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Dear parishioners,

Last week, Pope Leo XIV concluded a remarkable 10-day visit to Africa. He visited 4 countries: Algeria, Cameroon, Angola, and Equatorial Guinea. All of these are countries that have experienced or are experiencing suffering, yet whose people still maintain a deep faith and a sense of joy.

While he was in Angola, the Holy Father visited a famous shrine dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, where he led tens of thousands of pilgrims in the praying of the Rosary. The shrine, built over 4 centuries ago, is officially dedicated to Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception. In the local language, though, the people refer to it as the **Shrine of Mama Muxima**, which means “Mother of the Heart” in the local Kimbundu language. It seems that the people recognize in this shrine a place where they can encounter the Heart of Mary—a loving, tender, motherly heart, to which they can bring their intentions, their worries, their joys...all with great confidence in her presence.

A young seminarian who was in attendance described the experience beautifully: “We surrender all our suffering, all our dreams...because we have got many problems here, and once we surrender all our suffering in the hands of Mama Muxima, we know perfectly that she will solve our problems because she is beside her Son.”

I always find it beautiful to discover the ways in which the love for and devotion to Our Lady is expressed in every country and culture. It seems that no matter where the Church is, the people instinctively turn to Mary with confidence. Shrines are built, statues and images are designed, prayers are composed, and all of these are used by the people to draw close to Our Lady.

Inevitably, she hears their prayers and brings them closer to God. Everyone who turns to Our Lady will be able to experience this wonderful presence.

This coming week we enter the month of May, which is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Let us imitate these faithful pilgrims and entrust ourselves in a special way this month to Our Lady. May we recognize in her a heart that is full of love, a heart to which we can turn, a heart that

is ever united to the infinitely powerful and loving heart of Jesus.

Mama Muxima, tueza kokué, Mama Muxima, tutambululé (“Mother of the Heart, we come to you to offer you everything”).

Fr. Eric

MASS INTENTIONS

- Mon. April 27th
12:05 pm: **Peter Wong + John Rocchio + Restituto Pamittan +**
Tues. April 28th
12:05 pm: **Megan Lashley +**
Wed. April 29th
12:05 pm: **Cheng Yuan Bo +**
Thurs. April 30th
12:05 pm: **Mary & Harry Keane +**
Fri. May 1st
12:05 pm: **Poor Souls in Purgatory**
Sat. May 2nd
5:00 pm: **Thiridy Arreza +**

St Vincent de Paul

Honouring The Month of Mary

In May we honour Mary, the Mother of Jesus. We also celebrate Mother’s Day. Items that the mothers of young children have been requesting are larger size diapers and baby wipes. The cost of these items can take away from the family grocery budget. This month, please consider donating one of these items **Sat. May 9 and Sun. May 10**. You can leave your donation with a member or in a labelled bin that will be placed at the back of the church. Thank you.

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

Frank Chau, Ivan Raspor, Kateri Ryan, Carl Wilcox, G. Pitrolo, Ann Gilbride, Paul Ryan, Daniel Giles, Jaden Babcock and Maria Jose Bouey

Seniors Group

The next Senior luncheon will be this **Thursday, April 30th** after 12:05 pm Mass in the hall.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, May 2nd 11:00 am – First Communion

Tuesday, May 5th 9:15 am – School Mass

Sunday, May 17th no Children's Program
Children will be at the Parish Mass.

Saturday, May 23rd 9:30 am – 11:30 am
Confirmation Class

Saturday, May 30th 5:00 pm Confirmation.



ShareLife Sunday is this weekend, celebrating 50 years

Today is ShareLife Sunday, the second weekend of special collections. Since 1976, ShareLife has been rooted in our Catholic values of charity and in living the Gospel by caring for those in need. Over the decades, thousands of people across our archdiocese have come together through parish campaigns, school drives, workplace giving, and personal acts of kindness to make a difference in the lives of countless individuals and families.

ShareLife recognizes that all humans are created in the image of God, with a commitment to the dignity of the individual and the right to life, working on behalf of the poor and vulnerable. As we celebrate this milestone anniversary in 2026, we invite you to join us in honouring this legacy of serving the marginalized in our parish community and around the world.

With your support, ShareLife-funded agencies can continue to provide vital services – like counselling for families, support for isolated seniors, and care for those facing mental health challenges – for years to come.

Thus far we have raised **\$6,521.00** toward our goal of **\$56,000.00**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.



You are invited to a “**Day With Mary**” taking place on **Saturday, May 30, 2026** at Villanova College in King City. This family-friendly day will consist of Holy Mass with His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo, praying of the Rosary, Confessions, a keynote address for adults and children's catechesis for the little ones. There will be music, fellowship and more. There is no fee to register – this is a free event open to all. Registration will open from April 8 until May 15:

<https://bit.ly/DWMRegistration>

Complete information can be found at <https://archtoronto.org/Mary>

WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR PARISH

Pre Authorized Giving (PAG)

When you participate in PAG, your offering will be withdrawn from your bank account on 20th day of the month and deposited into the Parish's account. This ensures continuous support for our parish, even when you're away. You can cancel anytime.

Tip Tap Pay

Supporting our Parish is now as easy as a tap! Just hold your debit card, credit card, or smart device over the Tip Tap device to make a donation. It's that simple!

Donate Now Button

Located on the top right side of our Parish Website, you can donate to the Parish Offertory either as a one-time gift or monthly. **Direct your gift to Holy Name Parish** and enter your credit card information.

Donation Envelopes

Please fill out a registration form which is provided at entrances of the church. Place in the offertory collection. You will be given a box of envelopes the following weekend. Please look under your last name on the table at the left entrance of the church.

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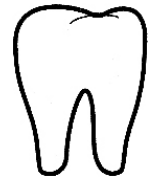
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