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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Altar Servers
Call the office

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Catrina Bova

Lectors:
Luz Sucilan
10:00AM Choir
Susan McElcheran
Rehearsal: Thursday 7:30 PM
12:00 Noon Choir

Greeters/Ushers: Call the office

CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

Monday - Saturday

5:30 PM

Sunday

10:00 AM

12:00 PM

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday

10:00 AM 4:00 PM

Lunch 12:30 - 1:30 PM

CELEBRATION OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM
and after First Friday mass or by
appointment.

BAPTISMS

Arrangements are made through the
Religious Education office. Couples
expecting a child are encouraged to
contact the office before the child is
born. Please contact ext 1003, for
more information.

MARRIAGE

Please contact Fr. Anish at least one
year prior to the planned wedding date.

Pastoral Visitation of the Sick:

To arrange for a visit
Call the office ext 1007

ORGANIZATIONS & ACTIVITIES

Catholic Women's League
4th Monday of the Month

Children's Liturgy
10:00 AM Mass

Creation Care Ministry
2nd Tuesday of each month 7pm.

Development and Peace
www.devpo.org
3rd Monday of the month 7:00 PM

Merrymakers
3rd Thursday of the month 12:00 PM

Knights of Columbus
1st Thursday of the Month

Parish Council
Every two months

St. Vincent de Paul Society
2nd Saturday of the Month 4:00 PM

Fourth Sunday of Easter

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, April 28th

5:30 pm – Amado Diaz+

Wednesday, April 29th

5:30 pm – Peter Storuzak

S.I Brionna, Fiona & Riona

Thursday, April 30th

5:30 pm – Alessandra Hellmund

Friday, May 1st

5:30 pm – Elena Disimone

- Oliapuram Family

Saturday May 2nd

5:30 pm – Birthday Blessing & Healing

Sunday, May 3rd

10:00 am - For Parish Community

12:00 pm – S.I Brionna, Fiona & Riona

Please Pray for the Sick

Maryann Chard, Anne Szuba, Ted Daniel, Cecilia Salazar, Tania Florian and Anna Maria Silva

Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul

Ted Kowalczyk, Alzira Mossini Domingos and Sister Edith Prendergast



“The Door That Knows Your Name”

Have you ever longed for a place where you are truly known where you don't have to explain yourself, defend yourself, or prove yourself? A place where your voice is recognized, your struggles understood, and your presence welcomed without hesitation. In a world that can feel hurried, noisy, and at times indifferent, that longing runs quietly through many hearts and even through the faithful who come each Sunday, hoping to hear again a word of life.

Today, the Gospel speaks into that longing with remarkable tenderness. Jesus tells us, *“I am the gate... Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture.”* He is not distant. He is not abstract. He is the Shepherd who knows His sheep by name, who calls them, who leads them not by force, but by love. His voice is not one among many; it is the voice that speaks to the deepest truth of who we are. In a world full of competing voices fear, doubt, anxiety, distraction Christ's voice alone brings life: *“I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”*

We see this same invitation unfold in the Acts of the Apostles. Peter speaks boldly, and the people are “cut to the heart.” They ask, *“What should we do?”* It is the cry of every human soul that begins to awaken to God. And Peter's response is simple and profound: *“Repent and be baptized... and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”* It is not a call to perfection, but a call to return, to step through the door that Christ Himself has opened. Three thousand people respond that day, not because they had everything figured out, but because they recognized the voice of truth and mercy.

Saint Peter, in his letter, brings this even closer to our lived experience. He reminds us that Christ is not a distant shepherd, but one who has walked the path of suffering with us. *“By his wounds you have been healed.”* How many in our community carry wounds grief that lingers, relationships that strain, fears about the future, quiet disappointments that no one else sees? And yet, Christ does not stand outside these realities. He enters them. He bears them. He transforms them. As Saint Augustine once said, “God is closer to us than we are to ourselves.” The Shepherd who calls us also carries us.

Perhaps the challenge for us is not that Christ is silent, but that we are surrounded by so many other voices. The voice that says we are not enough. The voice that tells us to be afraid. The voice that tempts us to close in on ourselves. And yet, gently and persistently, Christ continues to call. Not loudly, not forcefully but faithfully. In prayer. In Scripture. In the quiet moments we often overlook. In the kindness of another person. In the breaking of the bread.

This week, perhaps the invitation is simple: to listen again. To pause, even briefly, and ask, “Lord, where are you calling me?” Maybe it is a call to trust more deeply in a situation that feels uncertain. Maybe it is a call to return to confession, to prayer, to a relationship that needs healing. Maybe it is simply a call to rest in the knowledge that you are known, loved, and never alone.

The door is not closed. The Shepherd is not far. He stands before us, calling our name, not as one voice among many, but as the voice that leads to life. And if we dare to follow, even one small step at a time, we will find what our hearts have been seeking all along: a place of belonging, of peace, and of abundant life in Him.

Jesus, I Trust in you

PILGRIMAGE TOUR TO SOUTH KOREA AND JAPAN

A beautiful opportunity awaits. Join our upcoming pilgrimage to South Korea and Japan, where faith and culture come alive. We will celebrate daily Mass in renowned churches and cathedrals and visit sacred sites including the apparitions of Our Lady of Akita (1973).

Our journey will take us through Seoul, Tokyo, Mount Fuji, Akita, Kobe, Hiroshima, Kyoto, and Osaka. Those interested are warmly invited to see the detailed brochure available in the parish or in our parish website.

Karaoke & Dance Night – Saturday, May 2

Join us on **Saturday, May 2** from **7:00 PM –10:00 PM** for a lively **Karaoke and Dance Night** in the **parish hall!** Come sing your favorite songs, hit the dance floor, and enjoy a glass of wine or beer along with light refreshments. Don't miss the 50/50 draw for a chance to win! **Tickets are \$10 per person** and will be **available after Mass** this weekend and next. This is a fundraiser for St. Joan of Arc Parish—bring a friend and enjoy a fun evening together!

OUR MEMORY BOARD

There is a wonderful Memory Board in the church hall: folks who have died in the last year with their picture and a few lines. We are looking for **one or two people** who would be willing to take on keeping this Board up to date. This Memory Board is a gift to the family and to us as a parish. Planning information and materials are available. If you are interested, please leave your name and contact information at the parish office.

Spring Clean-Up on Saturday, May 2nd from 9:30 AM to Noon

Next Saturday join us for our annual Spring Clean-Up of the parish grounds and gardens from 9:30 AM to Noon. Whether you can come for the full time or just an hour, it all helps make a difference. Come meet fellow parishioners and together let's make our church grounds reflect our parish community's care and welcome. Your time, effort and support are much appreciated and we hope to see you there!

What to Bring if you can:

- Rakes, corn brooms, pruning shears, work or garden gloves
- Wear comfortable clothing and outdoor footwear

Pre-Planning Seminar

Planning ahead is one of the most thoughtful and compassionate decisions you can make for your family. Join us for an informative seminar designed to help you understand your options and make confident, faith-informed decisions.

Learn about:

Funeral and burial options

Planning in advance to ease burden on loved ones

Catholic teachings on cremation

Flexible payment options (*including 0% financing options*)

Location: Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery & Funeral Home 211 Langstaff Rd E, Thornhill

Saturday May 30, 2026, at 9:00 AM - You must RSVP to attend at 905-889-7467 ext. 1 or by email at holycrossinquiry@cc-fs.ca

Your Gift to God

Weekend of Apr 18 & 19, 2026

Envelopes	\$1,655.00
Loose	521.20
PAG	1,340.28
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Online & Tip Tap	187.80
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Total	<u>\$3,704.28</u>

ShareLife

ShareLife Sunday is upon us, and this year carries special significance as we celebrate 50 years of compassionate outreach and faithful generosity. Since its founding in 1976, ShareLife has been a living expression of our call to love one another, supporting over 40 agencies that provide care and dignity to those most in need. This vital work continues today because of people like you parishioners whose generosity becomes hope for countless individuals and families. As we take up the special collection this weekend, I invite you to prayerfully consider how you can support this mission of mercy. Our parish goal this year is \$47,500, and every contribution, no matter the size, helps bring us closer to that shared commitment. You may give using a ShareLife envelope at the parish, online through our parish website, or directly at sharelife.org/donate.

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