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## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, May 3

5 pm + Maximo Arquiza II

### Sunday, May 4

9 am + Fernanda Santos

11 am + Donovan Fernandes  
+ Anna Nazareth

### Tuesday, May 6

8:30 am + Nancy Soriano  
+ Soledad Almara

### Wednesday, May 7

8:30 am + Phyllis Burke

### Thursday, May 8

8:30 am + Connie Estorba

### Friday, May 9

8:30 am + Emina Soriano



### Third Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 5.28-32, 40b-41

Psalm: Ps 30.1+3, 4-5, 10+11a+12b

Second Reading: Revelation 5.11-14

Gospel: John 21.1-19

### Sponsoring the Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary lamp signifies the Real Presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ. It burns for the greater glory of God. Parishioners are invited to become monthly sponsors of the Sanctuary Lamp. Please contact the parish office if you wish to donate. Doing so becomes an opportunity for friends and families to pray at the Tabernacle, knowing the Lamp burns for their intentions.



**The Sanctuary Lamp burns in April for the intentions of:** Sherilyn Almara

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

*"Feed my sheep."*

In today's Gospel, Jesus calls to seven of his disciples from the shore but, just as when Jesus first appeared to Mary of Magdala, the disciples do not recognize him immediately. Still, they follow the stranger's instructions and bring in a large haul of fish. It is at this point that one of them, the "disciple whom Jesus loved", realizes that Jesus is appearing to them. Simon Peter's spontaneous and extravagant response – jumping into the sea to swim to shore – shows the ardour of his love and devotion. But this is a love that is soon to be probed and tested. On the shore, Jesus has already prepared breakfast: bread and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. The meal to which he invites the disciples takes on eucharistic overtones in the phrases 'he took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish'. This scene describes the future of the Church, which, in the coming time of the physical absence of her Lord, will celebrate and experience in the Eucharist the ongoing hospitality of God that the disciples have received from Jesus.

There are two places in Scripture where the curious detail of a "charcoal fire" is mentioned. One is in today's Gospel, where the Apostles return from fishing to find bread and fish warming on the fire. The other is in the scene in the High Priest's courtyard on Holy Thursday, where Peter and some guards and slaves warm themselves while Jesus is being interrogated. At the first fire, Peter denied knowing Jesus three times, as Jesus had predicted. Today's charcoal fire becomes the scene of Peter's repentance, as three times Jesus asks him to make a profession of love. Jesus' thrice repeated command "feed my sheep" shows that Peter is being appointed as the shepherd of the Lord's entire flock, the head of His Church. Jesus' question: "Do you love me more than these?" is a pointed reminder of Peter's pledge to lay down his life for Jesus, even if the other Apostles might weaken.

Jesus then explains just what Peter's love and leadership will require, foretelling Peter's death by crucifixion ("you will stretch out your hands"). Before His own death, Jesus had warned the Apostles that they would be hated as He was hated, that they would suffer as He suffered.

We see the beginnings of that persecution in today's First Reading. Flogged as Jesus was, the Apostles nonetheless leave "rejoicing that they have been found worthy to suffer." Their joy is based on their faith that God will change their "mourning into dancing," as we sing in today's Psalm. By their sufferings, they know, they will be counted worthy to stand in heaven before "the Lamb that was slain," a scene glimpsed in today's Second Reading. (Excerpts from: *Scott Hahn Reflections*; Fr. Brendan Byrne, SJ.)

## **PARISH NEWS**

### **An Easter Celebration Thank You**

Fr. Mani thanks you most sincerely for your lilies and Easter donations. The altar will look beautiful for some time, together with your spiritual intentions.

### **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Pius X Parish**

2026 will mark 75 years since our Parish was founded. We are planning a celebration and are hoping older parishioners can help with their memories of the earlier days. Perhaps you were a member of this parish 20 to 25 years ago or more, celebrated an event or were married here, or have a story or memorabilia that will bring to life our parish history. If so, please speak to Fr. Mani.

### **Second Collection**

Next weekend, May 10-11, there will be a second collection for the parish Building Fund.

### **ShareLife Second Offering**

On this second ShareLife Sunday, we call upon your compassionate hearts to support your vulnerable brothers and sisters in need. More people than ever are turning to our agencies for help. The kindheartedness of ShareLife supporters like you enables access to essential programs and services, such as the treatment program and transitional housing at St. Michael's Homes. For Jack, your support was transformative. After moving to start a physically demanding job, he suffered a knee injury which ultimately left him unemployed and addicted to pain medication. Thanks to your empathy, Jack had a safe space to overcome his addiction and gained the power to build himself back up. Please give using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](https://sharelife.org/donate).

### **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience**

Are you ready for more growth and happiness in your marriage? Worldwide Marriage Encounter is an approved ministry of the Archdiocese of Toronto. Join WWME

on June 27-29 at Queen of Apostles (1617 Blythe Rd., Mississauga) for a weekend to discover the secrets to a lasting, supportive, and transformational marriage. This weekend is for couples, whether newlyweds or married for decades. To register, contact: [christian.elizabeth.arroba@wwme.org](mailto:christian.elizabeth.arroba@wwme.org), or call 416-554-4439 or 416-554-7062. Brochure: <https://www.archtoronto.org/siteassets/media/archdiocese-of-toronto-main-site/files/events/10-2021/wwme-brochure-for-couples.pdf>

### **Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Rome**

The Archdiocese of Toronto Jubilee 2025 Committee is organizing a week-long pilgrimage to Rome with Cardinal Frank Leo from November 10 to 17, 2025. The pilgrimage will include visits to Rome's major basilicas and Holy Door, daily Mass, and a day trip to Assisi. Registration will take place online beginning Thursday, April 24 at 10 am. Space is limited. For full registration details, to view a detailed itinerary, and to learn more about this prayerful journey to Rome, visit: <https://bit.ly/ArchTORome2025>.

### **Vocations**

How am I being called to feed the lambs of Jesus? Could it be as an ordained or consecrated person? If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.





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