

HOLY MASS, May 2018

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Holy Mass for the Good Health & Prosperity of TEGSA members was celebrated at 7pm on May 25, 2018 at [140 Commander Blvd, Scarborough, Ont.](#)

There was an overwhelming interest at this event and the maximum number of members attended. Father Daryl Miranda very graciously accepted the invitation to celebrate Holy Mass. The collections were divided between Fr. Daryl and St Paul's Jeevan Darshan Sanstha. It is a Catholic charitable institution, which is recognized by the Government of India. This charity caters to the needs of orphans and the dying destitute abandoned on the streets of Mumbai.

Father Daryl announced that he wanted his portion of the collection also be donated to this worthy cause. This was very generous and gracious of him but with encouragement from the TEGSA committee and other members, he humbly accepted his part of the collections.

The altar was beautifully setup by Mena Conception, and Readings at the Mass were delivered by Alba Fernandes and Melba De Souza. Offerings were brought to the altar by Adeline Gomes and Fatima Lawson. Collections were taken up by Martha Menezes, Fatima Lawson, Tony Misquita, and Bosco Fernandes.

The choir consisted of Lily Menezes, Mena Conception, Trevor and Loretta D'Sylva, led by Choir Director Joaquim Menezes. Ian D'Sylva, young son of Loretta and Trevor, played the guitar. On very short notice, he prepared to play on a Friday night putting aside his personal plans. He also pleasantly surprised all the members by playing and singing a few numbers, which was enjoyed by members while they were having dinner. A big thank you and Kudos to Ian!

Many thanks also were extended by Loretta D'Sylva to Father Daryl and all the participating members for readily agreeing to assist with the event.

After Mass, a lovely Grace was delivered by Sheilah D'Souza, and a delicious snack plate with tea, coffee and cookies were served to members. This was followed by Bingo, organized by Godfrey Cunningham and his team. Cash prizes for horizontal lines and two full houses were awarded to winners on both cards.

Loretta (organizer for the event) and Trevor (MC), both did an excellent job of welcoming members and keeping the event moving seamlessly and completely on track with the agenda.

The evening concluded with Loretta thanking all the members and their spouses, who willingly participated. A fun time was had by all!