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POPE LEO XIV: 'PEACE BE WITH ALL OF YOU'

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - MAY 11, 2025

Peace be with you all!

Dear brothers and sisters, these are the first words spoken by the risen Christ, the Good Shepherd who laid down His life for God's flock. I would like this greeting of peace to resound in your hearts, in your families, among all people, wherever they may be, in every nation and throughout the world. Peace be with you!

It is the peace of the risen Christ. A peace that is unarmed and disarming, humble and persevering. A peace that comes from God, the God who loves us all, unconditionally.

We can still hear the faint yet ever courageous voice of Pope Francis as he blessed Rome, the Pope who blessed Rome, who gave his blessing to the world, the whole world, on the morning of Easter. Allow me to extend that same blessing: God loves us, God loves you all, and evil will not prevail! All of us are in God's hands. So, let us move forward, without fear, together, hand in hand with God and with one another other! We are followers of Christ. Christ goes before us. The world needs his light. Humanity needs him as the bridge that can lead us to God and his love. Help us, one and all, to build bridges through dialogue and encounter, joining together as one people, always at peace. Thank you, Pope Francis!

I also thank my brother Cardinals, who have chosen me to be the Successor of Peter and to walk together with you as a Church, united, ever pursuing peace and justice, ever seeking to act as men and women faithful to Jesus Christ, in order to proclaim the Gospel without fear, to be missionaries.

I am an Augustinian, a son of Saint Augustine, who once said, "With you I am a Christian, and for you I am a bishop." In this sense, all of us can journey together toward the homeland that God has prepared for us.

A special greeting to the Church of Rome! Together, we must look for ways to be a missionary Church, a Church that builds bridges and encourages dialogue, a Church ever open to welcoming, like this Square with its open arms, all those who are in need of our charity, our presence, our readiness to dialogue and our love.

And if you also allow me a brief word, a greeting to everyone and in particular to my beloved Diocese of Chiclayo, in Peru, where a faithful people has accompanied its Bishop, shared its faith and given so much, so much, to continue being a faithful Church of Jesus Christ.

To all of you, brothers and sisters in Rome, in Italy, throughout the world: we want to be a synodal Church, a Church that moves forward, a Church that always seeks peace, that always seeks charity, that always seeks to be close above all to those who are suffering.

Today is the day of the Prayer of Supplication to Our Lady of Pompeii. Our Mother Mary always wants to walk at our side, to remain close to us, to help us with her intercession and her love. So I would like to pray together with you. Let us pray together for this new mission, for the whole Church, for peace in the world, and let us ask Mary, our Mother, for this special grace: Hail Mary...

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Blessing for Mothers' day

Loving God, as a Mother gives life
and nourishment to her children,
so you watch over your Church.

Bless these women,
that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers.

Give them patience in abundance,
and let them find joy and satisfaction in all their work.

Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.

Grant that we may honor them always
with a spirit of profound respect.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Bendición en el Día de las Madres

Dios de Amor, escucha en este día nuestra oración y
bendice a las madres de nuestras familias.

Concédeles el don la fortaleza de tu Espíritu, a ellas
que nos han enseñado a caminar.

Bendícelas con tu amor, a ellas que nos han enseñado
como hablar, como cantar y como orar contigo.

Dales un lugar en la mesa de la eternidad, a ellas que
han alimentado y criado la vida aún indefensa que se
abrazaba a su amor.

Bendícelas con la sonrisa y el orgullo de sus hijos, y
con alegría y el amor de muchos buenos amigos.

Que las madres que nos llevaron en sus vientres sean
cargadas un día en Tus divinos brazos: y allí, por toda
la eternidad, participen de tu alegría con sus familiares
y amigos.

Te lo pedimos por Jesucristo, nuestro Señor. Amén.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN This Mother's Day to Father's Day, the St. John's Catholic Women's League will be hosting the Marillac Place's Baby Bottle Campaign to help young mothers and their children experiencing homelessness in our community. Please take a baby bottle home with you, fill it with your coins, bills or a cheque. Return the baby bottle on Father's Day and your donation can make a significant difference in the lives of these vulnerable families.

Come on out to the Annual Garage Sale at St. Francis of Assisi Church (49 Blueridge Ave, Kitchener) on Saturday May 17th! This event runs from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.! There are many treasures to be discovered including: books, puzzles, toys, jewelry, dishes, decorative items, bikes, electronics and more! We hope to see you there.

ENGLISH SCHEDULE

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, May 10 **5:00 PM**
Stella Dombroskie +Mary & Michael Williams

Sunday, May 11 **9:00 AM**
For All Parishioners Living & Deceased

Tuesday, May 13 **11:00 AM**

Wednesday, May 14 **11:00 AM**

Thursday, May 15 **11:00 AM**

Friday, May 16 **11:00 AM**

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, May 17 **5:00 PM**
+Karl Friedrich

Sunday, May 18 **9:00 AM**
For All Parishioners Living & Deceased

MISAS EN ESPAÑOL

IV Domingo de Pascua

Sabado 10 de mayo **7:00 PM**
+Beatriz Vanegas de Páez

Domingo 11 de mayo **11:00 AM & 1:00 PM**
Por la Comunidad Parroquial

Martes 13 de mayo **12:00 PM**
+Beatriz Vanegas de Páez

Miercoles 14 de mayo **12:00 PM**
+Beatriz Vanegas de Páez

Jueves 15 de mayo **12:00 PM**
+Beatriz Vanegas de Páez

Viernes 16 de mayo **12:00 PM**
+Beatriz Vanegas de Páez

V Domingo de Pascua

Sabado 17 de mayo **7:00 PM**
+Beatriz Vanegas de Páez

Domingo 18 de mayo **11:00 AM & 1:00 PM**
Por la Comunidad Parroquial