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Mary help us to renew our own
response to God's call.

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ MAY 3RD, 2026



Message on the Month of the Blessed Mother

1 May 2026

**His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo
Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto**

Her witness enlightens our path

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

May Jesus and Mary be in your souls.

I am writing to you in anticipation of the month particularly dedicated to the Blessed Mother, the month of May. The origin of this dedication dates back many centuries. Historians point to the hymns of 13th century Alfonso X “the Wise” King of Castile and León followed by the writings of 14th century Dominican, Blessed Henry Suso as being the seeds of the devotion of Our Lady this month. In the 16th century the Benedictine Wolfgang Seidl published a volume on the devotions and teachings connected to May. At roughly the same time, in Rome, St. Philip Neri was teaching the youth to honour Our Lady with songs, flowers, praises and acts of virtue and mortification. However, it wasn’t until the Baroque period, the end of the 17th century in Italy and in Germany, when we see this month develop significantly with the establishment of Confraternities and devotions including the singing of litanies and crowning statues with crowns made of roses. In the modern sense, nevertheless, the recognized initiator of the Marian Month per se in terms of its formalization including daily prayers and practices is the 18th century Jesuit Fr. Annibale Dionisi, in Rome, followed by other inspired pastors of souls such as Archbishop G.M. Saporiti of Genoa and the Jesuit Fr. A. Muzzarelli. The holy Rosary, originally linked specifically to the month of October, is now introduced in the month of May as well. Subsequently, at the beginning of the 19th century throughout Europe and the Americas as well as in the missions, this devotion spread rapidly. It came to be an important and beautiful expression of the Church’s devotion to the Mother of Jesus and to this day, it continues to help us journey in faith, keep the fire of devotion burning in our hearts and challenge us to live the life of faith, virtue and justice after the example of the one who alone was chosen to be the Mother of God.

During these four weeks we are invited to contemplate the mystery of Our Lady’s life and to rediscover how **her witness continues to illuminate the path of the Church**. As our mother and model, Mary offers timely wisdom and guidance on what it means to be disciples of Christ whose daily living is marked by spiritual discernment and apostolic action (cf. Lumen Gentium 63-65).

One of the defining characteristics of Mary’s life is her **profound openness to the action of God**. At the Annunciation she receives a mission that exceeds human understanding, yet she responds with a heart ready to cooperate with his divine plan (Lk 1:38; CCC 494). The Church recognizes in this moment a pattern of authentic discernment: attentiveness to God’s initiative, trust in his promises and the courage to respond generously. These same attitudes are essential for us who seek to listen to the Holy Spirit in the present moment of our history (cf. Dei Verbum, 5).

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The month of May invites us to put aside our doubts, insecurities, and fears; **to renew our own response to God’s call**. Standing devoutly and spiritually beside Mary, we learn again the courage of her surrender and the confidence of her faith (Redemptoris Mater, 14-15). The same Holy Spirit who overshadowed her (Lk 1:35), desires to work within us, forming Christ anew in the hearts of all believers (cf. Gal 4:19). When we turn our hearts to Mary, in her **faith** we learn anew how to welcome God’s action in our lives. In her **humility** we discover the freedom that allows the Holy Spirit to work within us. In her **fidelity** we see the perseverance required to remain close to Christ even in moments of uncertainty. As such, my prayer for the faithful of the Archdiocese of Toronto is that especially this month we will think about how to honour Mother Mary and consider how her witness illuminates our daily life and vocation so that under her maternal care, may we continue to journey with renewed openness to the Holy Spirit.

For the full letter visit <https://www.archtoronto.org/en/outreach/news/archdiocesan/cardinal-leos-message-for-the-month-of-the-blessed-mother/>

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PARISH OFFICE OPEN ON SUNDAYS - 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

I am the way and the truth and the life.

JN 14: 1 - 12



The Lord Jesus has “called us out of darkness into his wonderful light.” We hear him do that very concretely in the Gospel today. He reassures us with these words: “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Have faith in God and faith in me. Where I am you will be. I am the way, the truth, and the life. Whoever believes in me will do the works I do.” This is the Word of God that “continued to spread” so that the number of disciples “increased daily.” The risen Christ continues to increase the Church through the ministry of priests and deacons. “Come to him; let yourselves be built into a spiritual house.”¹

Le ultime parole che si pronunciano alla fine della vita hanno un carattere particolare. Riassumono il mistero di un essere. Platone fa parlare il suo maestro Socrate di immortalità prima di morire. Il condannato a morte consola quelli che restano.

Le ultime parole possono essere molto pragmatiche. La madre di Goethe diede istruzioni di non mettere troppa uva passa nel dolce preparato per la sua sepoltura. Alcuni esortano i loro figli a sostenersi a vicenda. I patriarchi della Bibbia muoiono beneducendo la loro discendenza.

Anche nel nostro Vangelo si tratta di ultime parole. Parla uno che è consapevole di stare per morire. E colui che ne ha preso nota è convinto che quel morto è ancora in vita.

Non leggete queste parole come un discorso ben costruito e coerente. Immaginate delle pause. Prendetele piuttosto come parole pronunciate in un profondo silenzio, come parole indirizzate a uomini prigionieri, “tutt’occhi”, in qualche modo. Noi potremmo ascoltarle anche come si ascolta una goccia d’acqua cadere in una grotta. Bisogna che chi ascolta sia assolutamente silenzioso per lasciar entrare in sé queste parole. Se noi ascoltiamo veramente, sentiamo parole di consolazione: “Non sia turbato il vostro cuore”. Parole di speranza: “Nella casa del Padre mio vi sono molti posti”. Parole di maestà: “Io sono la via, la verità e la vita. Nessuno viene al Padre se non per mezzo di me”. Parole di vocazione esigente: “Chi crede in me compirà le opere che io compio”.

Non è facile per noi capire immediatamente queste parole. I discepoli che interrompono il Signore fanno delle domande smarrite. Non hanno ancora capito, eppure è già l’ora dell’addio. Sapremo noi capire meglio?²

¹Magnificat - May 2026 Edition | ² <https://www.lachiesa.it/>

Vocation Reflection...“The one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these...” Are you willing to do the work of the Lord as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, [Director of Vocations](#), Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org



Come and spend some quiet time in prayer

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

MON - THUR 9AM - 12PM (CHURCH)*
EVERY FRIDAY 9AM - 7PM (CHURCH)*
*IN CHAPEL, WHEN THERE IS A FUNERAL.



Mass Intentions for the week



SATURDAY MAY 2ND - SABATO

5:00 P.M.+ For All Our Parishioners

SUNDAY MAY 3RD - DOMENICA

8:30 A.M.+ Lee Fung Lien

10:00 A.M. In Ringraziamento Alla
Madonna di Valleverde

Susanna e Gianni Onisto - Antonio Pagliaro
Msgr. Arnaldo Onisto - Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia
Vito e Mike Cuoppolo - Vito Sciuto e famiglia
Agostino Battaglia e defunti famiglie Battaglia
e Garofalo

11:30 A.M.+ Kathleen MacDonald

1:00 P.M. Pro Popolo

5:00 P.M. The Gomes Family

MONDAY MAY 4TH - LUNEDI

8:30 A.M.+ David & Carmen Jose

12:00 P.M. Holy Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY MAY 5TH - MARTEDI

8:30 A.M.+ Eriberto Pabayos

12:00 P.M.+ Geraldine Senewiratne

WEDNESDAY MAY 6TH - MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. Diane Tchoi
+ Mirani Kailainathan

12:00 P.M.+ Chan Tak To

THURSDAY MAY 7TH - GIOVEDI

7:00 A.M.+ Paulus Chan

8:30 A.M. Divina Gaerlan

FRIDAY May 8TH - VENERDI

8:30 A.M. The William Family

7:00 P.M. Holy Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY May 9TH - SABATO

8:30 A.M.+ Joan Teixeira

10:00 A.M.+ Madeleine Lee

OFFERTORY LAST WEEK



Regular: \$ 5,490.70
Sharelife: \$ 8,329.85

Thank you

Today's Second Collection:
Building Fund

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SACRED JOURNEY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



Romulo Delgado's
HOLY MARY

Oratorio on the life of The Virgin Mary through the mysteries of the Rosary


SATURDAY | MAY 23, 2026 | 7:30 PM

For Tickets


Deluxe \$100
(Limited Quantity)

Regular Adult \$60

Child \$30



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Grades 6–8. Edge Nights

Every other Friday from 6:30-8:00 PM

2026 Schedule:

Jan 30 | Feb 27 | Mar 13 | Mar 27
Apr 10 | Apr 24 | May 22 | Jun 12

For **registration forms** see our parish website or **email us at stlawrenceedge@gmail.com**

JOIN US
MAY 23
2026



TORONTO MARCH FOR LIFE



A DAY WITH MARY

Mark your calendars:



Date: Saturday, May 30, 2026
Location: Villanova College, King City, ON
Registration Open's Online April 8th
www.archtoronto.org/mary

This family-friendly day will include Holy Mass with His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo, the Rosary, confessions, a keynote address and children's catechesis. Enjoy music, fellowship and more!

PRAYER FOR THE SICK:

We keep in our prayers the sick, the homebound, and the forgotten members in our community.

"Make sickness itself a Prayer"
~ St Francis de Sales ~

Catholic Education | **PILGRIMS OF HOPE:**
ON THE PATH TO HOLINESS

During Catholic Education Week (May 3 – 8, 2026), we give thanks for the gift of publicly funded Catholic Education in our province. Catholic schools foster supportive communities where children can experience the joy of God's love and understand the Christian mission in the world. Let us journey with our parishes, educators and families to sow and nurture the seeds of faith with the next generation of Catholics, encouraging them to embrace lives of holiness and Christian witness as one body in Christ. To indicate your support of Catholic education and sign-up for email updates, visit: www.togetherinfaith.ca.

29TH NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE | MAY 14, 2026

Our theme for the 2026 National March for Life is **"FOLLOW ME"**



And He said to them, 'Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.' Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. (Matthew 4:19-20)



SHARELIFE SUNDAY COLLECTIONS
March 22 / April 26 / May 31

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

Young Adult Events

St. Lawrence Young Adults May Event coming soon...

Young Adult Spiritus Events

 Topic: *Here is Your Mother*
Location: Newman Center
Date: Wednesday Mary 6th @ 7PM

 Topic: *Angels and Dragons*
Location: St. Theresa Shrine Parish
Date: Wednesday Mary 13th @ 7PM

Pre-Planning Seminar

Planning ahead is one of the most thoughtful and compassionate decisions you can make for your family. Join us for an informative seminar designed to help you understand your options and make confident, faith-informed decisions.

Date & Location:

Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery & Funeral Home
211 Langstaff Rd E, Thornhill | Saturday May 30, 2026, at 9:00 AM

You must RSVP to attend at 905-889-7467 ext. 1 or by email atholycrossinquiry@cc-fs.ca