

The liturgies of the Easter season bring home to us the work of the Holy Spirit in the Saviour's Paschal Mystery. Our New Testament readings have made frequent mention of the Holy Spirit, looking forward to the coming of the Spirit as its final culmination.

Luke's account of the coming of the Spirit upon the apostles associates this coming with the 'day of Pentecost', a Jewish festival celebrated fifty days after Passover – a harvest festival that later became a celebration of the giving of the Law to Moses. The basis of Luke's vivid dramatisation may well have been the fact that, on this popular festival, the apostles – still uncertain how to undertake the enormous mission they had been given – joined the pilgrims crowding Jerusalem, and for the first time found the courage to proclaim their faith in the Risen Lord. In the joy and success they found on this occasion, they recognised the 'baptism with the Holy Spirit' they had been promised. In the Acts of the Apostles Luke tells the story of the Church of the beginnings using a device in use at the time by writers of popular history – taking important events in the history they are presenting, and dramatising them in a way that brings out their far-reaching significance.



Thus, in Luke's account, what begins as an event on one room of the city – 'a noise that filled the whole house', 'something that seemed like tongues of fire', the apostles 'speaking in foreign languages' – suddenly involves the whole crowded city, as faith in the Risen Lord is preached 'to devout men from every nation under heaven'. As Luke's dramatisation continues in the passage that follows our reading, Peter's preaching leads to the baptising of three thousand people – a number designed to bring out the momentous nature of what is taking place, and the universal mission that will flow from it, rather than giving a precise historical detail. As we know, Luke is writing a sequel to his gospel: the story of the Holy Spirit's life-giving guidance of the early Church. In later ages, our instinct has been sound, in celebrating Pentecost as the birthday of the Church.

In the one Spirit we were all baptised

The other readings point to other dimensions of the workings of the Spirit in our lives. Our life in Christ is filled, from beginning to end, with God's generous gifts. And all of these gifts come from 'one and the same Spirit' – from our faith in Christ as our 'Lord and God', to the individual contributions we are able to make to the life of our community.

In John's gospel, as we are reminded in today's reading, the Spirit was given on the evening of Resurrection Day itself. 'Peace be with you', Jesus repeats, and 'breathing on them' he says, 'Receive the Holy Spirit'. John's gospel reminds us that if the Spirit is responsible for the great things in which God is present in the life of the Church, the Spirit is also evident in our personal lives, in the true 'peace' and contentment that comes to those who give themselves generously to the Lord. In John's gospel, Jesus, at the Last Supper, associates the gift of the Spirit he promises with a peace that is his special gift: 'My own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give this is my gift to you' (Jn 14.27).

How varied are the gifts of the Spirit. In this era of change and renewal, let us become more aware of our dependence upon them.

John Thornhill sm  
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**"Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love." Send forth workers into your vineyard.**

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PARISH

Readings ~ Acts 2.1-11 ~ 1 Corinthians 12.3-7, 12-13 ~ John 20.19-23

Includes the world premiere of "Magnificat" by Ruth Watson Henderson, who will be in attendance!

**Mass Intentions This Week – June 9 to 15**

Please join us as we pray for the following announced intentions...

	Intention(s):	Offered by:
Monday, 9am	✠ Jeanne Narozenski	The family
Tuesday, 9am	✠ John Farnsworth	Mary & Thomas Farnsworth
Wednesday, 9am	✠ James Thomas	Josie DiLella
Thursday, 9am	✠ Joseph & Ruth Temple	The Temple family
Friday, 9am	✠ Lena Badali	The Badali family
Saturday, 9am	✠ Cathal McGirr	Olga Kuplowski
5:15pm	✠ Richard Wallington	Tamara Wallington
Sunday, 8am	✠ John Lynskey	David Bird
9:30am	✠ For the needs of our parish and faithful parishioners ✠	
11:00am	✠ John Lynskey	Melik & Kathleen Kasparian
12:30pm	✠ Nicholas Fanuzzi	The family

**Rosary Group – stay and pray daily, after 9am Mass + Fridays, 2pm**

Five decades daily, fifteen decades on Fridays followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet are "a spiritual medicine... good for your heart, for your soul, for your whole life."

Franciscus

**Scripture Classes – Wednesdays, 10am + Thursdays, 7pm – all are welcome!**

Morning class in the parish hall, evening class at OLS School, 32 Montgomery Rd., Room 411.

**Stretch & Flex – all are welcome! – Tuesdays, 6:30–7:30pm in the parish hall**

\$10 per session. Bring a yoga-type mat, perhaps a bottle of water and wear comfy clothing!

**Working wonders for people locally and around the world...**

**ShareLife** Thank you to everyone who contributed to the 2014 ShareLife Parish Campaign. You have made the path to new opportunities much easier for thousands of the most vulnerable in our communities by giving generously. For those who wish to make a contribution, you are still welcome to do so. You can drop your ShareLife envelopes in the offertory basket until July 31, 2014 or donate online at [www.sharelife.org](http://www.sharelife.org)

**Thank you for your generosity to ShareLife. Together we can work wonders!**

**This Weekend Collection for Marygrove – thank you for your generosity!**

Marygrove Camp, situated on Georgian Bay, is open to eligible girls ages 5–13 and provides a camping experience for children who may not otherwise have the opportunity. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, helps over 1,000 girls each summer, registering eligible campers through home visits. **Your contribution allows this foundational work to continue!**

**This Weekend Totus Tuus: A Celebration of Sainthood – June 8, 4pm, OLS**

Under the auspices of the Consulates General of Italy & the Republic of Poland in Toronto, Our Lady of Sorrows parish presents the OLS Senior Choir & Chorale, the Toronto Ecumenical Chorale & several other choirs plus an orchestra in a concert celebrating the canonization of John XXIII & John Paul II. Admission is \$20 and though sales have been brisk, some tickets may be available for purchase at the door. **Don't miss this important event!**



COMMUNITY

The Parish Survey is available at [www.sorrows.ca](http://www.sorrows.ca) – Will you help to enhance our faith community?

**Cardinal Collins' Letter to Justin Trudeau – Your call to action!**

His Eminence has expressed deep concern over the Liberal leader's expectation that candidates "vote pro-choice on any bills" & that pro-lifers will be "weeded out" from potential nomination applicants. [www.sorrows.ca/trudeau](http://www.sorrows.ca/trudeau) – Read the letter and act!

**Development and Peace – June 7, 10am–3:30pm – FREE CAKE**

...is not as rewarding as being involved in an organization that delivers emergency aid to disaster zones, works to create social justice for the poor and marginalized all around the world, and provides a great opportunity for you to put your Catholic faith into action. But if you come to our Annual General Meeting and 47<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party to find out more about how you can get involved in this type of organization... we will give you free cake. There is no cost for this event and lunch will be provided. Catholic Pastoral Centre, 1155 Yonge St. For more info or to RSVP, email [rebecca.rathbone@gmail.com](mailto:rebecca.rathbone@gmail.com) and visit [www.dev.org](http://www.dev.org)

**Pilgrimage to Canadian Shrines – June 21–24**

Join us on our 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Pilgrimage to Canadian Shrines from Blessed Trinity Parish. Stops include the Shrine of St. Kateri Tekakwitha and St. Joseph's Oratory in Montréal, the Shrine of Our Blessed Mother at Cap-de-La Madeleine, the Chapel of Blessed Fr. Frédéric and Museum in Trois-Rivières, and the Basilica of Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré in Québec City. For more info, call 416-497-7059 or visit [www.blessedtrinity.ca](http://www.blessedtrinity.ca)



**Solemn Eucharistic Adoration with Cardinal Collins June 28, 7–8:30pm**

His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins & the Office of Catholic Youth invite all to join the young adults of the Archdiocese of Toronto in participating in solemn Eucharistic Adoration. A professional choir will offer chant for a portion of adoration and His Eminence will provide a brief reflection. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be made available for the duration. A social will follow from 8:30–10:30pm. St. Paul's Basilica, 83 Power St. Questions? Contact the OCY at 416-599-7676 or [youth@ocytoronto.org](mailto:youth@ocytoronto.org)



**Guiding Light Academy Summer Camp – begins July 7**

Choose your adventure! Lumen Veritas is a private elementary school with a Catholic spiritual guidance program and a focus on creativity, critical thinking, communication & collaboration. The summer camp for children aged 4–11 offers physical education, music, ballet, karate, elocution, technology, drama & gymnastics along with a Catholic spiritual guidance program. Visit [www.guidinglightacademy.com](http://www.guidinglightacademy.com) or email at [info@guidinglightacademy.com](mailto:info@guidinglightacademy.com)

**Retrouaille: Help for Troubled Marriages – Sept. 19–21**

A live-in weekend followed by six post sessions to help couples experiencing troubles in their marriage relationships. For further information, call 416-281-6007 or point your browser to [www.torontoretrouaille.com](http://www.torontoretrouaille.com)



**Join Fr. Martin Pereira in the Holy Land – December 4–14, 2014**

Fr. Martin joins us occasionally for Sunday Mass, weddings, funerals – you know him from his neatly-trimmed goatee and his heartfelt "good morning!" before the Opening Prayer. Now you can return that greeting in the Holy Land! Join Fr. Martin on this pilgrimage and visit Galilee, Jericho, Jerusalem and Bethlehem, the Dead Sea and more. Mass is celebrated daily. Trip cost includes return flight, hotels, transfers, admission fees, tips, taxes and most meals. See the posters at the church entrances and call Miki Friendly at 416-840-0855 for more information. **This may very well be the trip of a lifetime!**