



## MOTHER'S DAY REFLECTION

As we enter May, we pause to honour Mother's Day—a time to reflect on the love, strength, and care of mothers and mother figures. Through their guidance and support, their impact shapes us deeply. This day also invites gratitude—for both joyful memories and the ways God's love is reflected through those who nurture us. Whether you feel celebration, remembrance, or longing, may it be a time of grace, reflection, and appreciation for the love around you.

### Reflection Questions:

- Who is a mother or mother figure who has impacted your life, and what have you learned from them?
- In what ways have you experienced care, encouragement, or faith through others?
- How might you reflect God's love and care to others in your own life today?

**"Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come." — Proverbs 31:25**

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## APRIL SERMON RECAP

### April 5 | Easter Sunday Service

During Easter, we can often take Jesus' resurrection for granted. Take a look at the Easter story from a historical perspective with Pastor Heusen and discover just how amazing Jesus' resurrection truly is.

### April 19 | Protection from Above | Numbers 22

Do you know the story of Balak and Balaam? While a lesser known one, Pastor Heusen demonstrates how that story paints a beautiful picture of who God is and His presence in our lives.

#### SERMON SPOTLIGHT

**"Fear is an opportunity. An opportunity to respond to faith."**

**Message from  
*The Struggle of  
Faith and Fear. Is  
Fear a Sin?***

#### April 26 | The Struggle of Faith and Fear. Is Fear a Sin? | Psalms 55

Everyone faces fear. It comes with being human. But is fear a sin? In this sermon, Reverend Andrew tackles the subject of fear, how to respond to it, and its role and impact on our faith.

**Visit [our website](#) for full sermons and monthly recaps**

## MOTHER'S DAY SUBMISSIONS

As we celebrate **Mother's Day**, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who shared cherished memories and beautiful photos of their mothers. Your stories are a powerful reminder of the love, strength, and faith that mothers bring into our lives every day. It's truly a gift to reflect on these moments together as a community.

**"HER CHILDREN RISE UP AND CALL HER BLESSED; HER HUSBAND ALSO, AND HE PRAISES HER." — PROVERBS 31:28**

My mother was quiet and humble, a woman of few words. Yet the words she spoke carried a depth of love and faith that continues to guide me to this day. Three phrases I learned from her are:  
**"Ham ham tai" — it is fine, it's okay.**  
**"Kaw tok Chu" — surrender your worries to God.**  
**"Gua tue di kitto" — I will pray for you.**

In her quiet way, she showed me what it means to trust, to let go, and to care for others. She copied the entire Bible twice in her lifetime, a beautiful reflection of her devotion and unwavering faith. She gave from her heart to those in need, never seeking recognition, and she gently tried to share her faith with her siblings.

She was not only my mother, but also my friend—patient, understanding, and full of grace. Even now, I find myself learning from her words, her actions, and her example.

Though she may have spoken softly, her life speaks loudly in my heart. And this Mother's Day, I am reminded that her love, her faith, and her prayers continue to guide me every single day.

~ Carol O.



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We've been deeply shaped by the women of God placed in our lives—mom **Carol** and mom **Grace**—each reflecting His love in their own beautiful way.

From mom **Carol**, we've learned what true selflessness looks like. She loved our family with a quiet strength, always putting others before herself. One of Angel's earliest memories is seeing her kneeling in prayer every morning before she leaves the house. Her dedication to her relationship with God showed us that faith isn't just something we say, it's something we live daily. And if you've ever tasted her cooking—especially her maki, misua and BBQ—you'd know her love is expressed just as much through the meals she prepares for our family.



From mom **Grace**, we've learned what it means to trust God in action. She doesn't just believe—she moves. She's a doer, always ready to step in, serve and go above and beyond for the people she loves. She also has an incredible knack for finding the best deals on Facebook marketplace—honestly, she might need to teach us her ways! And of course, her cooking is also something we all look forward to—her jap chae, beef stew and hot sour soup are always made with so much care and generosity. ~Patrick, Angelica and Axel



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~ Patrick L.



~ Andreaia O.



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Favourite dish: Tao Yu Ba  
~ Kevin L.



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~ Euly



Favourite dish: Lu Rou Fan  
~ Noah and Isabella

### An Ode to my Chocolate Chips

Without her, my life feels plain and incomplete  
Like chocolate chip cookies with nothing sweet  
Just flour and dough missing the best  
It's her who makes everything better than the rest

Like fries with no salt, it's just not the same  
you bring out the joy, simple and plain  
You're the salt of the earth so gentle and so true  
The amazing love of God, shines through you

And if I ever feel lost and unsure what to do  
I always find my way back to you  
Like spaghetti finding flavour when it's stirred through  
Like a meal that feels right when the missing piece is you

You're my light in the dark, my teacher, my guide  
I don't have anything to fear with you by my side  
Like a bread that rises, soft warm and true  
Like a perfect home-cooked meal that always pulls me through

So I want to thank God, in all that I do  
That he bestowed upon me a mother like you  
I'll always have Chocolate chips in the cookies I make  
And mom, you're the chocolate chips in every batch I bake

~Faith Brielle C.



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## My Mom's Kyum Pung recipe:

When I started a family of my own I thought it was about time I learn the recipe for my mom's famous Kyum Pung. I approached her with a notebook and a pen in hand ready to write down all the measurements and directions. But I quickly realized my mom doesn't cook from a recipe book, she cooks based on her intuition.

"How much soy sauce, Mom?" I asked.

"Oh, you know," she said with a wave of her hand. "Maybe a couple of tablespoons? Just until it looks like the right color."

"Okay... and the sugar?"

"A little bit! Maybe a tablespoon? Just use your judgement."

This continued with the vinegar, sugar, garlic, and ginger. Every answer was some variation of "I don't know, just enough." It turns out that her famous Kyum Pung wasn't a series of perfectly measured ingredients, but rather a feeling. It was a testament to a level of mastery where you no longer need numbers to find perfection.

Trying to recreate it on my own is a humbling experience. I've learned that if I measure it exactly, it's never quite the same. It only truly tastes like my mom's when I stop focusing on the measurements and start trusting my senses, just like she taught me. It's a dish made of "a little bit of this" and a whole lot of her—a perfect balance of flavour that could only come from a mother's touch.

~ Wendy M.



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Lessons I've learned from my mom are, "I'm going to regret not learning Mandarin," which is her subtle way of telling me my life's decisions are my own and I need to own them.

~ Paul C.



My mom has always been an expert communicator and writer. She taught me from a very young age to try to be the same. Some lessons were in the form of stories like the classic court case where a lawyer asked the defendant, "Did you saw this house before?" And then the other lawyer yells, "Objection, your honour! My client is not a carpenter!" Other lessons were like field trips. As kids, with our mom, when driving around town, we would make fun of billboards and advertisements with wrong grammar. For example, "Egg's \$2" ("Hey mom, which egg do you think owns \$2?")

**Whatever fraction of her skills I have, I owe it to her.**

~ TJ



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Be a good brother. ~ **Andrew and Owen H.**



Our mom, a loving grandma, taught us what it really means to be a family—how to love and look after one another. We'll always remember her cooking meals we loved or bringing home the grandkids' favourite foods, and making sure we all got together for special occasions. It was her way of keeping us close and reminding us what family is all about.

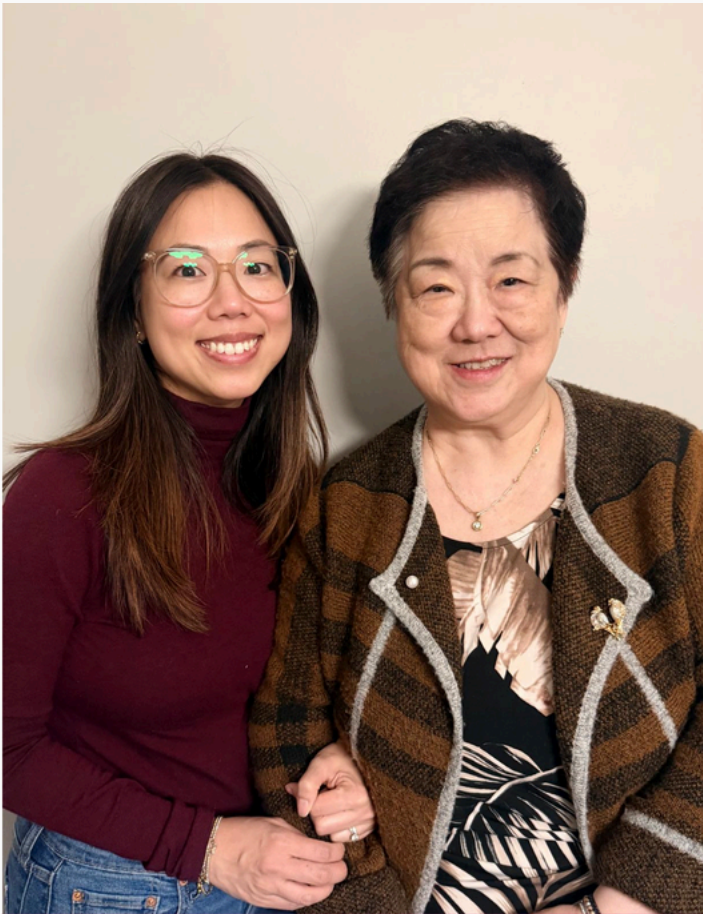
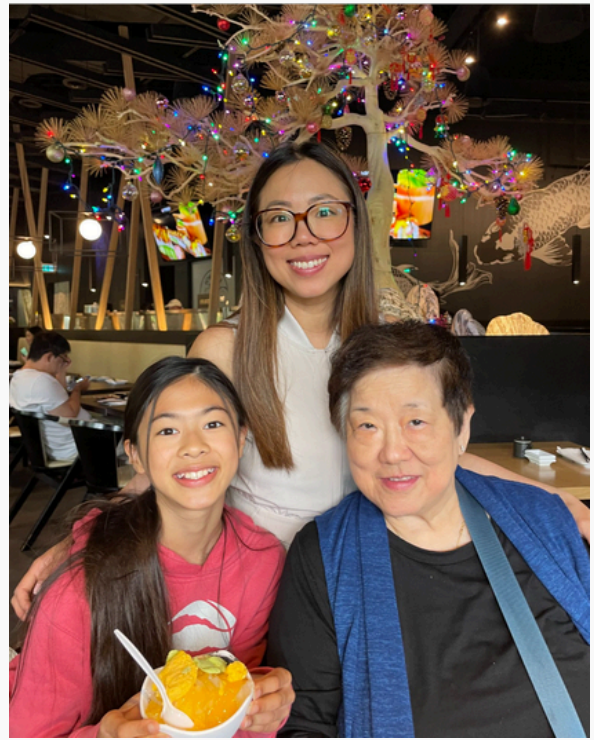
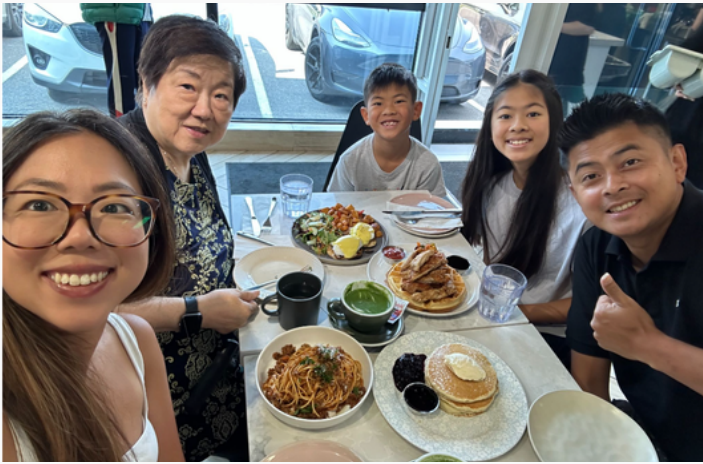
Even now, living on her own, she still shows her love in the same way—sending food each week and making sure she stays connected with all of us.

We thank God for you and the love you continue to show our family.

~ **Bob, Elle and family**



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~ Jennielyn N.



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Favourite Dish: Steak Risotto , Greek roast chicken rice potato

~ Bob N.



~ Barry N.



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~ Jerome Q.



*Happy Mother's & Grandma's Day!*



~ Winston L.

"She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come."  
Proverbs 31:25

## BAPTISM

We are so happy to share that six of our brothers and sisters were baptized on April 5, 2026, during our Easter Sunday service. It was a joyful and meaningful celebration as they publicly declared their faith in Christ.

Baptism is an outward sign of an inward reality—our relationship with Jesus. It represents our identification with Him and our belonging to His family. We thank God for this beautiful step of faith and celebrate alongside those who have made this commitment.

- Gabriel
- Nancy
- Faith Brielle
- Isabelle
- Natalie
- Nathaniel



You can watch and listen to their testimonies through this [link](#).

## FRESH FAITH

We are excited to announce a new spring ministry called “**Fresh Faith**”. This ministry is for new believers, seekers and also for those who long for a deeper faith and community.

Our video study series for this spring is entitled “**Why Trust the Bible?**”.

We will start with dinner followed by a video and small group fellowship and discussion.

This series will run on **Wednesday evenings (7-9pm) starting May 20 to June 24** for 6 weeks. We hope you can join us! Please also invite your friends and family to join!



[REGISTER NOW](#)

# MINISTRY IN MOTION

## WHERE FAITH MEETS ACTION

Looking for a way to **serve** and **connect with others**? There are several ministries in need of passionate volunteers! Whether you're gifted in hospitality, teaching, music, or tech, there's a place for you:

### AV Team

Help run sound, slides, and livestream during services.

### Sunday School Teachers

Teach and care for our children as they grow in faith.

### Worship Team

Use your musical talents to lead our congregation in worship.

### Coffee & Snack Team

Prep and serve refreshments for fellowship after service.

### Usher Ministry

Welcome attendees, assist with seating, and support during service.

### Life Group Leaders

Facilitate small groups and build community throughout the week.

**Interested in volunteering or want to learn more?  
Please contact [chair@cecctoronto.com](mailto:chair@cecctoronto.com) and we'll  
connect you with the right ministry leader.**

# PRAYER THREADS

## HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

As a church family, we want to keep lifting one another up in prayer. Here are some ways you can be praying this season:

- For those in our **church family** who are facing health challenges — may God bring comfort, healing, and strength.
- For individuals and families experiencing **difficult seasons** — may they find peace, provision, and encouragement.
- For our **pastors and ministry leaders** — may God grant them wisdom, energy, and joy in their service.
- For our **children, youth, and young adults** — that their faith may grow deep and strong.
- For our **community** — that hearts would be open to the hope and love of Christ.

If you have a **prayer request** or would like someone to **pray with you**, please reach out to our pastors at [pastors@cectoronto.com](mailto:pastors@cectoronto.com). Your request will be kept confidential unless you indicate otherwise.

## FAMILIES OF THE MONTH

PLEASE LIFT UP THESE FAMILIES IN PRAYER

MILTON LIM

ROSEANNA LIM

PATRICK LIM

JUDY LIU

EDGARDO  
MADRAZO

Let's pray for their health, relationships, faith journeys, and for God's presence to be strong in their homes.

