OF CATHOLIC YOUTH (OCY):

❖ THE SOURCE (AGES 19-39)

Join the Sisters of Life and the Office of Catholic Youth for an evening of prayer at **St. Peter's Catholic Church on Thursday, May 15 at 7pm**. Spend some time with Our Lord amidst your busy schedule with the source and summit of our faith – Jesus in the Eucharist. There will be some time for fellowship and refreshments after the Holy Hour. This event is open to all parishioners and visitors! Holy Hour will begin at 7pm followed by a social time from 8pm to 9pm. Confessions will be available. <https://ocytoronto.org/TheSource>

❖ SPIRITUS YORK (AGES 19-39)

Join the OCY for the upcoming Spiritus East ministry night on **Wednesday, April 30th at St. Mark's Parish in Stouffville**. The evening will begin with a talk by Rev. Fr. Brenton Cordeiro, a Companion of the Cross priest, on "What Should I Give Up for Easter?" <https://ocytoronto.org/SpiritusYork>

PARISH NEWS / EVENTS

STATEMENT FROM FRANK CARDINAL LEO, METROPOLITAN ARCHBISHOP OF TORONTO FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF POPE FRANCIS

Our Catholic family worldwide is in mourning following the death of our spiritual father, Pope Francis. Since 2013, our shepherd has guided the flock lovingly and served as a global ambassador of peace, hope and love. The Holy Father's humility, compassion and care for others, most especially the poor and marginalized, has served as a powerful witness and a reminder of our daily call to reflect the face of Jesus to all those whom we encounter.

I invite the faithful throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto and all those who mourn his loss, to pray for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis. May we honour his legacy and lovingly embrace his invitation to be missionaries of mercy, sharing the light of Christ in abundance as we affirm the dignity of every human life and foster a culture of care and love.

Our good and faithful servant has been called home to the Lord. May he rest in peace.

MANY THANKS FOR THE HOLY WEEK & EASTER CELEBRATIONS!

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all volunteers, liturgical ministers and ministry coordinators, the choir and musicians, Lectors and Eucharistic ministers, Greeters and Ushers, and the Altar Servers, who gave their time and talents to make the Holy Week and Easter Celebrations so beautiful and meaningful. Your dedication to St. John's Parish helped create a prayerful and reverent atmosphere for all. We are truly grateful for your service.

EASTER FLOWERS DONATIONS

We sincerely thank all those who donated towards the Easter flowers, and a special thank you to those who helped decorate the church for our Easter celebrations. Thanks to your generosity, we raised over \$2000, which helped fill our worship space with beauty and reverence for the Easter season. Your support is truly appreciated. Each donation was made in memory of a loved one, whose name is lovingly displayed on the flowerpots – a beautiful tribute that filled our space with both colour and meaning.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR RCIA CANDIDATES!

At the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 19, 2025, we joyfully welcomed our RCIA candidates into full communion with the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Initiation. We extend our heartfelt congratulations and prayers to each of them as they continue their journey of faith. May the light of Christ always guide and strengthen you.

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION – SHARELIFE SUNDAY MAY 4TH



The second ShareLife Sunday of the year is May 4th. We ask you to share your blessings through the parish or at www.sharelife.org/donate. Thank you for living the Gospel!



FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM!

St. John's Parish is now on Instagram! Stay connected with us throughout the week – follow **@StJohnsParishTo** for parish updates, events, inspirational content, Archdiocesan news and events, and more. Let's grow our faith community online!

CALL TO MINISTRY:

Looking for a way to make a difference? Ministries need volunteers! If you're interested in sharing your time and talents, please speak with Fr. Joshua or contact the Parish Office. Visit our website to learn more:

<https://stjohnsto.archtoronto.org/en/parish-life/volunteer-opportunities/>