

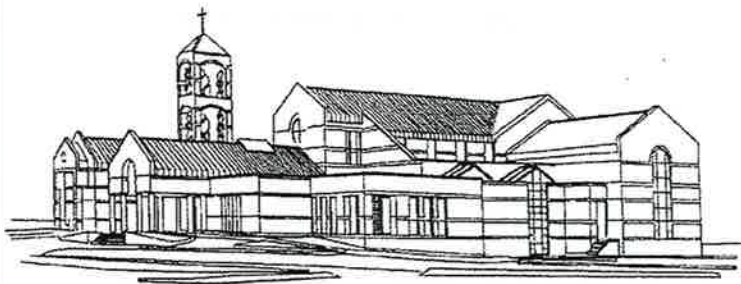
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 3, 2026

Message from Fr. Shaiju

My dear brothers and sisters, as we enter the beautiful month, dedicated in a special way to the Blessed Virgin Mary, we are gently reminded of what it means to trust completely in the Lord. At times, the path to eternal life can feel narrow and demanding. It may seem tiring, uncertain, even overwhelming. Yet, in the midst of this journey, Jesus speaks to our hearts with quiet assurance: "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life." He does not simply show us the way; He becomes the way for us. Everything we need to follow Him has already been given what remains is our willingness to trust. Jesus leads us into truth, and in Him we discover not just life, but life in its fullness, blessed in ways both seen and unseen. Mary is our Mother and our companion on the journey of faith. She is the one who trusted without seeing, who believed without holding, and who followed without fear. May the quiet strength of her faith inspire us to listen more deeply and to surrender more freely. Through her gentle care and humble yes find courage for our troubled hearts to continue our journey with Christ who is the Way and Mary beside us as our Mother until every restless heart finds its peace and its home in God.

Cari fratelli e sorelle, mentre entriamo nel mese di maggio, dedicato in modo speciale alla Beata Vergine Maria, siamo richiamati con dolcezza a fidarci pienamente del Signore. Il cammino verso la vita eterna può apparire stretto ed esigente, segnato da fatiche e incertezze. Eppure Gesù ci rassicura: «Io sono la Via, la Verità e la Vita». Non si limita a indicarci una strada, ma diventa Lui stesso la via da percorrere. Tutto ciò di cui abbiamo bisogno per seguirlo ci è già stato donato; resta la nostra disponibilità ad affidarci con fiducia. In Cristo scopriamo la vita vera, piena e benedetta. Maria, nostra Madre e compagna di viaggio, ci guida con il suo esempio: ha creduto senza vedere e ha seguito il Signore con cuore libero. La forza silenziosa della sua fede ci ispiri ad ascoltare più profondamente. Con Cristo come Via e Maria accanto a noi, ogni cuore inquieto può trovare pace e la sua casa in Dio.

~Fr. Shaiju Ponmalakunnel

Catholic Education Week:

May 3-8, 2026

Pilgrims of Hope on the Path to Holiness

During Catholic Education Week, 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

Mother's Day – Roses for Sale

We will be selling roses after each Mass next weekend, **May 9 & 10, 2026** for Mother's Day with all proceeds going towards our ShareLife campaign. One rose will be sold for \$5.

*Saranno in vendita le rose il prossimo fine settimana del **9 & 10 maggio, 2026** in occasione della Festa della Mamma. Una rosa sarà venduta per \$5 e tutto il ricavato andrà a ShareLife.*

Evening Rosary

During the month of May, the month dedicated to Mother Mary, we will be praying the rosary on Monday's in English and from Tuesday to Friday in Italian at 7:30pm in the Chapel.

Durante il mese di maggio, dedicato alla Madonna, pregheremo il rosario il lunedì in inglese e dal martedì al venerdì in italiano alle 19:30 nella cappella.

This Weekend's Marriage



*Samantha Sanchez & Vito Galloro
Julia Gulizia & Michael Cook*

Save the Date! 40th Anniversary of Immaculate Conception Parish

We are excited to share that this year marks the **40th Anniversary of our Parish!** Please mark your calendars for **September 26, 2026**, when we will gather in gratitude for 40 years of faith, fellowship, and service. More details about the celebration will be shared in the coming weeks.

Siamo lieti di annunciare che quest'anno celebriamo il 40° anniversario della nostra parrocchia. Vi invitiamo a segnare in calendario la data del 26 settembre 2026, quando ci riuniremo con gratitudine per celebrare 40 anni di fede. Ulteriori dettagli sulla celebrazione saranno condivisi a breve.

2026 Summer Camp

The **Immaculate Conception Parish Summer Camp** will take place from **July 6 -10, 2026!** Open to children ages 4-12. The registration fee is \$100. **Only a few spots are left!**

2026 Golf Tournament

The 19th Immaculate Conception Parish Charity Golf Tournament in support of ShareLife and parish needs will be held on **Thursday June 4, 2026 at Glen Eagle Golf Club.**

St. Gabriel School Fundraiser

The St. Gabriel the Archangel Parent Council is organizing a clothing donation drive in partnership with Value Village to support school improvements. Parishioners are invited to bring gently used clothing, to St. Gabriel the Archangel School before May 20, 2026 with all proceeds benefitting the school.

Pellegrinaggio a Fatima (USA)

La nostra parrocchia organizza un pellegrinaggio a Fatima (USA) accompagnata da P. Shaiju, **sabato 30 maggio, 2026.** Contattate Assunta Antenucci al 905-851-7207 per prenotazioni.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Monday May 4

7pm	Maria Valensizi & Antonio Nesci
8pm	Amico Sciulli

Tuesday May 5

7pm	Francesco Stellino
8pm	Carmelina Fiumara

Wednesday May 6

7pm	Ethan Celio
8pm	Bruno Naccarato

Thursday May 7

7pm

Friday May 8

7pm	Olga Di Giorgio
8pm	Maria Pia Campoli

SL ShareLife

AMOUNT TO DATE: \$39,880

PARISH GOAL: \$106,000

Your gift to ShareLife can build the path to hope

Bradley's life was in ruins, shattered by addiction and a pain so deep, he couldn't escape. At just 14, drugs became his refuge, a desperate attempt to numb the emptiness that consumed him. He fought to build something—a job, a home, a family—but addiction tore it all apart. For Bradley, the road to healing seemed impossible—until you stepped in. Through your kindness, he found the Good Shepherd's DARE Program, made possible by your support of ShareLife. Without this opportunity, Bradley's story would have been one of loss and despair, but because of you, he found a second chance. With the alarming increases in mental health and addictions, there are so many more people waiting for someone like you to help turn their broken road into a path of hope.

May 31, 2026 is ShareLife Sunday.

Please give generously.

La vita di Bradley era in rovina, distrutta dalla tossicodipendenza e da un dolore così profondo da non poterne uscire. A soli 14 anni, la droga divenne il suo rifugio, un disperato tentativo di anestetizzare il vuoto che lo consumava. Lottò per costruire qualcosa – un lavoro, una casa, una famiglia – ma la tossicodipendenza distrusse tutto. Per Bradley, la strada verso la guarigione sembrava impossibile, finché non sei intervenuto tu. Grazie alla tua generosità, ha scoperto il programma DARE offerto da "the Good Shepherd", reso possibile dal tuo sostegno a ShareLife.

Il 31 maggio è la domenica di ShareLife.

Per favore, dona generosamente.