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## THE YEAR OF CARE FOR CREATION

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER: MAY 5, 2019

### CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF CARE FOR CREATION

#### Mass Intentions (May 3 – May 10, 2019)

**Friday, May 3:** 7:00 p.m.

+ **Abeline Fernandes** *Req. Fernandes Family*

**Saturday, May 4:** 5:00 p.m.

+ **Carrie Datu Alvarado**

**Wednesday, May 8:** 8:00 a.m.

**Thanksgiving for Maria Fernandes** *Req. Maria Fernandes*

**Friday, May 3:** 7:00 p.m.

+ **Deniz Fernandes** *Req. Maria Fernandes*

#### Development and Peace Coffee Sunday

Today will be our second last Coffee Sale before the summer so please stop by the Development and Peace table after mass and purchase fair trade products such as coffee, tea, cocoa, and of course everyone's favourite: Chocolate bars. Your purchase does support farmers in the Global South to receive a fair wage for their hard work to grow their crops. Thank you for your support.

#### Pilgrimage to Mexico and Ecuador

Fr. Wilson is on pilgrimage, along with 42 other pilgrims, to Mexico and Ecuador from May 02, to 15, 2019. Fr. Roshan Kiro will be celebrating Liturgies. For pastoral needs, please call the office.

#### Jesuit Diaconate Ordinations 2019

Manu Matthew Piravomkunnel, S.J. and Augustus Ekka, S.J. will be ordained to diaconate on **Saturday May 11, 2019** at 9:00 a.m. at St. Paul's Basilica, Toronto. On **May 12**, at 10:30 a.m. mass, Augustus will be serving as newly ordained deacon at St. Ann's Parish.

#### Church Bulletin Advertising

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in July 2018 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 905-624-4422.

#### ShareLife 2019

**Living the Gospel with Justice and Love.** "ShareLife represents a reliable signpost on the course mapped out by our Pastoral Plan—namely, its core direction of 'Catholic Outreach in Justice and Love.' The work of our agencies, and your generosity towards them, serve as a pathway through which acts of justice and love are realized, and the witness of the Catholic faith is strengthened." — *Cardinal Thomas Collins.*

**Today is ShareLife Sunday. Thank you for your generosity.**

#### Care for Creation – May, 2019

As we celebrate the year of Care for Creation, the month of May is dedicated to Women. We invite you to pray and support women in our families, church and society.



The month of May is also dedicated to praying the Rosary in honor of Mary, our Mother. In a special way we ask the Intercession of Mother Mary to care for all women and protect all families. As we also celebrate Mother's day on May 12, let us continue to support all women who play a motherly role in our life so they are appreciated and loved. We use the image of the Legend of the Pelican (taken from our Stained-glass window), representing the sacrifice of all women in the families and community. We also pray for the Holy Mother Church, that, as the Church community, we may promote sacredness and provide safety and care for all people of God.

#### St. Ann's Resettlement Committee's Giving Campaign

We are pleased that our Syrian family is doing very well. The parents are taking ESL classes and the children are in school. We look forward to introducing you to the family later this spring.

**Gift Cards:** Thank you to everyone who has donated gift cards, they do make a substantial difference to our family's welfare. We will continue to collect cards for grocery stores, discount fashion stores, drug stores and ones that sell household items on the last Sunday of every month. If you wish to contribute to this program, the next donation day will be **Sunday May 26, 2019**, during the regular collection.

**Committee Volunteer:** If you would like to become a committee volunteer you are welcome to attend our meetings which are usually held on the third Sunday of the month after 10:30am mass. If you wish to be a committee volunteer please contact Theresa at **416-700-3358** or [theresa.spohn@icloud.com](mailto:theresa.spohn@icloud.com). As always your generosity and prayers are greatly appreciated.



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### The Discernment

Discernment is a prayerful process of observing the movements of one's heart, while, like a detective, being attentive to the sources of those movements. When we use the process of discernment to ask God to reveal His will for our lives, this is called vocational discernment. It is useful to think of a vocation as the primary *relationship* that frames our exclusive gift to God and His Church. It is not the activities inherent to the vocation, which sometimes lead people to rule out a given state of life. Rather, vocational discernment is an act of discovering who God made you to *be*. It is your deepest identity as the once-in-eternity creation you are. We can now safely conclude that God wants us to be happy—the life-giving kind of happiness that is deep and lasting. This begs the question then: what makes us happy? We find temporary enjoyment in worldly pleasures, but where is lasting happiness? Secular research confirms the Church's teachings on this: It is in self-giving that we come to know the enduring joy God longs us to have. Deep and lasting happiness can be found within our vocation, and it is in that self-gift that we can experience the fulfillment we seek. There is no satisfaction without rigor, and it is the sacrifice of an exclusive gift of self that provides it in spades. With this right understanding of happiness in mind, the following points have proven helpful to many through the path of discernment:



First and foremost, an authentic Christian vocation is always rooted in being a disciple of Jesus. Vocation comes from the Latin word *vocare*, meaning “to call.” Our vocation is a calling from God, the author of our souls, so it is He who designed us for it, and He who reveals it. It is in getting to know Jesus and modeling our life after his that we can know God's will for our lives. Life with Christ grows in prayer, in reading the Word of God, and in receiving the Sacraments. These practices provide the grace needed to pursue our vocation.

Second, awareness of our gifts and weaknesses can show us which vocations are possible for us. God has already endowed us with a certain nature, and the grace of our vocation should build upon it. It is important to listen to our hearts, paying attention to those activities and relationships that give us the most peace and joy, for they may be the promptings of the Holy Spirit showing us ways to creatively respond to God's call. Discernment is aided considerably by active involvement in the Church—in different parish ministries, in Bible studies, in volunteer work—because trying out various means of service can reveal the gifts of the Spirit within us. Most of sacred scripture is one story after another of humans turning away from God. We need only look at the lives of three early saints, Peter, Paul, and Mary Magdalene, to see that God is not thwarted by human failure.

Discernment is best done in company. One's pastor, friends, family, and fellow parishioners can be helpful sources of insight. They can see things about us that we can't see as easily. As the discernment progresses, a spiritual director is often necessary. No one is told exactly what to do with his or her life; and discernment is not a vocation. Our vocation is a gift made in faith. If we knew exactly what God wanted or what would make us most happy, there would be no leaps of faith, no dynamic relationship with Our Lord based on love and trust.

Taken from the website: <https://www.vocationstoronto.ca/discernment>

The Archdiocesan Day of Prayer is celebrated on May 4. We invite you to support and to pray for all vocations; priesthood, religious and consecrated life. For more information, please contact or call the office of Vocations at [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) or check our Toronto Archdiocese Vocation Directors Association website: <https://www.tavda-toronto.com/>

### Holy Cross Family Ministries – Canada – Rosary Makers

The Holy Cross Family Ministries – Canada at St. Ann Parish are hosting our next group of Rosary Makers' Training event **on May 26, 2019** in the Parish Hall. If you would like to become a Rosary Maker, please fill out the Registration Form. We are planning to make 50,000 rosaries that will be distributed to many churches, hospitals, schools and missions in the world. Thank you for helping us spread God's message of love in the families. For more information contact: Fr. Wilson Andrade, CSC. Phone: 416 466 2127.

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