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Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, May 04

9:00 a.m. +Tereista Fetros
 10:30 a.m. +Stella De Jesus + **Novena 1**
 12:15 p.m. +Gloria Tolentino

Monday, May 05

7:00 pm +Lenely Valdez + **Novena Mass 2**

Tuesday, May 06

8:00 a.m. +Tony Hurley
 7:00 pm +Estrella & Dominador Valdez+ **Novena Mass 3**

Wednesday, May 07

7:00 p.m. +Maman T. Virigine + **Novena Mass 4**

Thursday, May 08

8:00 a.m. +Gigi Francisco
 7:00 pm +Leticia V. Zambrano + **Novena Mass 5**

Friday, May 09

8:00 am +Edward Kowalski
 7:00 p.m. +Rivier + **Novena Mass 6**

Saturday, May 10

9:00 a.m. +Raymond Rolfe
 4:30 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Volunteer &
 Benefactors Past & Present + **Novena 7**

3rd Sunday of Easter – May 4, 2025



How am I being called to feed the lambs of Jesus? Could it be as an ordained or consecrated person? If God is calling you, to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact **Rev. Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto** at 416-968-0997 or email

vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca or call Fr. Alan Glass at 416-757-2806 or email olfatimasc@archtoronto.org for information.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA - 2025



Tuesday, May 13, 2025

Novena of Holy Masses for the Spiritual needs will begin **Sunday, May 4 continue until Mon. May 12**. Please see bulletin boards & website for schedules. All Fatima devotees and parishioners are invited to join in

all these services. **Visit:** www.olfatimasc.archtoronto.org.

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Do whatever he tells you.

Vo-ca-tion: a type of work that you feel you are suited to doing and to which you should give all your time and energy, or the feeling that a type of work suits you in this way; e.g.: "I feel I've found/missed my true vocation." — Cambridge English Dictionary

I am a structural engineer. As a child my favorite toy was building blocks. It was, therefore, natural that I should choose a career in which I could continue to do what I enjoyed doing while being paid to do it. It certainly fits the dictionary definition of 'vocation.'

I am also a reader. From my earliest years, reading has been an 'avocation', i.e., "something that a person does as an interest or hobby and that is not that person's regular job." In high school I discovered the Penguin Classics series of books which now fill several shelves in my bookcases. This series includes religious classics such as Augustine's *Confessions*, Teresa of Avila's *Life*, *The Imitation of Christ*, *Pilgrim's Progress*, etc. Although I first read these works solely as literature, it was impossible not to be spiritually challenged by them.

And so it happened that this avocation led me to finding a true vocation. In this case it did not appear to be a choice but indeed a 'calling' — Latin *vocare*, 'to call.' While I was attending Mass one Sunday, I was unsettled by the words from the book of the prophet Isaiah:

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

As I left church that day, I had a conviction that Isaiah was speaking on my behalf. Still, if the idea of a vocation to the priesthood had begun to take root, I had no sense that being a priest was a type of work to which I was suited. It was quite evident that I had an aptitude for engineering. It was equally evident that I had no aptitude for ministry.

My response to God's call was more along the lines of the prophet Jeremiah's:

Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only an engineer." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only an engineer'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you.

Around that time, a guest on a radio show made the point that if your boss gives you a big promotion and you fail in the new job, that is totally not your fault — it is your boss's fault for having misjudged your abilities. That notion brought me some consolation: if it happened that I had no talent for ministry, then that was totally God's fault.

In the end, I had to put aside my fears and listen to the words that Jesus' mother spoke to the servants at the wedding at Cana: "Do whatever he tells you."



MAY 4, 2025



Next Week Readings

Attending to Our Primary Vocation

1st Reading: Acts 13.14, 43-52

2nd Reading: Revelation 7.9. 14b-17

Gospel: John 10.27-30

Jesus the Shepherd

Latin Songs: can be found on Catholic Book of Worship (Pages 299 A, D, E, F, & G).

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



Please REMEMBER!

Today, we joyfully celebrate the **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS**. Congratulations to all the boys and girls receiving Holy Communion for the first time. May this sacred occasion be the beginning

of a life filled with God's grace, love and blessings. *"He who eats My Flesh and drinks My Blood abides in me, and I in him."* (Jn 6:53-56).

CONFIRMATION 2024-2025

Up-coming schedule *Saturday, May 10 at 2:30 pm rehearsal with sponsor. Sunday, May 25 is the Confirmation Mass at 2:30 pm.* Participation in the Sunday Eucharist, at our parish or in another church, is also mandatory. Please remember the candidates and their families in your prayers.



Catholic Education Week 2025



Catholic Education Week (CEW) 2025 is scheduled to take place during the week of May 4 to 9. The theme for this year is *"Pilgrims of Hope". We must fan the flame of hope that has been given to us.*

(Letter on the Jubilee Year of Hope, February 11, 2022)

Prayers for Catholic Education Week

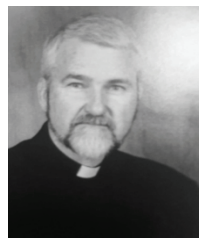
*Hope is our calling, O Lord,
and the destination of our pilgrim journeys.
As we mark this Jubilee Year of hope,
keep our eyes focussed on Jesus,
and on the hope he reveals to us.
All our hope is in you, O God,
in the name of Jesus our Lord and
companion.
Amen.*

ShareLife 2025 - 2nd Collection this Sunday Living the Gospel by providing for those in need



On the second ShareLife Sunday, we call upon your compassionate hearts to support your vulnerable brothers and sisters in need. More people than ever are turning to our agencies for help. The kindheartedness of ShareLife supporters like you enables access to essential programs and services, such as the treatment program and transitional housing at St. Michael's Homes. For Jack, your support was transformative. After moving to start a physically demanding job, he suffered a knee injury which ultimately left him unemployed and addicted to pain medication. Thanks to your empathy, Jack had a safe space to overcome his addiction and gained the power to build himself back up. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

CONGRATULATION! 17th Years of Ordination.



We give thanks to God as we celebrate the 17th Anniversary of Ordination of Fr. Glass on *Saturday, May 10.*

May the Lord continue to bless him with wisdom, strength, and grace as he shepherds His people with faith and love. Ad Multos Annos!

Life-Giving Wounds: A Healing Retreat for Adult Children of Divorced or Separated .

Parents The Life-Giving Wounds retreat invites participants to move through the broken image of love that appeared to them in their parents' relationship to their deepest origin and identity as God's beloved, capable of great love. The next retreat will be from *Friday, May 16 at 6 p.m. to Sunday, May 18 at 3:30 p.m. at St. Augustine's Seminary (2661 Kingston Rd., Scarborough).* Must be 18 or older to attend. Cost: \$340 per person (\$200 for students), which includes meals, lodging and retreat material. Limited subsidies are available if cost is a concern. Please contact lgwtoronto@proton.me. For university/college students, contact your campus minister for more information. Space is limited. To register, visit: <https://bit.ly/LGW-TO-Retreat-Register2025>.

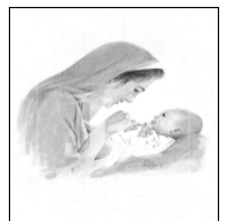


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-St. Therese of Lisieux*



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