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### DAILY MASS

MONDAY - THURSDAY, SATURDAY 9:00 am  
FRIDAY 7:00 pm

### SUNDAY MASS

SATURDAY 5:00 pm  
SUNDAY 8:30 am | 10:15 am | 12:00 pm | 7:00 pm

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

FRIDAY 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm  
SATURDAY 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm  
Anytime by appointment

### DEVOTIONS

**Adoration & Holy Hour:** FRIDAY 6pm - 7pm

### Office Hours

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:30 am - 3:30 pm  
SATURDAY 9:30 am - 12:30 pm | 3:30 pm - 6:00 pm  
SUNDAY 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

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**TUESDAY, 30 APRIL**

9:00 AM + CARLO VINCENTE MARCO NEPTUNO

**WEDNESDAY, 1 MAY**

9:00 AM + ARNEL DENNIS NAVAL

**THURSDAY, 2 MAY**

9:00 AM S.I. LILY ANTONY

**FRIDAY, 3 MAY**

7:00 PM S.I. IN THANKSGIVING FOR FAVOURS  
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**SATURDAY, 4 MAY**

9:00 AM + MAGNA JUMAO-AS

5:00 PM S.I. FOR THE PIAMONTE FAMILY

+ ERIC ADVINCULA  
+ ANTONIO & MARIA MACEDO

**SUNDAY, 5 MAY**

8:30 AM S.I. MICHAEL VIECHWEG  
+ LIGAYA CARAOS CUETO  
+ COLLETTE REARDON

10:15 AM S.I. ADRIANA & KEVIN RASMUSSEN AND  
FAMILY

+ JOSEPH COUTHINO  
+ CARMEN EALDAMA

12:00 PM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

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**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

Our housekeeper/cook, Dianne Bloise, will be retiring this year. We will miss her greatly. The position is 4 days per week. If you are interested in the position of housekeeper/cook, please email Father Joe directly at [sfdspastor@gmail.com](mailto:sfdspastor@gmail.com) or drop off your resume at the parish office.



**The National March for Life is happening on May 9<sup>th</sup>**

Tickets \$50. This includes snack and water provided by the Knights of Columbus. For more information call Alex at 416-655-0800 or email: [alex.eykelhof@gmail.com](mailto:alex.eykelhof@gmail.com)

**Join us for the biggest pro-life demonstration in Canada the National March for Life in Ottawa on Parliament Hill on May 9<sup>th</sup>.** For more information, call Campaign Life at 613-729-0379 or visit [www.marchforlife.ca](http://www.marchforlife.ca)



**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults**

If you know of a non-Catholic living in our neighbourhood, who would like to join the Catholic Church, please have him or her phone Fr. Joe at 905-683-1403 ext. 105 for an appointment. Our Classes will begin in **September 2024**.



**The next Life Teen is on May 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.** Registration for Edge Camp for students in grades 5 to 8 & high school leadership camp is now open. To register for either camp please visit [edgecamp.campbrainregistration.com](http://edgecamp.campbrainregistration.com). Please note that the **early bird price ends on April 30<sup>th</sup>**.

**The samosa sale fundraiser to help offset the cost of camp is scheduled for May 4/5 weekend.** Please remember that it is cash only. Bring all of your loose change and empty stomachs! We thank-you for your continued support!

**Visit our NEW website:**

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## REFLECTION

The Vatican's top doctrinal office issued a **declaration**, *Dignitas Infinita* on the theme of human dignity on Monday 2 April 2024 that addresses growing concerns such as gender theory, sex changes, surrogacy, and euthanasia in addition to abortion, poverty, human trafficking, and war.

### Gender Theory and Sex Changes

As many Western nations continue to promote gender ideology and debate whether minors should be able to access transgender drugs and surgeries, the Vatican states that the ideology "intends to deny the greatest possible difference that exists between living beings: sexual difference." The declaration emphasizes that "all attempts to obscure reference to the ineliminable sexual difference between man and woman are to be rejected" and that "only by acknowledging and accepting this difference in reciprocity can each person fully discover themselves, their dignity, and their identity." A human body, the Vatican notes, also shares in the dignity of the image of God, and people are called to accept and respect the body as it was created: "The body participates in that dignity as it is endowed with personal meanings, particularly in its sexed condition."

"Any sex-change intervention, as a rule, risks threatening the unique dignity the person has received from the moment of conception," the Vatican adds. To respect human dignity, the declaration also condemns unjust discrimination, aggression, and violence directed toward individuals based on sexual orientation. "It should be denounced as contrary to human dignity the fact that, in some places, not a few people are imprisoned, tortured, and even deprived of the good of life solely because of their sexual orientation," the Vatican states.

### War and Poverty

As war rages on in Ukraine, Gaza, Sudan, and elsewhere in the world, the declaration confirms that self defense is permissible but that "war is always a 'defeat of humanity,'" citing Pope Francis' address to the United Nations in December. "No war is worth the tears of a mother who has seen her child mutilated or killed; no war is worth the loss of the life of even one human being, a sacred being created in the image and likeness of the Creator; no war is worth the poisoning of our common home; and no war is worth the despair of those who are forced to leave their homeland and are deprived, from one moment to the next, of their home and all the family, friendship, social, and cultural ties that have been built up, sometimes over generations," the declaration reads, quoting the current pontiff. The declaration further discusses the problems of poverty, which it states are linked to the unequal distribution of wealth.



## CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to all of our Confirmandi candidates who received the Sacrament of Confirmation earlier this week. You have now been sealed with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and we know you will continue to defend and practice our faith. A big thank you to our catechists for sharing their time, talent and wisdom with our Confirmandi throughout the preparation classes. To all ministries and volunteers involved to help make our Confirmation a beautiful celebration, your work and time is greatly appreciated! To all the parents and families, we encourage you to continue to come to Mass every Sunday and thank you for your patience throughout this whole process. May God bless each and every one of you!

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

It has been so nice to see the children each week during our First Communion preparation classes, in our 6 parish schools as well as our RCIC classes!

We know that many families are beginning to look for your child's First Communion attire.

Please see below for the guidelines:

- Boys -in their Sunday best with white dress shirt and dark pants. Preferably in a suit but not necessary. First Communion arm bands are allowed.
- Girls -in a white or off-white dress -no gloves, no purses and no veil covering the face.

For both boys and girls: no running shoes, no prayer books, and no rosary beads during the time of Mass.

We still have a couple of First Communion gowns available.

Please contact Mrs. Selda if you are interested.

### *Reflection Cont'd...*

"If some people are born into a country or family where they have fewer opportunities to develop, we should acknowledge that this is contrary to their dignity, which is the same dignity as that of those born into a wealthy family or country," the declaration adds. "We are all responsible for this stark inequality, albeit to varying degrees."

(To be continued) by Tyler Arnold

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/257311/dignitas-infinita-vatican-document-release-gender-abortion-surrogacy>



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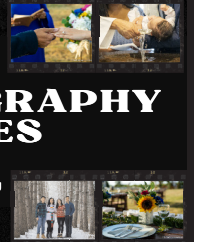


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