



St. Jerome's Parish

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday to Friday, - 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

(closed for lunch daily, 12-1 p.m.)

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

(Between the Mass times, not during Mass)

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 noon

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday to Saturday: 9:10 a.m.

DURING LENT:

Monday - Friday: 7:00 p.m.

(Friday: Holy Hour at 6:00 p.m.)

RECONCILIATION:

During Lent: Monday to Friday: 6:10 - 6:45 p.m.

Saturday: 8:30 - 9:00 a.m.

BAPTISMS

Baptisms take place on Sundays, twice a month. Parents must participate in a preparation class before setting a date for their child's baptism. A baptismal registration form is available at the parish office on Sunday. Parents must be registered parishioners.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning to be married must contact one of the priests at least one year in advance. A date for the wedding will be set at the couple's first interview with the priest. A marriage course is required. For more information call the parish office.

FUNERALS

Please contact the church before making plans with the Funeral home.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

Please introduce yourselves to the priests after Mass and fill out our parish registration form and pick up a box of offertory envelopes. We are a vibrant community of faith and we hope you will feel a part of our parish family.

Pastoral Team

Pastor: Fr. James Cherickal

Associate Pastor: Fr. Prem Addagatla, M.Ss.Cc.

In Residence: Fr. Phong Nguyen

Deacon: Mr. Norberto Aquino

Office Manager: Rocelyn Esposo

Youth Minister: Perla Sayah

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Parish Elementary Schools

Our Lady of Peace, 15 Fincham Dr. 905-452-7010

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St. Brigid, 81 Torrance Woods 905-454-0316

St. Jacinta Marto, 40 Fallowfield Rd. 905-366-5732

St. Jean-Marie Vianney, 75 Jordenson Dr. 905-497-6888

St. Joseph, 8 Parkway Ave. 905-451-8501

St. Monica, 60 Sterritt Dr. 905-454-6346

Parish Secondary Schools

St. Augustine, 27 Drinkwater Rd. 905-450-9993

St. Roch, 200 Valleyway Dr. 905-456-8543



The Loss of a Good Man: A Tribute to Pope Francis and the Power of Universal Faith

The most touching tribute to our Holy Father; and it comes from a non-Christian.

I only met Pope Francis once. It was brief. Just a few moments in a crowded room filled with dignitaries and seekers, some there out of duty, others out of belief. I was neither Catholic nor there on some divine pilgrimage. I was just a man in need of a little hope. And somehow, in that fleeting encounter, I received it.

It's hard to explain without sounding overly romantic, but when you're in the presence of someone truly good — not performatively good, not “publicly moral” or selectively kind — but genuinely, deeply, relentlessly good... something shifts in you. You feel lighter. You feel braver. You feel like humanity, for all its wounds and wickedness, is still worth fighting for.

That was the gift Pope Francis gave me. And I imagine, from the tears I've seen today and the aching silences of millions across faiths, races, and borders, that he gave that same gift to many.

Today, we mourn not just the passing of a Pope. We mourn the loss of one of the strongest chess pieces humanity had on this plain of existence.

He was a man who made kindness radical again. Who reminded the powerful that humility was not weakness. Who spoke of love not as doctrine but as duty. He was not just a religious man. He was something far more rare — he was universally spiritual.

I am a Hindu. My God wears different names. My prayers come in different rhythms. But I would have followed this

man through fire. Because in his belief in God, he carried a belief in all of us. His eyes didn't see denominations — they saw dignity. His voice, always soft but never weak, carried the weight of truth even when it unsettled the comfortable. Especially when it unsettled the comfortable.

This world has a way of chipping away at your soul. The noise, the greed, the hate, the empty rituals that masquerade as faith or patriotism or family values. It's easy to go numb. It's easy to give in to cynicism. But once in a while, someone comes along who reminds us that the better angels of our nature are still within reach. That goodness is still possible. That we don't need to be perfect to do good — we just need to be brave.

Pope Francis was that man.

He chose love over doctrine. He chose compassion over judgment. And most remarkably, he chose action over applause. He walked with the poor. He knelt before the discarded. He challenged the powerful not with anger, but with moral courage. And he did all of this with a smile that felt like a prayer.

He understood something many religious leaders forget: that God doesn't reside only in temples or churches or mosques. That holiness isn't a place — it's a way of living. A way of seeing others. A way of choosing kindness, over and over, even when it hurts.

So yes, today we mourn. I mourn. Not just for the Catholic world, but for all of us. Because when a man like this leaves, it feels like a light has been dimmed.

But maybe — just maybe — the way we honour him is by becoming the light ourselves.

Let us remember his faith in humanity, and let it fuel our own. Let us keep making the right chess moves in this complicated, brutal, beautiful game of life. Let us speak truth with grace. Let us protect the vulnerable, question the powerful, and lift each other up not because of who we are, but because we are here — together.

Pope Francis believed in a world where dignity wasn't conditional. Where faith was lived, not just preached. That world can still exist — if we build it.

And maybe that's the final gift he's given us. A call not to despair, but to duty.

Because as long as we carry his belief in each other, then truly, he has not left us at all.

~ Vinod Sekhar

Malaysian businessman (Chairman & CEO at Petra Group)

MASS INTENTIONS

April 27th – May 3rd

Sunday, 8 a.m.

Special Intention – Bebiem Family

Monday, 9:10 a.m.

Thanksgiving – Myles Asher Pineda
† Marcella Jingco

Tuesday, 9:10 a.m.

† Daniel Panacci

Wednesday, 9:10 a.m.

Special Intention – Liam D'Souza
Special Intention – Jamika Sumedna Perera
† Stanislaus Noronha

Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Thursday, 9:10 a.m.

† Maxima Dueñas

Friday, 9:10 a.m.

Special Intention – Angela Yogaretnam
Thanksgiving – Mathew Family
† Florence Koshy & Maxie Almeida
† J.C., Ema & Anthony Almeida

Friday, 7 p.m.

Thanksgiving – Society of St. Vincent de Paul members & their families
† Roque & Conception Rosario
† Peter & Mary Rosario
† Bernard Rosario
† Joaquim Rosario
† Dominic & Rosie Rosario
† Susan Rosario
† Jerome Rosario
† Nicholas Miranda
† Michael Cresswell
† Bosco & Bernadette Rosario

Saturday, 9:10 a.m.

† Shervanthi Rajah

Saturday, 5 p.m.

Special Intention – Elisabeth Ionno Di Tella

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Spring Yard Clean Up



Knights of Columbus provide support and services to families in need from our parish including food, clothing and other services as needed.

Services provided by the members of the Knights of Columbus at St. Jerome's Parish. Services can include raking leaves, de-thatching grass, over-seeding, annuals planting, garden bed edging, trimming shrubs, turn or add new soil, lawn fertilizing, etc.

To reserve your booking for your Spring Yard Clean Up and help support our community by making a 'charitable donation' for services rendered.

No yard - you can still make a monetary donation.

Call Chris at: 416-277-5225 to book your Spring yard clean up or to donate.

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The second ShareLife Sunday of the year is May 4. We ask you to share your blessings through the parish or at sharelife.org/donate. Thank you for living the Gospel!

Parish goal: \$67,000

Thank you for living the



A DAY WITH MARY - Registration Open



Online registration is now open for A Day With Mary taking place **May 31st** at Villanova College in King City. During this Jubilee Holy Year, spend a day with our Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Hope and deepen your devotion to her through a keynote address by Dr. Josephine Lombardi, a number of inspiring

witnessing and Holy Mass presided over by His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo. This family-friendly event will have music, food, fellowship, children's catechesis and activities – something for everyone. For more information and to register, visit archtoronto.org/mary.

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