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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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+ NEAL CARACCIOLO
+ TYRONE LOPEZ

TUESDAY, 7 MAY

9:00 AM S.I. MICHAEL ARBOR
S.I. ARUN JOY
+ ALAN ANTHONY TANG-WING

WEDNESDAY, 8 MAY

9:00 AM S.I. SONIA CECE
+ JUAN ORMAECHEA
+ LANNIE LYNCH

THURSDAY, 9 MAY

9:00 AM S.I. PETER & JULIANNA D'SOUZA
+ RICARDO & CONSOLACION LIM
+ JUN TENORIO

FRIDAY, 10 MAY

7:00 PM + SERVILLANO AGUADA
+ ARMANDO LORAYES

SATURDAY, 11 MAY

9:00 AM S.I. JAIME GEROCHÉ
S.I. FOR ALL MOTHERS
5:00 PM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, 12 MAY

8:30 AM S.I. DANIEL LYSAK
+ FENNY UYAMAM & BEN DIONISIO
+ JENNIFER CURTIS
10:15 AM S.I. DAVID & KIM KOTES AND FAMILY
S.I. TRISTAN & RENEE FERNANDES
+ PRIYANI JAYASINGHE
12:00 PM + BARBARA CANNATA
+ CECILIA BERNADE
+ RALPH COLLINS JR.
7:00 PM NO EVENING MASS

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

May 5th to 10th 2024

“We Are Called to Love”

During Catholic Education Week (May 5 – 10, 2024), we give thanks for the gifts of publicly funded Catholic Education in our province. Catholic schools foster supportive communities where children can experience the joy of God's love and understand the Christian mission in the world. Together, our parishes, educators and families sow and nurture the seeds of faith with the next generation of Catholics, encouraging them to live lives of holiness and Christian witness as one body in Christ. To indicate your support of Catholic education and sign-up for email updates, visit: www.togetherinfaith.ca

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SL ShareLife

Thank you for all that you are doing for the ShareLife campaign. We are very grateful for your generosity and support. **To date, we have collected \$36,058 for the ShareLife appeal. This is 36% of our parish goal, which is \$99,000.** You may also choose to give to the ShareLife appeal by way of credit card. To donate online go to: www.sharelife.org

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 or drop off your resume at the parish office.



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**.

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE

Thanks to all those who inquired about and/or offered support for Development and Peace, Caritas Canada. Such efforts enable D&P to continue to work with our partners in their quest for social and environmental justice. Anyone who has further questions may visit devp.org or contact Joe Modeste at jmo1714@rogers.com



The Knights of Columbus wish to express their sincere thanks for the overwhelming support given to our “40 Cans for Lent” Food Drive. We collected 4000lbs of food items. This has been given to food banks across Ajax, Pickering and Oshawa. Thank you for your generosity. May God continue to bless each of you and your families!



The next Edge Night is on May 10th at 7:30 pm.

Registration for Edge Camp for students in grades 5 to 8 & high school leadership camp is now open. To register, please visit edgecamp.campbrainregistration.com.

The youth would like to thank the parish for their endless generosity throughout the year, especially during this weekend's Samosa Sale! Thank you for your continued support. God Bless!

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.

Human trafficking, sexual abuse, and violence against women

The declaration states that human trafficking is “among the grave violations of human dignity.” It includes the marketing of human organs and tissues, the sexual exploitation of boys and girls, slave labor, prostitution, the drug and weapons trade, terrorism, and organized crime. “Confronted with these varied and brutal denials of human dignity, we need to be increasingly aware that human trafficking is a crime against humanity,” the dicastery adds. Sexual abuse, as explained by the declaration, “leaves deep scars in the hearts of those who suffer it.” It adds that “those who suffer sexual abuse experience real wounds in their human dignity” and that the problem of such abuse plagues society and has also affected the Church. “From this stems the Church’s ceaseless efforts to put an end to all kinds of abuse, starting from within,” the dicastery states. The dicastery notes that women specifically face threats to their human dignity through inequality and violence. It references unequal pay, a lack of protections for working mothers, the exploitation and sexualization of women, and coercive abortions. “While the equal dignity of women may be recognized in words, the inequalities between women and men in some countries remain very serious,” the declaration reads. “Even in the most developed and democratic countries, the concrete social reality testifies to the fact that women are often not accorded the same dignity as men.”

Dignity of the marginalized

The dignity of marginalized groups such as migrants and people with disabilities was also addressed in the declaration. “Migrants are among the first victims of multiple forms of poverty,” the Vatican says. “Not only is their dignity denied in their home countries, but also their lives are put at risk because they no longer have the means to start a family, to work, or to feed themselves.” The declaration quotes Pope Francis’ encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*, in which he says: “No one will ever openly deny that [migrants] are human beings; yet in practice, by our decisions and the way we treat them, we can show that we consider them less worthy, less important, less human. It adds, quoting from Pope Benedict XVI’s encyclical *Caritas in Veritate*, that “every migrant is a human person who, as such, possesses fundamental, inalienable rights that must be respected by everyone and in every circumstance.”



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please see the schedule below for rehearsal and First Holy Communion dates.

Rehearsal: Thursday May 23 @ 6:30pm

- St. Andre, Virtual & Public/Private/Other Catholic

Rehearsal: Thursday May 23 @ 7:30pm

- St. Patrick

Rehearsal: Wednesday May 29 @ 6:30pm

- St. Francis de Sales & St. Josephine Bakhita

Rehearsal: Wednesday May 29 @ 7:30pm

- St. Jude & St. Catherine of Siena

First Communion: Saturday May 25 @ 10am

- St. Andre, Virtual & Public/Private/Other Catholic

First Communion: Saturday May 25 @ 1pm

- St. Patrick

First Communion: Saturday June 1 @ 10am

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Reflection Cont'd...

In the declaration, the dicastery condemns “throwaway culture” and urges society to respect the dignity of other marginalized groups such as those with disabilities.

“Each human being, regardless of their vulnerabilities, receives his or her dignity from the sole fact of being willed and loved by God,” the declaration states. “Thus, every effort should be made to encourage the inclusion and active participation of those who are affected by frailty or disability in the life of society and of the Church.”

Human dignity is infinite

In his introduction to the declaration, Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith prefect Cardinal Víctor Manuel Fernández emphasizes that the list is not comprehensive, but the subjects were selected to “illuminate different facets of human dignity that might be obscured in many people’s consciousness.” “The Church sees the condemnation of these grave and current violations of human dignity as a necessary measure,” Fernández writes, “for she sustains the deep conviction that we cannot separate faith from the defense of human dignity, evangelization from the promotion of a dignified life, and spirituality from a commitment to the dignity of every human being.”

By Tyler Arnold

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



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