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THE DEATH OF POPE FRANCIS

The Holy Father Pope Francis passed away peacefully in the early morning of 21 April, just a day after he had appeared on the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica on Easter Sunday for the Urbi et Orbi blessing. For the last few years of his twelve-year pontificate, Pope Francis had been in poor health and largely confined to a wheelchair. Earlier this year he had been hospitalized for over a month, so critical was his condition. After his return to the Vatican, the doctors prescribed a strict period of convalescence and was thought to be slowly recovering. He was able to receive a few visitors, including the King and Queen. While his death was not totally unexpected, the whole world was saddened at his passing and an immense crowd packed St. Peter's Square for his funeral Mass on Saturday, April 26 with thousands more lining the streets as his mortal remains were transported to the Papal Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore where he had chosen to be buried. Our parish Requiem Mass for Pope Francis was celebrated the same morning of his funeral, and we continue to pray for the repose of his soul during the *Novendiales*, the traditional nine-day period of mourning which began with his funeral. Canadians will always remember and be grateful for his cross-country journey to Canada in 2022 (only the second Pontiff to visit Canada) to foster healing and reconciliation with indigenous people.



CARLO ACUTIS

The last two bulletins which went to press before the Pope's death, carried articles on the canonization of the Italian youth Blessed Carlo Acutis, which was scheduled for the Sunday after Easter. The passing of Pope Francis, however meant that Carlo's canonization will be postponed to a later date.

"A DAY WITH MARY"

Save the Date: The Archdiocese of Toronto will be celebrating a "Day With Mary" on Saturday, May 31 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Villanova College, 2480 15th Sideroad, King City. This family-friendly day in the context of the Holy Jubilee Year will consist of Holy Mass celebrated by 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. Enjoy fellowship with families from across the Archdiocese of Toronto at this outdoor gathering. Admission is free but registration is required. All are welcome. For more information and to register:

www.archtoronto.org/mary

WELCOME

The Easter Vigil is the climax of the entire Christian calendar with the most beautiful and impressive of liturgies which begins our yearly celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus. At the Easter Vigil, our parish welcomed Solonique Daniel, Georgina John, Mohit Kochhar, and Cherice Soltan who were baptized, Roxanne Isles who made her profession of faith and was received into full communion with the Catholic Church, all of whom, together with two baptized Catholics, Alejandro Defaz and Deven Mohan, were confirmed and received their First Communion. At this time we also recognize the continuous dedication of our RCIA coordinator and instructor Theresa Kellen for helping and guiding these candidates.

DIVINE MERCY

This year, the Divine Mercy Novena and observance of the Feast of Divine Mercy were well attended at St. Dunstan's. Many thanks to Michael Schaub who organized the Novena and all those who helped lead the prayers during Easter Week, as well as all those who attended the Divine Mercy devotions last Sunday afternoon.



ARCHDIOCESAN YEAR OF JUBILEE
PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

The Archdiocese of Toronto Jubilee 2025 Committee is organizing a week long pilgrimage to Rome with Cardinal Frank Leo, taking place on November 10-17, 2025. The pilgrimage will include visits to Rome's major basilicas and Holy Doors, daily Mass and a day trip to Assisi. Registration is now open. Space is limited. For full registration details, to view a detailed itinerary and learn more about this prayerful journey to Rome, visit: <https://bit.ly/ArchTORome2025>

THANK YOU

Karen Jarosz, Mission Director of the Foundation for Children in Need recently sent a letter thanking parishioners for their response to the mission co-op appeal last year made by Mr Tom Chitta, founder of the organization. Tom and his wife, Dr. Geethe recently returned from India after spending seven months directly serving those in need. Karen's letter concluded: "God bless...the parishioners of St. Dunstan's for their loving sharing ... we are grateful for their powerful witness of faith...truly an inspiration to us all. May...all of the parishioners be blessed one hundredfold in return".

COINS FOR LIFE

Parishioners who have participated in the Coins for Life Lenten project sponsored by Campaign Life Coalition are asked to return their boxes with coins to the rectory as soon as possible. Thank you for your sacrificial gift which helps educate our fellow citizens and protect the lives of the innocent unborn.

REMINDER:

First Holy Communion:

Sunday, May 11 at the 12:00 noon Mass

Confirmation:

Saturday, June 7 at the 5:00 p.m. Mass

ST. DUNSTAN'S SCHOOL CENTENNIAL

Today, Sunday, 4 May, our Auxiliary Bishop Robert Kasun who has responsibility for the Central Region of the Archdiocese will celebrate the 12:00 noon Mass to mark the 100th Anniversary of our parish school.



Monday 5 May
9:00 a.m. Intentions of Megan Campbell
Req.by Isabel Campbell

Tuesday 6 May
9:00 a.m. **Saint Francois de Laval, bishop**
Repose of Cesaria Molo Bisaya
Req.by Terrie Alberastine

Wednesday 7 May
7:00 p.m. In Thanksgiving
Req.by Martin & Barbara Anthony

Thursday 8 May
9:00 a.m. Repose of Lazarinho Vaz
Req.by Owen , Joana & Lawrian

Friday 9 May
Friday is a day of penitential observance
9:00 a.m. Repose of Tyron Clarence
Req.by Clarita Guiyab & Family

Saturday 10 May
10:00 a.m. Repose of Joffre Arzaga
Req.by Ingrid, Jeoffrey & Irwin

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

5:00 p.m. Repose of Doris Walsh
Req.by Family

Sunday: 11 May
10:00 a.m. Intentions of All Parishioners
12:00 noon First Communicants





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