



Parish Week † Sunday, 3 May 2026

Saturday, 2 May / St. Athanasius, *bishop & doctor*

- 8.00 am Mass: † Souls in Purgatory (Antony)
5.00 pm Mass: Int. Erma & Senen Ortega (family)

SUNDAY, 3 MAY / EASTER 5-A

- *Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo*
- Catholic Education Week

- 9.00 am Mass: † Caroline Bastiampillai (family)
10.30 am Mass: † Joan & Frank DeVerno (Pamela)
12.00 pm Mass: Int. Thanksgiving Birthday Karlo Cenizal (Dad & Mom)
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday, 4 May

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving Birthday Josefa Sardua (Chita)
7.00 pm Mass: † Nunziato Sidoti (family)
7.40 pm Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent meeting

Tuesday, 5 May

- 8.00 am Mass: † Preciosa Gamelo (Ariola family)

Wednesday, 6 May

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (Antony)

Thursday, 7 May

- 8.00 am Mass: † Edward Grace (Shiela Penny)
7.00 pm St. Maria Goretti School Confirmation Mass, with **Bishop Vincent Nguyen**

Friday, 8 May

- 8.00 am Mass: † Barbara Gacusana (Evelyn, Mom)

Saturday, 9 May

- 8.00 am Mass: † Castora Serneo (Helen)
5.00 pm Mass: † Jizi Primero (family)

SUNDAY, 10 MAY / EASTER 6-A

- *Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati*

- *2nd Collection: Pope's Pastoral Works*

- *CWL Mother's Day Cake & Flower Sale*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Cyril Bastiampillai (family)
10.30 am Mass: Int. Lily Mandyam (friends)
12.00 pm Mass: † Francesco & Teresa Di Michele (Maria)
1.30 pm Infant Baptism
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Focus on the Word

5th Sunday of Easter, Year A

Acts 6.1-7; 1 Peter 2.4-9; John 10.14

Almighty ever living God, constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us, that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism may, under your protective care, bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal. Amen.

Pray for the Deceased

Herminigildo Costo

The **9 victims** of the **mass shooting** in **Tumbler Ridge, British Columbia** in **March**.



A Day with Mary 30 May

On 30 May, "A DAY WITH MARY" will be held at Villanova College in King City. Our Parish has hired a bus for this day. Depart: 8.30 am, Return to Scarborough: 6.00 pm.

Cost: \$25. **Call:** **Chita**, 647-883-9138, or: **Riza**, 647-338-9288, or: **Fely**, 647-338-5803.

Sacramental Preparation

Remember in your prayers our parish youth preparing to receive the Sacrament of *Confirmation*:

7 May 7.00 pm ✘ **St. M. G. Sch. Confirmation Mass**

14 May 7.00 pm ✘ **St. Albert Sch. Confirmation Mass**

2nd Collection: 10 May - *Pope's Pastoral Works*

This Sunday, the 2nd collection will be for the *Pope's Pastoral Works*, which cares for all his special charities.

If a disastrous flood or earthquake strikes a nation, the Holy Father offers aid in the name of Catholics everywhere.

If you use a recycled envelope marked "*Pope's Works*," please remember to write your own Sunday envelope number on top.

COMING UP

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- 14 May St. Albert School Confirmation Mass (7:00 pm)
21 May ▶ *Danko Jones: Latin America Tour starts in Sao Paulo, Brasil*
23 May Wedding: Pasterlo & Albuquerque (3:00 pm)
24 May **Pentecost: The Gift of the Holy Spirit**
2nd Collection: **Maintenance**
27 May Wedding: Jagannathan & Sebananagam (10:30 am)
29 May Wedding: Canoneo & Claudio (10:30 am)
30 May ▶ A DAY WITH MARY: Celebrating the warmth of Our Mother's love at Villanova College, Vaughan
2nd Collection: **ShareLife # 3**
31 May
3 June ▶ **Bishop John Boissonneau: Celebration of 25th Anniversary of Episcopal Ordination** (Mass at St. Michael Cathedral, 10.30 am)
12 June ▶ FIFA World Cup in Toronto (to 2 July)
30 June **Cardinal Francis Leo: birthday** (1971)

ShareLife 2026

5th Sunday of Easter, 3 May

Thank you for supporting our parish's *ShareLife* campaign.

So far, we have raised: \$ 18,630.00.

toward our 2026 goal of: \$ 99,000.00

Thank you for supporting our campaign.

Your gift to ShareLife can build the path to hope

Bradley's life was in ruins, shattered by addiction and a pain so deep, he couldn't escape. At just 14, drugs became his refuge, a desperate attempt to numb the emptiness that consumed him. He fought to build something: a job, a home, a family; but addiction tore it all apart.

For Bradley, the road to healing seemed impossible—until you stepped in. Through your kindness, he found the Good Shepherd's DARE Program, made possible by your support of ShareLife. Without this opportunity,

Bradley's story would have been one of loss and despair, but because of you, he found a second chance. With the alarming increases in mental health and addictions, there are so many more people waiting for someone like you to help turn their broken road into a path of hope.

31 May is our next *ShareLife* Sunday. Please help us to reach our goal. Thank you for your support for *ShareLife*, and for living the Gospel by providing for those in need.



Catholic Education | 
PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Catholic Education Week

3-10 May 2026

Celebrating the gift of an education that supports our families in their faith.

Catholic Education Week begins on Sunday, May 3, 2026. The Catholic schools in our parish will engage in a series of events to celebrate the ongoing gift of publicly funded Catholic education. You are invited to learn about the various celebrations that are happening in your children's school, and are welcome to attend, if possible. Publicly funded Catholic education has existed in Ontario since 1841 and its graduates have served Ontario and Canada very well. The current generation of students in our publicly funded Catholic schools will serve with the same spirit and generosity as their previous generations.

This year's Catholic Education theme is:
"PILGRIMS OF HOPE: ON THE PATH TO HOLINESS."

The theme for Catholic Education Week 2026 was inspired by the following considerations:

§ The **Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee** year provided us the ongoing opportunity to serve the common good and recommit ourselves to prayer, service, and evangelization.

§ As we remember our late **Pope Francis**, and eagerly embrace the pontificate of **Pope Leo XIV**, the coming school year will be a time to renew the momentum of our Jubilee celebrations, by inviting everyone in Catholic education to embrace the journey toward holiness and peace.

§ In light of the canonization of **Saint Carlos Acutis**, the Catholic Education Week theme will focus on the Pastoral Letter to Young People issued by the Bishops of Canada in October 2022. As young people themselves, their example shows us, very vividly, what it means to live as pilgrims on a journey of faith, toward a hope grounded in the unshakeable love of the Risen Jesus.

§ Our lives as Christians are truly a path toward holiness, becoming, more and more, the people God created us to be. That will look different in each of our lives, but for all of us, we know that it is God's Spirit at work in us who guides us toward holiness: "The Holy Spirit illumines all believers with the light of hope. He keeps that light burning, like an ever-burning lamp, to sustain and invigorate our lives." (*Spes Non Confundit*, 3)

The Catholic Education biblical quote is from 1 Peter 1:15-16:
"AS GOD WHO CALLED YOU IS HOLY, BE HOLY YOURSELVES."

A Special Gift ALTAR FLOWERS

We thank the family of **Amelia Maude Pereira** for their gift of the beautiful flower arrangement at our Altar after the Memorial Mass on 29 October 2025. May she rest in peace!



R&R Report 10 May

The next R&R REPORT will be at our Masses on 9 & 10 May.

Hour of Prayer for Palliative Care 11 May

The Catholic Women's League will host the annual *Hour of Prayer for Palliative Care* on Monday, 11 May.

6.30 pm Rosary

7.00 pm Mass, with Special Intercessions

7.30 pm Prayers in support of Palliative Care



Spiritual Thought

C'est bon de mettre la pédale douce et savourer les bonnes choses.

"It's OK to slow down and smell the roses."



Mother's Day Cakes & Flowers

On Sunday, 10 May, the *Catholic Women's League* will hold a Mother's Day CAKE & FLOWER SALE in the Church Vestibule, from 8.30 to 2.00 pm. *Flowers: \$5; Cakes: \$10.*



Confirmation Preparation Resource (1)

Strengthened by the Holy Spirit

The Promise of the Holy Spirit
in the Scripture Readings for
the 5th Sunday of Easter, Year A

1st Reading: Acts 6.1-7

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2.4-9

Gospel: John 14.1-12

*Jesus said, "I am the Way,
the Truth and the Life."*

As we approach the culmination of the EASTER SEASON in the great FEAST OF PENTECOST, our Scripture readings focus on the descent of the Holy Spirit that awaits us in this miraculous event. For instance, in the Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 8, we hear how believers received the Holy Spirit after St. Peter and St. John laid their hands on them.

In the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC), we read:

"The *imposition of hands* is rightly recognized by the Catholic tradition as the origin of the Sacrament of CONFIRMATION, which in a certain way perpetuates the grace of Pentecost in the Church" (CCC 1288).

The profound Biblical roots of the Sacrament of Confirmation allow us to reflect on its significance in our own lives, 2,000 years later.

Similarly, The Second Vatican Council says that through "the Sacrament of Confirmation, [the Baptized] are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit" (*Lumen Gentium*, 11).



*"I will pour out My Spirit
on all flesh" Joel 2:28*

The Feast of Pentecost

With this in mind, there is comfort in knowing that through Confirmation, the Holy Spirit has strengthened us. In life, when it is difficult to persevere, or worries surrounding a pandemic or other trial weigh heavily, let us continually ask the Holy Spirit to carry us forward.

The Holy Spirit longs to dwell within all of us. Let us pray for courage among all the faithful. In particular, let us pray that the young people whose Confirmation has been postponed will have their desire for the Holy Spirit grow during this time of waiting.

To summarize: The Acts of the Apostles clearly outline the Biblical roots of Confirmation, as believers received the Holy Spirit after St. Peter and St. John laid their hands on them. The Second Vatican Council said that those who receive the Sacrament "are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit." When we find it difficult to persevere, or our worries weigh heavily on us, let us continually ask the Holy Spirit to carry us forward. In a special way, let us pray for the Candidates for Confirmation for whom the Sacrament has been postponed. May they grow in their desire to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, and may they practise courage during this time of waiting.

With contributions from Craig Fernandes



Message on the Month of the Blessed Mother
1 May 2026 † His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo,
Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto
Her Witness Enlightens Our Path

My Dear Brothers and Sisters, May Jesus and Mary be in your souls. I am writing to you in anticipation of the month particularly dedicated to the Blessed Mother, the month of May. The origin of this dedication dates back many centuries. Historians point to the hymns of 13th century Alfonso X “the Wise” King of Castile and León followed by the writings of 14th century Dominican, Blessed Henry Suso as being the seeds of the devotion of Our Lady this month. In the 16th century the Benedictine Wolfgang Seidl published a volume on the devotions and teachings connected to May. At roughly the same time, in Rome, St. Philip Neri was teaching the youth to honour Our Lady with songs, flowers, praises and acts of virtue and mortification. However, it wasn’t until the Baroque period, the end of the 17th century in Italy and in Germany, when we see this month develop significantly with the establishment of Confraternities and devotions including the singing of litanies and crowning statues with crowns made of roses. In the modern sense, nevertheless, the recognized initiator of the Marian Month per se in terms of its formalization including daily prayers and practices is the 18th century Jesuit Fr. Annibale Dionisi, in Rome, followed by other inspired pastors of souls such as Archbishop G.M. Saporiti of Genoa and the Jesuit Fr. A. Muzzarelli. The holy Rosary, originally linked specifically to the month of October, is now introduced in the month of May as well. Subsequently, at the beginning of the 19th century throughout Europe and the Americas as well as in the missions, this devotion spread rapidly. It came to be an important and beautiful expression of the Church’s devotion to the Mother of Jesus and to this day, it continues to help us journey in faith, keep the fire of devotion burning in our hearts and challenge us to live the life of faith, virtue and justice after the example of the one who alone was chosen to be the Mother of God.

During these four weeks we are invited to contemplate the mystery of Our Lady’s life and to rediscover how her witness continues to illuminate the path of the Church. As our mother and model, Mary offers timely wisdom and guidance on what it means to be disciples of Christ whose daily living is marked by spiritual discernment and apostolic action (cf. *Lumen Gentium* 63-65).

One of the defining characteristics of Mary’s life is her deep openness to the action of God. At the Annunciation she receives a mission that exceeds human understanding, yet she responds with a heart ready to cooperate with his divine plan (Lk 1:38; CCC 494). The Church recognizes in this moment a pattern of authentic discernment: attentiveness to God’s initiative, trust in his promises and the courage to respond generously. These same attitudes are essential for us who seek to listen to the Holy Spirit in the present moment of our history (cf. *Dei Verbum*, 5).

Mary’s fiat – her free and courageous “yes” – reveals the interior disposition that lies at the heart of Christian discipleship. God initiates, grace is offered, and we respond in freedom. We are reminded that freedom is not the ability to do anything whatsoever, but the ability to choose what is good (*Veritatis Splendor*, 35; CCC 1731-1733). The sacred dialogue between grace and freedom remains at the centre of the Christian life. As St. Augustine reminds us: “God created us without us: but he did not will to save us without us” (*Sermo* 169,11,13). Each day, in countless places around the world, the Lord continues to speak to human hearts, inviting them to cooperate in his saving work.



Mary also manifests a deep capacity for contemplation. The Gospel of St. Luke relates that she “*treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart*” (Lk 2:19; CCC 2717). Our Blessed Mother’s quiet attentiveness to the mystery unfolding before her reminds the Church that discernment is never rushed. Like Mary of Nazareth, we can cultivate spaces of prayer in our homes, schools, communities and hearts where the Word of God can take root and illuminate our path forward (*Verbum Domini*, 86-88). Attentiveness to the voice of God requires humility, openness and trust in the action of the Holy Spirit, truly listening to God.

Mary’s contemplative heart never leaves the world’s needs. Her life is marked by a readiness to respond when God calls her into service. Whether it is her visit to Elizabeth after the Annunciation (Lk 1:39-45), welcoming the shepherds in Bethlehem (Lk 2:16-19), presenting the Child Jesus in the Temple (Lk 2:22-25), or standing faithfully beneath the Cross (Jn 19:25), Mary remains steadfast in her participation in the saving work of Christ (cf. LG 58). In this way, the Blessed Mother reveals that authentic discernment always leads to witness and action (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 120). This can be difficult for us, we want to do God’s will but perhaps we are unaware of what he wants, or unsure of how to respond.

The month of May invites us to put aside our doubts, insecurities, and fears; to renew our own response to God’s call. Standing devoutly and spiritually beside Mary, we learn again the courage of her surrender and the confidence of her faith (*Redemptoris Mater*, 14-15). The same Holy Spirit who overshadowed her (Lk 1:35), desires to work in us, forming Christ anew in the hearts of all believers (cf. Gal 4:19). When we turn our hearts to Mary, we learn anew how to welcome God’s action in our lives. In her humility we discover the freedom that allows the Holy Spirit to work within us. In her fidelity we see the perseverance required to remain close to Christ even in moments of uncertainty.

As such, my prayer for the faithful of the Archdiocese of Toronto is that especially this month we will think about how to honour Mother Mary and consider how her witness illuminates our daily life and vocation so that under her maternal care, may we continue to journey with renewed openness to the Holy Spirit.



Saturday Class 1st Communion Mass, 25 April 2026.



Cardinal John O'Connor

Founder of the Sisters of Life

15 January 1920 – 3 May 2000



For generations, Cardinal John O'Connor, the archbishop of New York, held a singular place in the Catholic Church in the U.S., standing at the crossroads of culture, conscience and public witness.

Few shepherds embodied that role more clearly than Cardinal O'Connor, who died on 3 May 2000 after 16 years as archbishop of New York. As the Church marks what would have been his 106th birthday on 15 January 2026, it is fitting to remember a priest whose faith and courage shaped not only a local Church, but the moral voice of a nation.

Shared memory is powerful. Those of us who remember the long past have a responsibility to share it with our young people. They are the “now of God,” as Pope Francis said. They build up our Church with zeal, as saintly heroes.

Cardinal John O'Connor is one such hero, who lived a life of service, courage and humility before many of them were born. Cardinal O'Connor always celebrated Sunday Mass at St. Patrick Cathedral. His preaching was the draw. His engaging use of language proclaimed the Gospel and tied it to the world around him in mesmerizing fashion. There were no notes, no prepared text. It always came from the heart. You could sense that the Holy Spirit was flowing through him and pouring out onto all of us.

New York City is a place where sharp elbows are thrown. Cardinal O'Connor used that tough arena as a pulpit to teach the Catholic faith and to defend the sanctity of life and the holiness of family, positions that were not always popular. He devoted himself completely to the faithful whom he was called to lead, loving them in profound ways.

He was ordained a Priest in Philadelphia in 1945. He served in Parishes and taught in Catholic schools before serving as a Catholic military chaplain in the Korean War in 1952. He went on to care for the troops fighting and dying through the Vietnam conflict and rose to the rank of rear admiral.

Along the way, he pursued rigorous intellectual formation, earning a master's degree in clinical psychology from The Catholic University of America and a doctorate in political science from Georgetown University. He served as a bishop for the Archdiocese for Military Services and the Diocese of Scranton, Pennsylvania, before Pope St. John Paul II called him to shepherd New York.

There, Cardinal O'Connor became one of the most forceful and eloquent voices in defense of human life. On 1 June 1991, he founded the **Sisters of Life** to ensure mothers and their children would always encounter Christ and the Church's compassion.

He also defended human dignity, through his advocacy for working people, his outreach to the poor and marginalized, and his pastoral care for those suffering from the ravages of AIDS, much of it done quietly and away from public attention.

He once hoped to be remembered simply “as a good priest.” Yet in remembering him now, it is clear that his life bore a saint-like clarity, teaching us, by word and example, how to love God, love our neighbor, and serve the poor.



Knights of Columbus FOUNDER'S DAY, 29 March 2026.



Above: KOC Council Photo, 26 April 2026.

Below: KOC Exemplification, 18 January 2026.





Daphne's 9th great granddaughter, Daphne.



