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Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday, April 21, is celebrated as the 61st World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The theme for this year is, "Pilgrims of Hope, Builders of Peace." This day is set aside by the Church to give thanks for the vocation of each of us and to pray for strengthening of our vocations. In his message for this occasion our Holy Father, Pope Francis, writes, *"Our life finds fulfilment when we discover who we are, what our gifts are, where we can make them bear fruit, and what path we can follow in order to become signs and instruments of love, generous acceptance, beauty, and peace, wherever we find ourselves."*

All the baptized are called to welcome the God-given vocation to serve God in the world, whether it be through the consecrated life, the priesthood, marriage, or even as a single person. Reflecting on the theme for the day, Pope Francis writes, *"Our pilgrimage on this earth is far from a pointless journey or aimless wandering. On the contrary, each day, by responding to God's call, we try to take every step needed to advance towards a new world where people can live in peace, justice, and love."*

The goal of every Christian vocation, added the Pope, is to become "men and women of hope," bearing the Gospel message of hope and peace amid countless crises and "the baneful spectre of a third world war fought piecemeal."

Let us give thanks to God today for our vocations and let us pray in a special way, on this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, for more vocation to priesthood and religious life. Let us also pray for the gift of peace for our world.

Fr. Vijai, C.S.C.



- Tues. April 23rd
- 12:05 pm: **Terry Weaver +**
- Wed. April 24th
- 12:05 pm: **Martha Fernandes +**
- Thurs. April 25th
- 12:05 pm: **Mary & Harry Keane +**
- Fri. April 26th
- 12:05 pm: **Terry O'Connor +**
- Sat. April 27th
- 5:00 pm: **For the Intentions of Jamie Gillingham**
- Martha Fernandes +**
- John Labella +**

*Readings for
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 28th, 2024*

- 1st Reading:** Acts 9.26-31
- Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 22.25b-26, 27+29, 30-31
- Second Reading:** 1 John 3.18-24
- Gospel:** John 15.1-8

APRIL 21, 2024



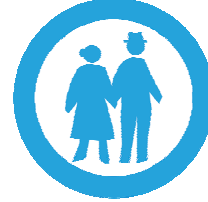
**Welcome to Our Parish Family
Baptized
Sunday, April 21st, 2024**

Ciara Elizabeth Rivas-Ryan
daughter of Daniel & Kateri

Finnley Alexander Mclsaac
son of Roderick & Monika

We keep in our prayers the sick, elderly, the homebound, the "forgotten members" in our community, and their families and caregivers. "Lord surround them with your healing and steadfast love." especially

Fr. Bill Comerford, C.Ss.R., Darryl Smart, Ann Gilbride, Paul Ryan, Sherry MacEachern, Daniel Giles, Jamie Gillingham, Mae Bradley, Jaden Babcock, Valrie Lashley and Maria Jose Bouey.



SENIORS LUNCH

Reminder: The next Seniors Lunch is Thursday, April 25th after the 12:05 pm Mass in the small hall.
ALL ARE WELCOME!

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Invest in our Church's future by giving to ShareLife

Your kindness and devotion enable St. Augustine's Seminary, along with the Office of Vocations and Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary, to provide an excellent formation for our seminarians as they pursue a life of service. This past year, you invested in our Church's future by supporting 58 seminarians at St. Augustine's Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary.

This Sunday, April 21, we celebrate the 61st World Day of Prayer for Vocations. There has never been a better time to support and pray for our seminarians, wherever they may be on their journey.

Thus far we have raised **\$18,685** toward our goal of **\$46,000**.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

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Thank You!

**To our Confirmation
Preparation Team who prepared the
Confirmandi Class of 2024.
Michael Bachan, David Royle, Carol
Soloman, and Kathleen Wilkinson.**

Ecumenical Prayer Service Celebrating Christian Unity

St. Gregory of Narek, a revered saint in the Oriental Orthodox Church, has recently come into our Roman Catholic liturgical calendar. Join **Archbishop Francis Leo and Bishop Abgar Hovakimyan (Primate of the Armenian Diocese of Canada)** who will co-preside at a jointly prepared Armenian Vespers to celebrate this remarkable event on **Saturday, April 27, 2024, at 6 p.m.**, hosted at Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church on 920 Progress Ave., Scarborough, Ont. M1G 3T5.

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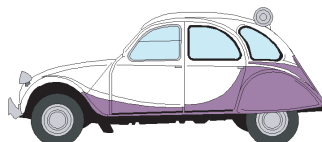
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