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## St. Jerome's Parish

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**My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

Since September, our parish has been a place of vibrant activity and growth. Week after week, something new has been happening, and I am truly proud of all of you for your willingness to embrace these initiatives with faith and enthusiasm.

We began by strengthening our Youth Ministry, welcoming Perla Sayah as our full-time youth minister. Ms. Donna Shotwell generously volunteered as the coordinator for sacramental preparation, working alongside 33 dedicated volunteers. Together, they are doing a wonderful job preparing our young people from eight elementary schools for their First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Many of you have also stepped forward to lead and guide our various liturgical ministries, serve as sacristans, and support our parish in countless ways.

Our ministry and organizational leaders have met multiple times to discuss, understand, and address the needs and goals of our parish. Through your dedication, we have opened an adoration chapel, started Friday Adoration, introduced a Wednesday devotion to St. Joseph and a Saturday devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, and created more opportunities for the Sacrament of Confession and additional Sunday evening Mass. Additionally, we have formed a new Building and Finance Council, bringing together experienced and professional individuals to help guide our parish forward. We have also launched a Bible Study on the Book of Psalms by a great Bible scholar, Fr. Dominic Borg and the Mother and Toddler program to support young families in their spiritual journey, and many more pastoral initiatives are being considered to strengthen our parish community.

None of these accomplishments would have been possible without your faith, generosity, and commitment to the Lord. I am deeply grateful for each of you.

I am also aware that some of you have been frustrated by the ongoing leaks in the church, which at times disrupt our prayers and hymns. Please know that our Building Committee, in consultation with the Archdiocese of Toronto, is actively working to address this issue. This Tuesday, our new Finance Committee will meet with the Chair and Co-Chair of the Building Committee to develop concrete plans. The financial challenge ahead of us is significant, and while there are no quick solutions, we are taking the necessary time to carefully assess and resolve these issues. I ask you to keep your parish leadership in your prayers as they work toward solutions, and we will provide updates in the coming weeks.

May God bless you all abundantly for your love and service to our parish.

In Christ,

**Fr. James Cherickal**

### MASS INTENTIONS

**March 30<sup>th</sup> – April 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday, 8 a.m.**

† Mariam Joseph & Joseph Plathottathil

**Sunday, 12 p.m.**

† Aurora Rubio

**Monday, 9:10 a.m.**

† Marjune Bagadiong & Lorenzo D'Ospina

**Monday, 7 p.m.**

**Tuesday, 9:10 a.m.**

† Dario & Danilo Del Rosario

**Tuesday, 7 p.m.**

**Wednesday, 9:10 a.m.**

† Stan Noronha

† Charles & Riccarda Schembri

† Shervanthi Rajah

**Wednesday, 7 p.m.**

**Thursday, 9:10 a.m.**

† Remedios Dumo

**Thursday, 7 p.m.**

**Friday, 9:10 a.m.**

† Shervanthi Rajah

† Felix Yogaretnam & Joseph Nesaratnam

Special Intention – Grace & Angela Yogaretnam

Special Intention – To End World Conflicts

Thanksgiving – Polcy & Michael Mathew

**Friday, 7 p.m.**

† Katarina Miklausic

Special Intention – Members of the Society of St.

Vincent de Paul & their families

**Saturday, 9:10 a.m.**

† Margarita Pineda

**Saturday, 5 p.m.**

† Elisabeth Ionno Di Tella

### **3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL CWL SPRING FLOWER DRIVE**



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***Baskets will be \$25.00 each and available for pickup Friday May 9<sup>th</sup> to Sunday May 11<sup>th</sup>.***



**THIS WEEKEND IS SHARELIFE SUNDAY**

ShareLife Sunday marks the first collection for our parish's annual campaign. But ShareLife is more than a parish collection. It is how we, as Catholics in the Archdiocese of Toronto, bring the hands of Christ to those in need. From children to seniors, and everyone in between, more than 40 ShareLife agencies are there each step of the way.

As a family of faith, we lift each other up from our lowest moments. Nick's life had an easy start – he came from a good home, where he was raised with a strong work ethic, and he welcomed a son. But living with a mental illness, he struggled more than some. Deep inside, he felt like something was missing, and he devastatingly fell into addiction. With your helping hand, he rose up through the DARE Program at Good Shepherd.

"By the grace of God, I am still alive," he proclaims. "I'd love to be able to give back what was so freely given to me. I am taking roles of service, giving back as much as I can. I was afraid I'd never be able to feel the way I feel. I am very grateful that I have been given this opportunity to be sober." Thanks to your support, he is no longer just surviving—he is thriving, with a heart full of hope and a future filled with promise.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**



We are asking our parishioner to help with our collection of food supplies for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to support the marginalized in our community:

- Medium size packets of rice, noodles & pasta
- Canned vegetables, beans, lentils & pulses
- Canned tuna, or other canned fish
- Canned tomatoes, pasta sauce (red & white)
- Bottle of cooking oil
- Cereal
- Canned soups
- Peanut butter
- Tea packets
- Instant coffee
- Sugar packets

*Thank you for your support!*



**OFFERTORY**

March 23<sup>rd</sup>: \$8,629  
Lenten Sacrifice: \$856

**LENTEN DAY OF CONFESSION**



During the week of March 30<sup>th</sup> & April 5<sup>th</sup>, each parish in the Archdiocese of Toronto will be holding a **Day of Confession**. Let us make the journey into the heart of our relationship with God. Take a long, loving look at the ways God calls us to grow. Take this challenge and hold it in readiness for the rich blessing that is manifest in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Our parish date is:

**Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**Evening Mass at 6 p.m.**  
**Confession at 6:30 p.m. (10 guest priests)**



**HOLY WEEK**

**SCHEDULE**

**HOLY MONDAY:** Daily Mass, 9:10 a.m. & 6 p.m.  
Confessions, 6:30 p.m.  
**HOLY TUESDAY:** No morning Mass  
Evening Mass, 7 p.m.  
**HOLY WEDNESDAY:** Daily Mass, 9:10 a.m. & 7 p.m.

**HOLY THURSDAY** (No morning Mass)

**April 17<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 p.m.**

**MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

*Please note this is the only Mass celebrated today*  
**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00 p.m.**

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES**

No Mass – Church open for devotions (*office closed*)

**April 18<sup>th</sup> - 11:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.**

**CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION**  
**With Liturgy of the Word**

**HOLY SATURDAY** (No morning Mass)

There is no liturgical celebration on Holy Saturday morning. The very absence of celebration is the Church's way of expression that she waits at the Lord's tomb meditating on His suffering and death.

**EASTER VIGIL**

**Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 p.m.**

**EASTER SUNDAY: April 20<sup>th</sup>**

**The Resurrection of the Lord**  
**8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.**

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