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## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

**MONDAY, May 5, 7:00PM** +Maria De Oliveira & Manuel Marques +Dominic & Paula Saniga +Virgina Correia +Joanne Kerkhof & Peter Van Luyk +Donald Fernandez +Bruno Todesco +Lazar Dawood \*Special Intentions of the Talarico Family

**TUESDAY, May 6, 9:00AM** +Manuel Da Silva +Jose Sousa & Maria Anjos Braga

**WEDNESDAY, May 7, 7:00PM** +Carlos Pais +Maria Encarnacion Romeiro

**THURSDAY, May 8, 9:00AM** +Jamie Da Silva +Joao Perna

**FRIDAY, May 9, 7:00PM** +Margaret Dudo

\*Special Intention for Tymothy Tuyen Tran

**SATURDAY, May 10, 9:00AM** \*ProPopulo

**SATURDAY, May 10, 5:00PM** +Isaura Lorencio +Maria de Lurdes Jesus Loureiro +Jose Manuel Cladas Azevedo +Antonio Albert Rocha +Pawet Polaczek +Irma Lancha & Luisa Maia +Joao Balugas +Antonio Martins & Family +Jose & Lucinda Sousa +Jerry Chabluk & Edith Kay +Tony Toich & All Deceased Toich Family Members +Mario Zic & All Deceased Zic Family Members +Nada & Bill Kovacic +Maria Ferreira +Peggy Michaud & Vanessa Rodrigues \*Special Intention of Mary Toich

**SUNDAY, May 11, 8:00PM** +Amelia Oliveira Domingues +Deolinda Oliveira

**SUNDAY, May 11, 10:00AM** \*ProPopulo

**SUNDAY, May 11, 12:00pm** +Manuel Marques Sr.& Manuel Marques Jr. +Maria Helena Oliveira

**SUNDAY, May 11, 2:00pm** \*ProPopulo

**St. Philip of Jesus (Mission)**

**\*Please note: That our Lady of Fatima Mass on Sunday May 11 at 2:00 will substitute for our Regular scheduled 2:00pm Spanish Mass.**

### LOVE INCARNATE...WAITS FOR YOU FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR ADORATION



**Holy hour will be on the first Friday of the month at 7:30pm following the 7:00pm Mass.**

**Come be with our Lord and visit our Adoration Chapel. Open Mondays - Fridays from 9:30am to 4:30pm.**

### NOTE: CHANGE TO REQUIEM MASS SCHEDULE

Starting the month of April, the Requiem Mass will be celebrated on the **LAST FRIDAY** of the Month, at 11:00am. Mass Intentions can be booked at the parish office.

**PLEASE NOTE: Monday May 19, 2025, is Victoria Day. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am and the parish office will be closed.**

## REFLECTION

*When it was already dawn, Jesus was standing on the shore; but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?" They answered him, "No." So he said to them, "Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something." So they cast it, and were not able to pull it in because of the number of fish. John 21:4-6*

Recall the first time there was a miraculous catch of fish in the Gospels. In Luke 5:1-7, Jesus was preaching to the people on the shore from where He sat in Peter's boat just a short distance away. After preaching, Jesus told Peter, "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." Peter did so and there was such a large catch of fish that the Apostles needed help to haul it in.

In today's Gospel, some three years later after the Resurrection, Jesus appeared to the disciples from the shore and instructed them to cast their nets "over the right side of the boat." They did so and caught 153 large fish. In commenting on these two passages, Saint Augustine teaches that the first miraculous catch was a sign that the Gospel would be preached to all people, which is indicated by Jesus simply saying "lower your nets." But after the Resurrection, Jesus specifically tells the disciples to cast their nets "over the right side" to indicate that grace is now given to those who stand on His right side and are separated from the condemned who are on His left. Thus, this second miraculous catch symbolizes the end of the age when the good and the bad are judged.

Saint Augustine also notes that the 153 large fish, caught off the right side of the boat, are a symbolic representation of those who conform not only to the Ten Commandments but also receive the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit by grace. He explains that  $10 + 7 = 17$  and if you add all the numbers together between 1 and 17 you arrive at 153. Thus, these 153 fish represent everyone who receives His gift of grace and obtains salvation. The boat represents the Church, and the gift of salvation is offered by Christ through His Church. One clear message we must take from Saint Augustine's interpretation is that grace and mercy are offered to all, but not received by all. At the end of our lives and at the end of the world, judgment will take place. Those who responded to the offer of grace and mercy, repented of their sins and gave their lives to Christ will eternally share in the Resurrection. But those who refused to follow His Commandments and closed themselves to the transforming power of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit will be separated from eternal joys.

Facing the reality of hell is not pleasant, but it is a message that must not be ignored. It is a message that is real and, therefore, hell is a possibility for us all. Therefore, it is important to remind ourselves from time to time of this spiritual truth. Are you among those 153 large fish found on the right side of the boat? Do you allow the ministers of Christ within the Church, represented by the disciples in the boat, to draw you to Christ through preaching and the



Sacraments? Though all of us might quickly answer “Yes” to that question, we should never fail to be attentive to the fact that salvation requires action on our part. It requires that we accept Christ Jesus by following His Commandments and live by the transforming power of the Holy Spirit as it is dispensed by the Church. Reflect, today, upon the symbolism found in this Resurrection account. Consider the fact that the Gospel has, indeed, been shared with you. Have you listened to the Word of God as it is preached by the Church? Do you immerse yourself in the grace given through the Sacraments? Do you follow the Ten Commandments faithfully? Do you continually open yourself to the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit? Seek to be among that catch of fish caught on the “right side.” Never doubt that hell is real and possible. For that reason, never waver from your fidelity to Christ, so that you will remain firmly grounded in His grace and share one day in His Resurrection.

*My Catholic Life! 2025*

## OUR LADY OF FATIMA – May 10 & 11

**Our Lady of Fatima Mass Saturday May 10 at 7:00pm** followed by procession and candlelight. **Sunday May 11 at 2:00pm, Mass followed by procession.** Reception at the Portuguese Cultural Center.

**\*Please note: That our Lady of Fatima Mass on Sunday May 11 at 2:00pm will substitute for our Regular scheduled 2:00pm Spanish Mass.**

**Sabado 10 de Maio 2025 Missa em Portuguese seguida da Procissao das Velas Club Portuguese de Bradford 9:30pm. Domingo 11 de Maio 2025, Missa em Portuguese seguida da Procissao e bencao do santissimo. Club Portuguese de Bradford 4:00pm.**

## CANADA'S MARY

WITH FR. JOHN O'BRIEN



**Thursday, May 8th, 2025**



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7:00 – 9:30pm



## YOUTH MINISTRY



Grades 6, 7 & 8's are invited to come to the EDGE, on Fridays

7:00-8:30pm in the Parish Hall.

**Next Edge Night: May 16 – Focus Mode**

## LIFE TEEN

Life Teen is for youth in Grades 9-12 and will be held on every other Friday from 7:00pm to 9:00pm are all welcome! **Next Lifeteen Night is: May 9 – Life of the Party**

## MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY



We intentionally and wholeheartedly honour, celebrate and venerate the Blessed Ever Virgin Mary, who was entrusted to us by Our Lord on the Cross as our spiritual Mother and entrusted us to her as her beloved children (cf. Jn 19:25-27). Pilgrimages, prayers, various devotional practices, and liturgical rites in veneration of Our Lady during this month have long been a mainstay of Catholic piety, including May crownings. As Pope St. Paul VI had intuited: there is an even greater outpouring of God's graces showered upon us this very month thanks to Divine Providence who wills that these blessings come to us through the Mother of Christ. It is truly significant and vital to have filial recourse to The Mother so as to benefit more abundantly from the mercy, generosity and help of the Lord.

Consecration to Our Blessed Mother is another meaningful form of Marian piety. [3] When we consecrate ourselves to Mary, we offer the entirety of ourselves along with the merits of our prayers [4] to her as Mother and Queen, Intercessor and Advocate, Sister and Companion. The reason we offer Our Lady all our works is so that we can belong more fully to Jesus, knowing that she can do greater things with our small offerings than we can on our own. She wants only the best for us, and we give her everything so she can present it all to Jesus. [5] Let us be reminded that true devotion to the Mother of Jesus “consists neither in sterile or transitory affection, nor in a certain vain credulity, but proceeds from true faith, by which we are led to know the excellence of the Mother of God, and we are moved to a filial love toward our mother and to the imitation of her virtues.” [6] – *Most Rev Francis Leo, Message on the Blessed Mother, - May 1, 2024, archdiocese of toronto.org.*

## A DAY WITH MARY - Saturday May 31, 2025, at Villanova College in King City

Members of the Catholic family from all corners of the archdiocese are being invited to participate in Mass, pray the Rosary, and grow deeper in our devotion to Our Lady through a keynote address by Dr. Josephine Lombardi for the adults, powerful witnessings and children's catechesis for the kids. There will be music, food and fellowship and we hope that you will consider joining His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo and so many others who love the Blessed Mother. For more information and to register, visit [archtoronto.org/mary](http://archtoronto.org/mary).

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