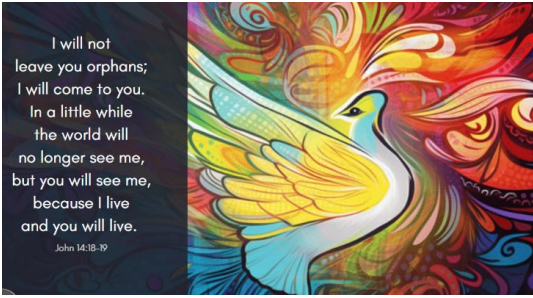


Sixth Sunday of Easter



From The Desk of Fr. Dunstan: Dear Sisters and Brothers in Jesus and Mother Mary, if Eve was the Mother of Humanity, Mary was the door to the humanity of Jesus and through Him, the door to eternal life for all men of all time. Without the mother, there is no child, "without Mary there is no Jesus" (Mother Teresa of Calcutta). Life is the most prodigious event that God has created. And the woman has been given the great gift of making it possible, and of witnessing the miracle of creating life. The masterpiece of creation is the heart of a mother. For God the mother is so important that even He Himself wanted to have one and came to earth through the most beautiful woman, Mary. When God gave the commandments to Moses on Mount Sinai, He said, "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land which the Lord your God gives you." (Ex. 20:12). This is the first commandment with a promise attached; for that reason, it is so important to understand that honoring our parents is an essential element of family life.

In the Chapter 3 of the Book of Sirach we see also other duties to the parents and the promises:

- For the Lord honours the father above his children and upholds the rights of a mother over her sons.
- whoever honours a mother is like someone amassing a fortune.
- Long life comes to anyone who honours a father, whoever obeys the Lord makes a mother happy.

We look at Jesus on the cross, and with a grateful heart we recognize that all humanity is present in that hour of Salvation:

Seeing his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing near her, Jesus said to his mother, "Woman, this is your son". (John 19:26). The best legacy that Jesus could give us, from the cross, was to leave us his own mother and just as Mary conceived Jesus; at the very moment that Jesus gave her to us; Mary received us as her children... She welcomes us, she receives us in her arms and her motherhood is prolonged in each of us.

Mother is synonym of love without limits, kindness, tenderness, peace. She shows us the mercy and love of God, because a mother's heart is a deep abyss in which you will always find forgiveness.

Let us give thanks to The Lord for the gift of our mothers, because they said "yes" to life, because they loved us even before we were born, for everything that we have received from them and for everything that they have done for us.

For all those who have their mothers alive, love them, take care of them, spend time with them and for those whose mothers have departed to the presence of Heavenly Father, pray for the repose of their souls. Happy Mother's Day!



I wish Fr. John Newton who celebrates his Golden Jubilee of his priesthood, asking God to bless him with good health and happiness and I thank him on behalf of St John's parish for all the marvellous ministry he brought to the people of God in the Archdiocese. I also want to take this opportunity to wish Msgr. Brad Massman a happy Fifty-Second Anniversary of his priesthood, as he also enriched this parish as friend and brother of Fr. John Newton, sharing in his great knowledge and ministry.

A Mother's Day Blessing

Loving God, you wrap your arms around your people and show your everlasting love in the same way a mother loves her children. We are grateful for the love you have taught us though the mothers in our lives; our own mother who bought us into this world, the mothers of friends who have welcomed us into their homes and families, our grandmothers who took time for us and the mothers who have helped us even though we were not their children. Bless all the mothers of this world today. May they know the fullness of love they have shared and be blessed every day of their lives. Amen

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 13th

For INTENTIONS OF FR. JOHN NEWTON
Requested by Parish Family

Tuesday, May 16th

For + HUGH JAMES COYLE
Requested by Cathy Coyle

Wednesday, May 17th


For + MARGARET & JOHN REID
Requested by Kathy, Katie & Michael

Thursday, May 18th

For INTENTIONS OF MONSIGNOR BRAD MASSMAN
Requested by Parish Family

Friday, May 19th

For INTENTIONS OF FR. PIERRE ROBITAILLE
Requested by Parish Family



Rest in Peace

In your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of

Joan Lynen

Please Pray For The Sick

Marianne Loranger, David Hibberd, Christine Curran,
Jacob McLean, Carl D'Sousa, Joan Tierney, Diane Meldrum, Jack Lees, Carmel Richard



The Sanctuary Light burns this week in loving memory of

Edmond Valin Sr.

In The News



CALLING ALL GOLFERS: ShareLife's Golf Tournament returns June 5: On Monday, June 5, the 26th edition of the ShareLife Golf Tournament returns to Royal Woodbine Golf Club in Etobicoke.

The day includes camaraderie, friendly competition, and fantastic food, while you support the vital work of Catholic social service agencies in our communities. Registration is filling quickly! Note that we also welcome sponsorship enquiries and silent auction and prize donations. For more details, visit sharelife.org/golf or contact Maria Panagakos at 416-934-3400 ext. 526 / mpanagakos@archtoronto.org.



May 2023 Marathon Joyful seekers of God. Love Hope, Unite. Radio Maria is calling on

the world to support sister radios in poor countries and eventually open a new one. To make a contribution call 416.245.7117 or send an e-transfer to donations@radiomaria.ca.

ST. AUGUSTINE SEMINARY: Office of Vocations is offering a weekly Online Discernment Group for single men aged 18+ journeying with the book: "Pray, Decide and Don't Worry" by Bobby & Jakie Angel, Fr. Mike Schmitz. Books can be purchased through the Office of Vocations for \$10. Online meetings will run from 7:30 to 8:30 pm. For more information visit <https://staugustines.on.ca/events-listing/mens-online-discernment-group-2023>

NEW BEGINNINGS: Blended Families Online Seminar May 18, @ 7 pm. Register at: <https://nbbf0523.eventbrite.ca> For more information please contact: Arcangelo Limanni, MRE alimanni@cfstoronto.com (647) 215-3978.

Share discussions with others in a safe, welcoming and non-judgmental online forum. Join us on May 24th at 7 pm, as we discuss Spring Grief: Possibilities and Promises with Moderator: Arcangelo Limanni, MRE. Register at: <https://nbbd05.eventbrite.ca>. Or for more information please contact: Arcangelo Limanni, MRE alimanni@cfstoronto.com or 647.215.3978. New Beginnings ministers to those who have suffered a loss through separation, divorce or bereavement.



VOCATIONS: The Lord said, "I will not leave you orphaned." Pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416.968.0997. email vocations@archtoronto.org, www.vocationstoronto.ca

Parish News



Share your love on Mother's Day: On Mother's Day, all moms deserve to be celebrated and supported. Did you know that our parish's ShareLife campaign is helping young women with an unexpected pregnancy? One such mother is Nikki, who was able to continue her education and receive practice assistance through a ShareLife-funded agency called Rose of Sharon.

"If it wasn't for you and for ShareLife, I don't know where we would be today," says Nikki. "We will always and forever be grateful for your support!"

Thus far we have raised \$22,471 toward our goal of \$76,300. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Please note, there will be no Children's Liturgy program on Sunday May 21st (Victoria Day weekend. As a reminder Children's Liturgy runs most Sundays during the 9 am Mass.



KOC 50/50 DRAW: in support of Ontario Food Banks and the Special Olympics final draw until September was won by Margaret Vallieres, with a grand total of \$16,965. Stay tuned for Septembers tickets sales to begin and you could be the next grand prizewinner. Tickets are 15 for \$10, 40 for \$20 or 100 for \$40 for each quarterly draw. Select the name and number "Scarborough Beaches 7008" or go to <https://ontariokofcraffle.5050central.com/?olc=7008>.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK: We are pleased to bring the Sacrament to all homebound parishioners. Please contact the parish office if you or a family member wish to receive Holy Communion or the Sacrament of the Sick.



Please remember the St. Vincent de Paul poor box as you exit the church.



Thank you for making a gift to your Parish. Contact the office if you wish to begin using envelopes or for more



information on our Pre Authorized giving (PAG). Or scan the QR code below and the link will take you to our "Donate" button on our website where you can donate through your credit card; don't forget to select "St. John's Parish, Toronto" in the drop down menu.

	2022	2023
Sunday Offertory	\$ 4775	\$ 4554
Offertory PAG:	\$ 1110	\$ 1421
Building Fund	\$ NA	\$ 2810

Little Levity: Rosanna was complaining to Margaret about her son Bradley. "I just can't seem to get him to get out of bed in the morning in time for school." said Rosanna. "That's easy" said Marg, "Put the new cat in the bed". "How would that help" said Rosanna. "Well, didn't you tell me that the dog already sleeps in the bed"

Peace begins with a smile.....Mother Teresa