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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

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday

10:00 AM 4:00 PM

Lunch 12:30 - 1:30 PM

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.devp.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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, May 5th

5:30 pm – Thanksgiving

Wednesday, May 6th

5:30 pm – Jemys and Retinol

Thursday, May 7th

5:30 pm – Stanista & Edward
Krzystoszek

Friday, May 9th

5:30 pm – Janina 96th Birthday

- Deceased Members of Oliapuram Family
- Mary & Victor Joseph

Saturday May 10th

5:30 pm – Mary & Cyril Davis

- Deceased Members of Oliapuram Family

Sunday, May 11th

10:00 am - For Parish
Community

12:00 pm – Juliette Tan Maling

- John Vincent Maling
- Deceased Members of Oliapuram Family

Please Pray for the Sick

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

Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul

Ted Kowalczyk, Alzira Mossini Domingos and Sister Edith Prendergast



“Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled: Christ Builds a Home Among Us”

There are moments in life when the heart quietly asks questions we rarely say out loud: *Will things ever feel peaceful again? Am I carrying too much? Where is God in all of this?*

Many among us come to church carrying invisible burdens. Even the disciples in today’s Gospel were troubled and uncertain. Jesus sensed their fear before they even spoke it aloud, and He said to them with remarkable tenderness: *“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.”* Those words were not spoken from a distance. They came from the heart of Christ, who walks closely with His people even in confusion, grief, and waiting.

In the Acts of the Apostles, we see the early Church facing tension and disappointment. People felt overlooked. Needs were not being met equally. Yet the apostles did not turn away from the problem; they listened, prayed, and responded with wisdom and compassion. The Church grew stronger not because it was perfect, but because the Holy Spirit was alive within imperfect people willing to serve one another. How deeply this speaks to parish life today. Every parish carries hidden sacrifices—those who prepare meals, visit the sick, teach children, clean quietly after events, pray faithfully in silence, or simply continue showing up even after difficult seasons. God builds His Church not only through grand gestures, but through ordinary acts of love offered faithfully.

Saint Peter reminds us in the second reading that Christ is the “living stone,” and that we too are being built into a spiritual house. This means that no one here is insignificant. The elderly widow who prays her rosary alone, the exhausted father working long hours, the teenager trying to hold onto faith in a noisy world, the person carrying grief no one else sees all are precious stones in God’s dwelling place. Sometimes we believe holiness belongs only to the strong or the certain. But the Gospel reveals something different: God delights in working through fragile hearts that remain open to Him. As Saint Thérèse of Lisieux once wrote, *“Jesus does not demand great actions from us, but simply surrender and gratitude.”*

Then Jesus speaks those beautiful words: *“I am the way, and the truth, and the life.”* He does not merely give directions; He gives Himself. Christ does not stand at the edge of our struggles shouting instructions from afar. He enters the human experience completely. He walks beside the grieving, sits with the anxious, strengthens the weary, and calls the discouraged by name. When Thomas asks, *“Lord, we do not know where you are going,”* it sounds very much like the prayer many people carry today. Yet Jesus responds not with frustration, but with reassurance. In every season of uncertainty, Christ remains the path forward. Even when we cannot see the whole road, we can trust the One who walks it with us.

Perhaps this week the Lord is inviting us to become a little more like the early Christians: attentive to one another, patient with weakness, generous in service, and rooted in prayer. The world often teaches us to protect ourselves first, but the Gospel gently calls us to become living signs of hope for one another. A listening ear, a forgiving word, a visit to someone lonely, a quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament these small acts become places where Christ Himself is revealed. Very often, God’s presence reaches another person through simple human kindness.

So as we continue this Easter journey, let us not be afraid of our troubled hearts. Bring them to Jesus exactly as they are. He is still preparing a place for His people. He is still building His Church from wounded yet faithful hearts. And He is still reminding us, softly and faithfully, that we are never abandoned. May we leave this Sunday consoled by His presence, strengthened by His promises, and ready to carry His peace into the ordinary moments of our week.

Jesus, I Trust in you

Rosary in Honour of Our Blessed Virgin Mary

Throughout the month of May, the Rosary to Our Blessed Virgin Mother Mary will be prayed prior to the 12:00 PM Mass. It will begin promptly at 11:30 AM, and all are warmly invited to participate.

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.

Coffee Ministry Volunteers Needed

We are currently seeking volunteers to assist with our Coffee Ministry following the Sunday 12:00 PM Mass. This simple act of serving coffee and refreshments plays an important role in building a welcoming and connected parish community. Whether you are available occasionally or on a regular basis, your help makes a meaningful difference and helps ensure this gathering can continue. If you are interested in joining this ministry, please speak with us after Mass or contact the parish office.

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.

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)

A Heartfelt Farewell and Welcome

After a blessed year of faithful and dedicated service to our parish family, Fr. Anish Alex will be leaving St. Joan of Arc Parish on June 24. We are deeply grateful for his spiritual guidance, kindness, and care for our community, and we assure him of our prayers and gratitude as he begins a new chapter in ministry.

On the same day, we will also warmly welcome our new pastor and pray that his time among us will be filled with God’s grace, joy, and abundant blessings. May the Lord continue to guide and strengthen both priests in their ministry and vocation.

Your Gift to God

Weekend of Apr 25 & 26, 2026

Envelopes	\$1,340.00
Loose	664.00
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Online & Tip Tap	235.00
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Total	<u><u>\$3,566.00</u></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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