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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS INTENTIONS



Sunday, April 23th, 2023

- 9:00 a.m.** Special Intentions of Elfriede Frey
Req. by Greta Gomes.
Special Intentions of The CWL.
Req. by Amjelee Caluag.
- 10:30 a.m.** Marcia DaSilva R.I.P.
Req. by Greta Gomes
Jose Da Costa Amaral R.I.P.
Req. by Vp-Elementary
- 12:00 p.m.** Reynaldo Pangantihon R.I.P.
Req. by Mary Jane Pangantihon.
Thresiamma Varghese
Req. by Jimmy Varghese

Monday, April 24th

- 7:30 a.m.** Karl Frey R.I.P.
Antonio Foz R.I.P.
Req. by Gerard & Joy Del Castillo

Tuesday, April 25th

- 7:30 a.m.** Special Intention Serviliano S. Platon.
Req. by Ligaya Platon.

Wednesday, April 26th

- 7:30 a.m.** Maria Baltazar R.I.P.
Req. by Victoria Bustos

Thursday, April 27th

- 7:30 a.m.** Fernando Baltazar
Req. by Victoria Bustos
Aloysius Perera R.I.P.
Req. by his family

Friday, April 28th

- 7:30 a.m.** Teodoro Guevarra R.I.P.
Jose A. Santos, Jr. R.I.P.
Req. by Ligaya S. Platon

Saturday, April 29th

- 5:00 p.m.** Betty Paul Thottam R.I.P.
Req. by Kp Thottam & Family

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One of the loveliest stories in the Gospel is the story of how the risen Jesus joined two of His disciples on the road to Emmaus. He explained the Scriptures to them, and revealed Himself in the breaking of the bread. The same thing happens for us when we celebrate the Eucharist. Jesus speaks to us in the Scriptures and nourishes us in Communion.

Do you recognize Christ in your life? Does your heart burn in his presence? How are you being called - as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If God is calling you, contact
Fr. Matt McCarthy at 416-968-0997.email

vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca

A PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Heavenly Father, Lord of the harvest, call many members of our community to be generous workers for your people and to gather in your harvest. Send them to share the Good News of Jesus with all the people of the earth. Father, we ask this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen!

April 25th

SAINT MARK

Evangelist, Patron of Notaries, Egypt and Venice.

St. Mark, sometimes called John Mark, was a Jew by birth. He converted to Christianity after the Resurrection of Christ. He traveled with Sts. Paul and Barnabas on their first missionary journey. After the journey he went to Rome and acted as St. Peter's interpreter. It is believed, that he is the same Mark, that St. Peter called his son and that St. Mark wrote all that he has learned from St. Peter. St. Mark is the author of the second Gospel, which is probably the oldest of the Gospels. Tradition says it was written in Rome, requested by Romans to set down the teachings of St. Peter, the apostle. Therefore Mark's Gospel is a record of the life of Jesus as seen through the eyes of the Prince of the Apostles. St. Peter sent St. Mark into Egypt and appointed him Bishop of Alexandria where he founded the great church of Alexandria and preached the Gospel for 30 years, and increased the number of Christians. But heathens, called St. Mark a magician, on account of his many miracles. On April 24th, 68 A.D., St. Mark was, as he was offering up the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, seized; they tied his feet with cords and dragged him all day about the streets. The ground was stained with blood and strewn pieces of his flesh. At night they cast him into prison, where as legend has it, God comforted him with two visions. The following day, April 25th, they repeated the torture until St. Mark expired. Christians gathered up St. Mark's mangled body and buried it. In the 9th century it was translated to Venice, Italy. There the Saint is represented in art with a lion at his feet and a scroll in his hand in which the words "Peace be to thee, o Mark, My Evangelist" are inscribed.



God our Father, You gave Saint Mark the Evangelist the privilege of proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ, Your son. Help us to know You well so that we may faithfully live our lives as followers of Christ. Our Saviour. Amen.

April 29th

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA

Doctor of the Church, Co-Patroness of Europe



St. Catherine was born in 1347 in Siena, a town not far from Florence, Italy. She and a twin sister, who died in infancy, were the youngest of 25 children of Giacomina and Lapa Benincase. Her father, a dyer, was well known for his piety. At a very young age Catherine gave already signs of future holiness. As 5 year old she loved the "Hail Mary" so greatly, that she would kneel and recite the prayer on each step going up and down the stairs. In her 6th year she was favored by the Lord with a vision, as she was on the way home after visiting her oldest, married sister and her brother Stephen. She saw above the Cathedral of St. Benedict a throne on which our Divine Saviour, glad in pontifical robes, wearing a Tiara sat. With Him were St. Peter, St. Paul and St. John the Evangelist. As she looked at her beloved Redeemer in adoration, He made the sign of the Cross over her and smiled lovingly at her. From that moment on she was no longer a child. She wanted to only love God; penance, prayers and practices of virtue became her only desire. At 7 she made a vow of virginity. Even so her mother wanted for Catherine to marry, she remained true her beloved to

Jesus as her heart belonged only to Him. When 16 years old she received the habit of the Third Order of St. Dominic. At 21 Catherine had a vision in which Jesus, her spiritual spouse took her heart from her breast. As Christ reappeared with a luminous heart, she heard these words: "My daughter, I have your heart and give you mine, that you might forever live in Me." Catherine's life of prayer and penance was crowned by God with the gift of the Stigmata. The gift of prophecy and insight into the state of souls was bestowed upon her. St. Catherine cared for the poor and the sick. She counseled princes and popes. She was a peacemaker and is especially remembered for her spiritual reflections. Only 33 years old Catherine died in Rome on April 30, 1380 and was canonized in 1461. Her body rests in the Minerva Church in Rome. Her "Dialogue" and other writings are a treasure house of mystic counsel.

EMMAUS

Since that day of Christ's resurrection, when the world found its own newborn gift of faith, we all have wanted to keep Christ close to us. While other worldly gifts are out-grown, forgotten or broken, God's gift of Himself to each of us remains and is increased as we respond to Him.

It was to show this fact that Christ walked with two of His disciples on the roadway to Emmaus after His resurrection. He joined them as they walked, but they did not recognize Him. He appeared to be just another traveler, going in the same direction. While discussing the recent events that had startled all of Jerusalem, they discovered that He was full of knowledge, impressive in what He talked about and explained to them. He was so clearly well-informed that they invited Him to continue the conversation and have dinner with them. They still thought of Him as only a stranger along the road.

But when they began to eat the dinner set before them, they recognized Him. "They had come to know Him in the breaking of bread," St. Luke tells us. (Lk. 24:35) They suddenly knew Him in His real Presence as we know Christ when we receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

The disciples learned more about Christ in His next appearance to them when He wished them "peace" (Lk. 24:36) and taught them, opening their minds to the truths of the Scriptures. Throughout our lives, may we also come to know Him better and love Him more.

PARISH NEWS

Remember we are celebrating Holy Mass every weekday morning (Monday to Friday) at 7:30 in our church. What a wonderful way to start the day. Before Mass we honour our Holy Mother by praying the Holy Rosary. Come and join us. Please come and celebrate Holy Mass with us, but if you are not able to you can watch Fr. Jan celebrating all Masses via

<https://guardianangelsbr.archtoronto.org>

Christ our Lord was put to death for our sins; and rose again to make us worthy of life. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

Sadly there were disregarded consecrated Hosts found in our church. Please remember to respect the Body of Jesus Christ by consuming the sacred Host right after receiving it. If for one reason or other you do not want to consume the Blessed Sacrament, the Body of Christ, you do not have to participate in Holy Communion. You may come to the front and receive a blessing or you may stay in the pew. Either way, you are welcome to celebrate Holy Mass with us. We love to have you with us and more important Jesus loves you for spending time with Him.

It will not be much longer and Guardian Angels Church will soon have a shrine, a home for a statue of Mary, Mother of God and Mother and of us all. Donations for this project would be greatly appreciated. Thank You!



Archdiocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations:

The Archdiocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations is on **Friday, May 5, 2023.**

On this day, parishes throughout the archdiocese hold prayer initiatives dedicated to vocations. This year we are inviting you to take a moment on this day to pray for two intentions: for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life and for endurance in vocations already committed. To know how this is being celebrated in your parish community, please contact your parish.

Prayer Vigil: Please be advised that the Prayer Vigil, for our soon-to-be priests is being held at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica on

Friday, May 12, 2023 from 5:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

There will be praise and worship, interspersed throughout the evening, communal prayers, such as the Rosary and a sung version of the Divine Mercy Chaplet. For more information please contact the Office of Vocations via email – vocations@archtoronto.org.

Please mark your calendars and support these fund raising events. THANK YOU.

Next Weekend April 29th/30th 2023:



As always we ask our wonderful bakers for baked goods and the rest of the parishioners to buy and enjoy them. To make it work we need you all. Thank you for your support.

Sunday, May 14th, **Mother's Day: ROSE SALE** by Guardian Angels Parish's youth.

Please support our youth's efforts to raise funds for special youth activities.



Sunday, June 25th: **SUMMER BBQ**



SUMMER BREAK till Saturday, September 23rd: GUARDIAN ANGELS WALK.

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