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 **Mass Intentions
for the Week**
June 3rd – 9th

Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
† Ronald Norman Gabriel

Saturday, 5:00 p.m.
† Gino Pirruccio

Sunday, 9:00 a.m.
† Elda Cudin
† Francesco Ielasi

Sunday, 10:30 a.m.
† Florentina & Francesco Agustin
† Victorio Capriotti
† Joao Antonio Teixeira
† Fouad Yousif

Living the Gospel by supporting mental health

wellness...Last year, over 3,200 people accessed individual, couple and family counselling at Catholic Family Services of Peel-Dufferin, a ShareLife-funded agency. Given that, depression has replaced back injury as the number one reason for absenteeism at work, these services are helping clients maintain employment and stay out of poverty. By supporting ShareLife agencies like CFS Peel-Dufferin, you are helping people find health and happiness.



Today is ShareLife Sunday.
Thank you for your generosity.
2019 Parish Goal: \$68,000
Collected: \$28,133.50 (as of May 26th)



SRI LANKAN GROUP

St. Jerome's Sri Lankan Prayer Group wish to thank all the parishioners for your donation to the Sri Lankan orphanage. We thank you for your kindness and generosity. May God continue to bless all of you and may you experience God's love & mercy everyday. Please continue to pray for our country.

Thank you.
St. Jerome's Sri Lankan prayer group.



FR. JAN!

Dates to Remember...

Sunday June 16th (Fathers' Day) **Farewell BBQ for Fr. Jan** following the Noon Mass. This will be our annual Parish BBQ - free for all parishioners. For catering purposes, tickets will be available the weekends of May 25 & 26, June 1 & 2, and June 8 & 9. Please check your calendars prior to picking up tickets.

Sunday, June 23rd, 5:00 p.m. – "Retirement Gala": At the Millennium Gardens Banquet Centre. A few tickets still available on a first come basis by calling Audrey Large 905-453-7305.

Tuesday, June 25th, 7:00 p.m.:

Fr. Jan's final Mass at St. Jerome's Church followed by a reception in the Social Hall. All are welcome.



WHO IS ST. THERÈSE OF LISIEUX?

Perhaps you've been wondering...Thérèse Martin was born on January 2, 1873. At the age of 15, she entered the Carmelite convent of Lisieux, France. With the religious name of St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face, she lived a hidden life of prayer. She was gifted with great intimacy with God. Through sickness and darkness, she remained faithful, rooted in God's powerful love. She died on September 30, 1897, at the age of 24. The world came to know her through her autobiography. *"The Story of a Soul."* She described her life as *"a little way of spiritual childhood."* The inspiration of her life and her powerful presence from heaven touched so many people so quickly that she was canonized in 1925. In 1997 at the conclusion of the World Youth day, Pope John Paul proclaimed her a Doctor of the Church.



FR. JAN'S 47th ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY Monday, May 28th

"If I were to meet a priest and an angel, I should salute the priest before I salute the angel. The latter is the friend of God; but the priest holds His place."

~ St. Jean-Marie Vianney

Congratulations and most fervent good wishes to our Pastor Fr. Jan on the 47th Anniversary of his Ordination. With prayers of gratitude and joy, we honour you for being a dedicated, compassionate, loving shepherd of God's people. God bless you on this milestone of devotion and generous service.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMATION STUDENTS



We would like to congratulate our young people who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on **May 28th**. This year, 105 candidates from our parish schools and St. Jerome's RCIC

received the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue on their journey of faith in Christ.

May God Bless You!

GOOD SHEPHERD MINISTRIES PROVIDE-A-MEAL PROGRAM

Thank you to all the parishioners that provided a meal to the Good Shepherd Centre. We donated **42** casseroles last month. Please remember the trays and lids should **only** be used for the *Provide-A-Meal Program*.



The next pick up date is **Friday, June 7th**. Please remember to drop off your casseroles before **10:00 a.m.** and place it in the freezer in the Social Hall.

MARYGROVE GIRLS CAMP SECOND COLLECTION

June 8th & 9th

Envelopes are available in the Gathering Space for the Marygrove Camp annual collection.

Marygrove offers 1,100 girls from less-fortunate families an opportunity to attend summer camp. Thank you for your support of this important work of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, many children will benefit from your generosity and caring support. For more information, please visit www.svdptoronto.org



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VOCATIONS OFFICE



The Lord said, "...you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Pray for an increase of vocations to the ordained and consecrated life. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon. Please contact Fr. Christ Lemieux, Vocation Director at 416-968-0997 or email: vocations@archtoronto.org

SIGNS & SYMBOLS

Inside a Catholic Church

Why signs and images?

A Catholic Church, whether old or new, will always be a building rich in signs and symbolism, and likely to contain objects and images not readily understandable to all visitors. However, we know that through our senses, we engage with the world and grow in knowledge and so we depend on sight, hearing, touch, smell and taste. The Catholic Church makes use of all five senses to help us grow in knowledge of God and our faith, by way of 'sacramentals' – there are symbols and images designed to help us in our relationship with God and not simply 'decoration'.

The Sanctuary

The sanctuary is the most important area in the church, within which the priest celebrates the Mass and leads the services. It will usually be raised up a little, or in some other way separated from the rest of the building, while clearly still a part of it.



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