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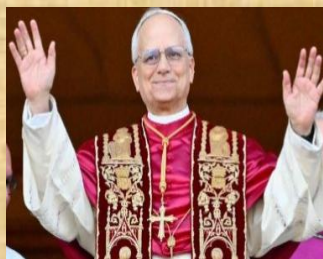
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**"I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and my own know me."
Alleluia.**



Habemus Papam!!!

"La pace sia con tutti voi"
"Peace be with all of you!"

Pope Leo XIV

His Homily on pages 2 & 5

Happy Mother's Day!

Frank Cardinal Leo's message for Mother's Day.....see page 6

Welcome New Parishioners!

Please introduce yourself and your family to me before or after the mass to welcome you to our parish community.

All parishioners are encouraged to register in our community and participate in the church activities. We are here to support each other and grow in our relationship with God and with our neighbors.

For Registration form, ask anyone of the Ushers or Call the office.

Your Pastor,

Fr. David



Saturday Vigil Mass – 5:15pm

Sunday Mass – 9am, 12:15pm, 5:30pm

Weekdays:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday – 7pm

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday – 9am

Baptism – every Saturday of the month.

Preparation class is required. Talk to Fr. David after any of the Sunday masses.

Confession every Saturday at 4pm or by appointment.

Confirmation – for Grade 7 & up
registration for 2025 is in the months of September and October 2024

First Holy Communion – for Grade 2 & up
registration for 2025 is on October and November 2024

Wedding – call the office for appointment

Anyone who wants to become

Catholic – call the office for appointment

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St. Nereus & St. Achilleus May 12th

Pray for us.

"It was love for Christ and a desire to witness to their new faith that inspired Nereus and Achilleus to 'throw away their shields, their armour and their bloody spears'."



“You are the Christ, the Son of the living God” (Mt 16:16).”

Pope Leo XIV’s Homily at Mass with the Cardinal Electors in the Sistine Chapel on May 9th, 2025

I will begin with a word in English, and the rest is in Italian. But I want to repeat the words from the Responsorial Psalm: “I will sing a new song to the Lord, because he has done marvels.”

And indeed, not just with me but with all of us. My brother Cardinals, as we celebrate this morning, I invite you to recognize the marvels that the Lord has done, the blessings that the Lord continues to pour out on all of us through the Ministry of Peter.

You have called me to carry that cross, and to be blessed with that mission, and I know I can rely on each and every one of you to walk with me, as we continue as a Church, as a community of friends of Jesus, as believers to announce the Good News, to announce the Gospel.

[Continuing in Italian] “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God” (Mt 16:16). In these words, Peter, asked by the Master, together with the other disciples, about his faith in him, expressed the patrimony that the Church, through the apostolic succession, has preserved, deepened and handed on for two thousand years.

Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God: the one Savior, who alone reveals the face of the Father.

In him, God, in order to make himself close and accessible to men and women, revealed himself to us in the trusting eyes of a child, in the lively mind of a young person and in the mature features of a man (cf. *Gaudium et Spes*, 22), finally appearing to his disciples after the resurrection with his glorious body. He thus showed us a model of human holiness that we can all imitate, together with the promise of an eternal destiny that transcends all our limits and abilities.

Peter, in his response, understands both of these things: the gift of God and the path to follow in order to allow himself to be changed by that gift. They are two inseparable aspects of salvation entrusted to the Church to be proclaimed for the good of the human race. Indeed, they are entrusted to us, who were chosen by him before we were formed in our mothers’ wombs (cf. Jer 1:5), reborn in the waters of Baptism and, surpassing our limitations and with no merit of our own, brought here and sent forth from here, so that the Gospel might be proclaimed to every creature (cf. Mk 16:15).

In a particular way, God has called me by your election to succeed the Prince of the Apostles, and has entrusted this treasure to me so that, with his help, I may be its faithful administrator (cf. 1 Cor 4:2) for the sake of the entire mystical Body of the Church. He has done so in order that she may be ever more fully a city set on a hill (cf. Rev 21:10), an ark of salvation sailing through the waters of history and a beacon that illumines the dark nights of this world. And this, not so much through the magnificence of her structures or the grandeur of her buildings – like the monuments among which we find ourselves – but rather through the holiness of her members. For we are the people whom God has chosen as his own, so that we may declare the wonderful deeds of him who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light (cf. 1 Pet 2:9).

Peter, however, makes his profession of faith in reply to a specific question: “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” (Mt 16:13). The question is not insignificant. It concerns an essential aspect of our ministry, namely, the world in which we live, with its limitations and its potential, its questions and its convictions.

“Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” If we reflect on the scene we are considering, we might find two possible answers, which characterize two different attitudes. *(continued on page 5)*



THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

I. THE HIERARCHICAL CONSTITUTION OF THE CHURCH

Why the ecclesial ministry?

874. Christ is himself the source of ministry in the Church. He instituted the Church. He gave her authority and mission, orientation and goal:

In order to shepherd the People of God and to increase its numbers without cease, Christ the Lord set up in his Church a variety of offices which aim at the good of the whole body. the holders of office, who are invested with a sacred power, are, in fact, dedicated to promoting the interests of their brethren, so that all who belong to the People of God . . . may attain to salvation.³⁸⁹

880. When Christ instituted the Twelve, "he constituted [them] in the form of a college or permanent assembly, at the head of which he placed Peter, chosen from among them."³⁹⁸ Just as "by the Lord's institution, St. Peter and the rest of the apostles constitute a single apostolic college, so in like fashion the Roman Pontiff, Peter's successor, and the bishops, the successors of the apostles, are related with and united to one another."³⁹⁹

881. The Lord made Simon alone, whom he named Peter, the "rock" of his Church. He gave him the keys of his Church and instituted him shepherd of the whole flock.⁴⁰⁰ "The office of binding and loosing which was given to Peter was also assigned to the college of apostles united to its head."⁴⁰¹ This pastoral office of Peter and the other apostles belongs to the Church's very foundation and is continued by the bishops under the primacy of the Pope.

882. The Pope, Bishop of Rome and Peter's successor, "is the perpetual and visible source and foundation of the unity both of the bishops and of the whole company of the faithful."⁴⁰² "For the Roman Pontiff, by reason of his office as Vicar of Christ, and as pastor of the entire Church has full, supreme, and universal power over the whole Church, a power which he can always exercise unhindered."⁴⁰³

883. "The college or body of bishops has no authority unless united with the Roman Pontiff, Peter's successor, as its head." As such, this college has "supreme and full authority over the universal Church; but this power cannot be exercised without the agreement of the Roman Pontiff."⁴⁰⁴

884. "The college of bishops exercises power over the universal Church in a solemn manner in an ecumenical council."⁴⁰⁵ But "there never is an ecumenical council which is not confirmed or at least recognized as such by Peter's successor."⁴⁰⁶

885. "This college, in so far as it is composed of many members, is the expression of the variety and universality of the People of God; and of the unity of the flock of Christ, in so far as it is assembled under one head."⁴⁰⁷

Catechism of the Catholic Church)

https://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/_P2A.HTM

MASS INTENTIONS

May 10,5:15PM Vigil Mass +Donna Martin

May 11 -Sunday- 9:00Am +The Parishioners
+Celedonio V. BOA

12:15PM + Petra Perlas

5:30 PM + Soledad & Armando Almaria

May 12-Mon,10:00AM+Apolonia & Genito Marquez

May 13-Tue,7:00PM +Josefina de Villa
+ Benjie Romero

May 14-Wed 7:00PM +Sis. Carolina Agravante
Successful operation of Christy Belen

May 15-Thu,7:00PM + Tony Dequito
Healing of Cesar Flor

May 16-Fri, 7:00PM + Tony Dequito

May 17-Sat,9:00am *Thanksgiving-Veronica G.*
+ Virginia Ligaya

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7-day Vigil Lamp Intention May 10 -16, 2025

Sanctuary--- + Donna Martin

Virgin Marv- + Donna Martin

**WORD OF THE
WEEK
"SHEPHERD"**

A person who tends and rears sheep; guide or direct in a particular direction: (from Oxford language)

The first duty of a good shepherd is to **sacrifice**: "A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." The second, a good shepherd **protects the flock**. Third, a shepherd **provides for the flock**. Fourth, after the example of our Lord, a good shepherd **knows his sheep**. Fifth, **generosity**. Shepherds, not Hirelings - The Catholic Thing

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention-May 2025- For Working Conditions

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfillment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.



Our Patron Saint...



"The deposit of the faith is one thing.....the way it is expressed is another."

St. John XXIII

St. Nereus and St. Achilleus May 12th

Nereus and Achilleus were soldiers in the Imperial Roman army. While they may have lived in the 1st century, what is known of them originates from a 4th century inscription by Pope Damasus, which attests to the fact these soldiers had experienced conversion and been martyred as a consequence.

(Living with Christ, May 2025 ed.)

IN THE NEWS !!!



Leo XIV is the new Pope

To read more, click this link >>> [Leo XIV is the new Pope - Vatican News](#)



FRANK CARDINAL LEO'S MESSAGE FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

Friday, May 02, 2025



A DAY WITH MARY – MAY 31 – REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Friday, April 04, 2025



YEAR OF JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TO ROME WITH CARDINAL FRANK LEO – NOVEMBER 10 – 17, 2025

Thursday, April 10, 2025

<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/outreach/news/>

****click the link above to read the full text of the news****



PARISH DEVOTIONS

Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion

-every Saturday before the 9am Mass

Recitation of the Holy Rosary

-before the Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

-Every 1st Friday at 6:00pm communal

Parish Ministries & Programs

- Eucharistic Extraordinary Ministers
- Lectors–Proclaimers of God's words
- Altar Servers & Sacristans
- Ushers
- Catholic Women's League
- Intercessory Prayer Group
- Legion of Mary
- Icon of Our Lady
- Society of St. Vincent de Paul
- Seniors Breakfast Club

If you are interested to join, please email us at stjohn23do@archtoronto.org and we will direct you to the person leading these groups.

What unites us, is much greater than what divides us." St. John XXIII

Announcements!!!

- ✠ Confirmation Candidates and Parents, the next meeting is the Retreat of the Confirmandi on May 24th from 10am to 12:00 pm in preparation for their confirmation day on June 8th at 9am;
- ✠ On May 31st the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary- everyone is the first annual archdiocesan "A Day with Mary" will be held at Villanova College in King City. Everyone is invited. To Register click the link [Archdiocese of Toronto - A Day With Mary](#)



Continuation of Pope Leo 14th's homily

First, there is the world's response. Matthew tells us that this conversation between Jesus and his disciples takes place in the beautiful town of Caesarea Philippi, filled with luxurious palaces, set in a magnificent natural landscape at the foot of Mount Hermon, but also a place of cruel power plays and the scene of betrayals and infidelity. This setting speaks to us of a world that considers Jesus a completely insignificant person, at best someone with an unusual and striking way of speaking and acting. And so, once his presence becomes irksome because of his demands for honesty and his stern moral requirements, this "world" will not hesitate to reject and eliminate him.

Then there is the other possible response to Jesus' question: that of ordinary people. For them, the Nazarene is not a charlatan, but an upright man, one who has courage, who speaks well and says the right things, like other great prophets in the history of Israel. That is why they follow him, at least for as long as they can do so without too much risk or inconvenience. Yet to them he is only a man, and therefore, in times of danger, during his passion, they too abandon him and depart disappointed.

What is striking about these two attitudes is their relevance today. They embody notions that we could easily find on the lips of many men and women in our own time, even if, while essentially identical, they are expressed in different language.

Even today, there are many settings in which the Christian faith is considered absurd, meant for the weak and unintelligent. Settings where other securities are preferred, like technology, money, success, power, or pleasure.

These are contexts where it is not easy to preach the Gospel and bear witness to its truth, where believers are mocked, opposed, despised or at best tolerated and pitied. Yet, precisely for this reason, they are the places where our missionary outreach is desperately needed. A lack of faith is often tragically accompanied by the loss of meaning in life, the neglect of mercy, appalling violations of human dignity, the crisis of the family and so many other wounds that afflict our society.

Today, too, there are many settings in which Jesus, although appreciated as a man, is reduced to a kind of charismatic leader or superman. This is true not only among non-believers but also among many baptized Christians, who thus end up living, at this level, in a state of practical atheism.

This is the world that has been entrusted to us, a world in which, as Pope Francis taught us so many times, we are called to bear witness to our joyful faith in Jesus the Savior. Therefore, it is essential that we too repeat, with Peter: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Mt 16:16).

It is essential to do this, first of all, in our personal relationship with the Lord, in our commitment to a daily journey of conversion. Then, to do so as a Church, experiencing together our fidelity to the Lord and bringing the Good News to all (cf. Lumen Gentium, 1).

I say this first of all to myself, as the Successor of Peter, as I begin my mission as Bishop of Rome and, according to the well-known expression of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, am called to preside in charity over the universal Church (cf. Letter to the Romans, Prologue). Saint Ignatius, who was led in chains to this city, the place of his impending sacrifice, wrote to the Christians there: "Then I will truly be a disciple of Jesus Christ, when the world no longer sees my body" (Letter to the Romans, IV, 1). Ignatius was speaking about being devoured by wild beasts in the arena – and so it happened – but his words apply more generally to an indispensable commitment for all those in the Church who exercise a ministry of authority. It is to move aside so that Christ may remain, to make oneself small so that he may be known and glorified (cf. Jn 3:30), to spend oneself to the utmost so that all may have the opportunity to know and love him.

May God grant me this grace, today and always, through the loving intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church.

Message for Mother's Day

11 May 2025

His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo
Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

May Jesus and Mary be in your souls.

Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers in the Archdiocese of Toronto.

Among the many vocations and calls to faithful witness in the Church, motherhood is among the most exalted. Indeed, the greatest of all the saints, Our Blessed Mother, is distinguished first and foremost by her motherhood. She is the Theotokos - Mother of God as well as our spiritual mother. During this Jubilee Year Pope Francis reminds us, "Every vocation, once perceived in the depths of the heart, gives rise to an impulse to love and service, as an expression of hope and charity, rather than a means of self-promotion" (Pilgrims of Hope: The Gift of Life).

Motherhood is not merely a role or function - it is a divine vocation. The sacredness of motherhood is an aspect that is often forgotten, and one that is not celebrated enough. Mothers are called not only to nurture and care for their children, but they are also "cooperators" with God's love and "interpreters of that love" (GS 50). In this way the vocation of motherhood is not a call to love in a general and pedestrian manner, but a profound mirroring of the love of God in the way a mother sacrifices, nurtures, protects, and teaches her children. The sacrificial dimension of love expressed in the love of a mother is not to be understood as a burden, but as a path to sanctity (cf. CCC 2013); there is a sharing in the paschal mystery, a participation not only in the suffering but the glory of Our Lord (cf. Rom 14:7-8; Col. 3:17). It all begins in the home, or the domestic church (cf. LG 11) where hope and selfless love are intertwined. Hope is the virtue that corresponds to the happiness that God has placed in our hearts, the yearning that we have for Him (cf. CCC 1818). Our Holy Father reminds us, "Vocation and hope go together in God's plan for the happiness of each man and woman, all of whom are called by name to give their lives for others" (Pilgrims of Hope: The Gift of Life).

Like so many of us, when I think of mothers in general, and my mother in particular, what comes to mind is the many loving and heartfelt ways that they demonstrate and provide affection, guidance, warmth and care. A mother's day is filled with a myriad of selfless gestures, deep concerns, prayer and worry, stress and joy, cooking and cleaning, shopping and driving, loving every step of the way, loving in a life-giving way, loving and not counting the cost. The gift of self, putting the good of her children and family before hers; teaching and disciplining, cherishing and nurturing - fostering the growth and maturity of her beloved ones. This side of Heaven we will never know how much our mother's love, attention, and generosity have shaped us into who we are today; protected from danger and comforted in our sorrows. Mothers have a special place in God's heart and in his saving plan for us. Let us take the time this year to remember with fondness and gratitude our mothers; let us love them, honour them and bless them, and let us respect them as they grow old and need love, attention, and care from us.

On this Mother's Day I wish to extend my blessing on all mothers. Thank you for everything you do for your families, the Church and the world. Through your daily acts of love, often hidden and humble but profoundly meaningful, you witness to God's love and are a sign of hope in the world. I encourage and pray for you and all mothers who embrace their vocation. May you seek daily to build the foundation of your children's lifelong relationship with God and be beacons of hope in the world. Please know that you are loved and appreciated and that your motherhood is not only important, it is sacred. May the Blessed Mother intercede and inspire you every day as "Catholic Moms", may your love for the Risen Lord increase daily, and may you continue your Pilgrimage of Hope in this life as an inspirational example of God's love whose fullness we will experience in the life to come.

