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3rd Sunday of Easter: May 4, 2025



Saturday, May 3 at 5 p.m. Mass

Sunday, May 4 at 10:30 a.m. Mass *for the Parishioners of St. Ann*

Sunday, May 4 at 12:30 p.m. *Native People's Mass – Everyone is welcome*

Monday, May 5 at 8 a.m. Mass

Tuesday, May 6 at 8 a.m. Mass
St. Francois de Laval (M)

Wednesday, May 7 at 8 a.m. Mass

Thursday, May 8 at 8 a.m. **No Mass**

Friday, May 9 at 6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross,
07 p.m. Mass
Thanksgiving Birthday – Bea Palanca

Saturday, May 10 at 5 p.m. Mass

Sunday, May 11 at 10:30 a.m. Mass *for the Parishioners of St. Ann*

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3rd Sunday of Easter



In the Gospel this Sunday, we're called to reflect on the rich and important exchange where Jesus asks Peter, "Do you love me?"

Firstly, it is important to note the original translation of this passage.

The first time Jesus asks Peter, he uses the word "agape," which is an unconditional, self-sacrificial love. The same type of love that Jesus has for us. However, in Peter's response, he uses the word "philia," which is the love between friends. Although philia is still beautiful, it isn't raised to the same heights of agape. This same exchange of agape and philia occurs the second time Jesus asks Peter.

However, when Jesus asks the third time, it is He who uses the word philia, asking Peter if he can love Him as a friend. This is why it says Peter felt hurt, because it seemed like Jesus lowered the standard for the type of love Peter was called to. However, the beautiful reality is that Jesus instead understands and meets Peter at the level of love he's currently comfortable with. Yet Jesus doesn't desire Peter to remain at that

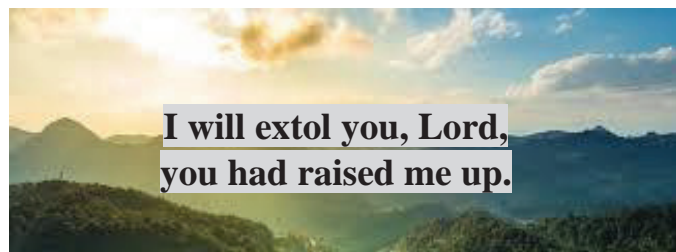
level. He goes on to foretell the kind of death he would one day suffer, signifying that He would one day be able to love Jesus agape.

Jesus does the same in the lives of all of His stewards. He desires all of us to love Him unconditionally, yet He meets us where we currently are and helps us to slowly advance in love. Let us always seek to love Christ and His Church and pray this simple prayer, "Jesus, I love you, help me to love you more each day."

Summary

When Jesus first asks Peter if he loves Him, he uses the term "agape," signifying an unconditional love, to which Peter replies, "philia," the love of friends. However, by the third time, it is Jesus who asks Peter if he will love him philia, which, rather than an insult, is the beautiful reality that Jesus meets Peter where he currently is. So too in our lives, Jesus accepts the current level of love we're comfortable with, but like Peter, He slowly desires and leads us to embrace a deeper way of loving Him and the Church.

-Stewardship Bulletin Reflections, Archdiocese of Toronto



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Weekend of April 26/27

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Pope's Prayer Intention 2025

The Pope's prayer intention for 2025 addresses challenges facing humanity and assists the mission of the church. These intentions serve as principles guiding our lives and mission. In **May**, let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized. – **Pope Francis**

Thank you for a Beautiful Celebration

Our hearts are full! We are deeply grateful to all the parishioners of **St Ann** and the **People's Native Mission community** who joined us in celebrating the Feast of St Kateri Tekakwitha.

Thank you to our amazing volunteers who worked behind the scenes, and to everyone who shared delicious food and treats that made our gathering even more special. Your presence, generosity and joyful spirit made this a day to remember!

Together, we honoured the life of St. Kateri, strengthened our community, and celebrated the beauty of faith, hope, and healing. Thank you for being part of this wonderful celebration! We are truly blessed to have you in our community.

Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit at St Joseph's Parish

Please join us as we host the Vatican-approved Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit. On Friday, May 09, 2025, 09:00 AM to Sunday, May 11, 2025, 08:00 PM | 200 Morrish Rd, Scarborough. The exhibit, which was designed and created by Saint Carlo Acutis, features panels that each tell the story of a Eucharistic miracle and allow you to "virtually visit" the places where the miracles took place. The exhibit's purpose is to increase awareness of the Real Presence of our Lord in the Eucharist and promote Eucharistic Adoration.

On Sunday, May 11, from 11 am to 1 pm, the relics of Saint Carlo Acutis and blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati (soon-to-be canonized) will come to our parish for veneration: <https://bit.ly/4j9nuPP>

Spiritus North: Canada's Mary

Calling all young adults (ages 19 to 39)! Join us for the next Spiritus North ministry night at Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish on Thursday, May 8, 2025, at 7 p.m. Fr. John O'Brien will be enlightening us with who is "Canada's Mary": tracing the role of Our Lady from the time of the martyrs until today!

REGISTER: <https://ocytoronto.org/events/spiritus-north-canada-s-mary#fr-john-o-brien>

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. Please contact lgwtoronto@proton.me.

visit: <https://bit.ly/LGW-TO-Retreat-Register2025>.

Women's Acts Retreat 2025

ACTS is a three-day retreat led by those who have attended prior ACTS retreats under the guidance of Catholic clergy and certified spiritual companions. The retreat focuses on Adoration, Community, Theology and Service. Scripture and the teachings of the Catholic Church are the guidelines. Thursday, May 22, 2025 06:30 PM - Sunday, May 25, 2025 12:00 PM 1617 Blythe Rd., Mississauga. For more information, please contact the Women's Retreat Director, Rebecca Williams or Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre. **Phone:** 905-978-3507 or 905-278-5229.

Email: Rebecca7623@gmail.com or office@qoa.ca

Dinner and Dance

Join us for a night of celebration! St Ann Parish and the Native People's Mission invite you to an unforgettable evening of dinner and dancing at our "**Ticket to the 80's and 90's**" event on **May 31, 2025**. Get ready for a fun and exciting night as we come together as one united community in our parish. Bring your family and friends for an unforgettable evening with us. Save the date and purchase your ticket now for a chance to win amazing prizes. Ticket cost is \$25.00.

Breakfast Sunday



The **Handmaids of the Lord** invite you to join us for the Mother's Day Breakfast celebration on Sunday, May 11, immediately following the 10:30 AM Mass. Let us come together in love and fellowship as we celebrate the gift of motherhood with a freshly prepared breakfast. All are welcome – come and be blessed!



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