

Concluding the introductory section of Mark's gospel, today's reading further clarifies the nature of the mission Jesus means to share with his disciples. As we have seen, the healings and deliverance performed by Jesus are part of his preaching of the Kingdom, signs that God will triumph over all the forces of evil in the world. This is brought out by Mark, as he recalls and contrasts two moments of healing.

There are practically no details in the gospels of the family circumstances of the apostles. The account of the curing of Peter's mother-in-law is therefore remarkable. It is generally accepted that Mark composed his gospel in Rome about the time of Peter's martyrdom. If this is true, Peter's telling of the story of Jesus would have been an important source of his material. In this incident we may well hear echoes of Peter's voice describing a sequence of events. Peter brings Jesus from the synagogue to his home for a meal; they are surprised to find the old lady ill with fever; Jesus heals her instantly by taking her hand and helping her up; fully recovered she gives herself to the service of the Lord.

To read Fr. Thornhill's entire reflection, scan the QR code or visit his website at www.theemmausseries.com/bo5sunday.html



Our Humbled Gratitude: Renew, Restore, Rejoice!

Throughout this campaign, we have reflected in gratitude on the sacrifices of those who have gone before us. Over the course of our 75-year history, we have developed into a dedicated Catholic family that is centered on celebrating our faith with each other. Now, due to your generosity and commitment to your church, our physical building will be better reflective of our vibrant community. We were presented with, and responded generously to, the promise of providing the same opportunities for future generations.

In addition to addressing our own needs, Our Lady of Sorrows has joined the transformative Family of Faith effort that has raised \$70 million from more than 10,000 Catholic households.



Family of Faith

Over the next several months, you will witness the beginning of an important new chapter in our parish's history. As we continue to **RESTORE** and **RENEW** our building, you will see our building projects come to life. If you haven't already, we encourage you to consider joining us on this historic occasion by making a commitment to our campaign.

Now, we will begin the **REJOICE** portion of our plans, which will further engage our family spiritually as we enjoy several events to commemorate our 75th Anniversary. Thank you for your vision and your commitment to maintaining our parish as a beacon of faith for others.

Pledge Processing and Future Payments

Just as each of you are good stewards with the blessings God has bestowed upon you, we pledge to be good stewards of the gifts you have given to this campaign. All subsequent pledge collection is conducted at the Donations Processing Office at the Catholic Pastoral Centre and they are happy to speak with our donors at any time to answer questions.

Once you have made your gift, it is recorded at Our Lady of Sorrows and then mailed to the Donations Processing Office. After your commitment is entered in the system, you will receive cheque payment reminders and return envelopes, according to the schedule you indicated on your pledge card. For your convenience, we offer direct debit (PAG) and credit card payment options. You can sign up for either by contacting the Catholic Pastoral Office at campaign@archtoronto.org or (416) 934-3400, ext. 536. Tax receipts will be issued directly from the Archdiocese of Toronto for all monies paid towards our campaign pledge. Should your personal circumstances change, you may also contact to make pledge alterations at any time.

Jesus created much excitement in His day through His preaching, teaching, and healing. Today, the Church communicates that same wonder and grace by those active in priesthood, religious life, and lay ministries.

If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux 416-968-0997 vocations@vocations.ca www.vocationstoronto.ca

Readings ~ Job 7:1-4, 6-7 ~ 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23 ~ Mark 1:29-39

PARISH

Mass Intentions This Week — February 9 to 15

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

	Intention(s):	Offered by:
Monday, 9am	✠ Eileen Harris	The family
Tuesday, 9am	✠ Gus Boem	Brian & Doretta Wilson
Wednesday, 9am	✠ Claire Houde Dubois	Lisa & John Cairns
Thursday, 9am	✠ Anne McCarthy	Elizabeth Bolger
Friday, 9am	✠ Agnes Brennan	The family
Saturday, 9am	✠ Jean Brennan	Michael J. Brennan
5:15pm	✠ Philip Anthony	The family
Sunday, 8am	✠ For the needs of our parish and faithful parishioners ✠	
9:30am	✠ Charles, Mary & Brendan McMullen	The family
11am	✠ members of the Koperwas family	The family
12:30pm	✠ Olga Wrobel	The family

Together we are continuing to work wonders...

"(The common good...) It means protecting people, showing loving concern for each and every person, especially children, the elderly, those in need, who are often the last we think about." — Pope Francis

Pope Francis encourages us to show loving concern for each other, and in so doing care for those who are often forgotten. As a Catholic community, how does the challenge to show this love for our neighbour manifest itself across our archdiocese? Through ShareLife agencies, we reach out to some of the most vulnerable and needy people in our community, helping our neighbours, friends and fellow parishioners as they work through difficult times. As we begin the ShareLife Campaign, please consider ways of supporting ShareLife, our annual Archdiocesan appeal, during this approaching Lenten season.

—Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto



ShareLife Sunday is March 1 — Please give generously. You can work wonders!

Pancake Tuesday Returns! — Feb. 17, continuous buffet service from 5–7pm

The ShareLife committee will again be hosting this 'scrumptious' event in the parish hall. Enjoy pancakes & sausage, along w/coffee, tea or orange juice... maple syrup, anyone?

► **Volunteers are needed** from 3–8pm. Please contact the parish office if you can help.

Victoria Scholars: Songs of Love — Sunday, March 1, 7:30pm @OLS

Enjoy this musical examination of love's many forms. This concert features works by Brahms, Fauré, Rutter, Tallis, & Vaughan Williams. Tickets (\$30/\$25) at the door or www.victoriascholars.ca

Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land November 9–17, 2015

This voyage under the spiritual leadership of Fr. Matthew Furguele marks the 75th Anniversary of OLS Parish. Cost is \$2,490 pp. Contact Halina at 905-886-0232, ext. 315 or 647-294-4116.

► **Next Weekend OLS Welcomes Deacon Philip Allard**

Deacon Allard has served in the same Scarborough parish since his 2000 ordination. He ministers in a residential addiction treatment centre for women and has worked for 25 years in a long-term care facility in Toronto. He will speak about Chalice, a Canadian, Catholic sponsorship program, explaining how each one of us can help a destitute child at one of 56 mission sites in 15 developing countries. In anticipation of his visit and for more information, visit www.chalice.ca



COMMUNITY

Cardinal Collins Invites Feedback in Preparation for 2015 Synod of Bishops

Cardinal Collins is inviting Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto to offer insights & feedback on issues that will be considered as part of the 2015 Synod of Bishops on "The Vocation and the Mission of the Family in the Church and in the Contemporary World." The deadline for feedback is Feb. 16. www.archtoronto.org/synod



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► **This Weekend We Celebrate Marriage Sunday!**

Cardinal Collins has provided this opportunity to honour husband and wife while saluting the faithfulness, sacrifice and joy that comes with the marriage covenant. To those preparing for marriage, newlyweds and those that have been companions on the journey for decades, we offer our prayers and best wishes in a special way this weekend.

Let us celebrate the tremendous contributions of married couples who continue to strengthen our faith community. More information & resources available at www.archtoronto.org/marriage

Lenten Listening: A Busy Person's Retreat — February 18, 6:30pm

FCI Faith Connections, Regis College & the Toronto Area Vocation Directors Association invite young adults (18-39) to experience the gift of spiritual accompaniment this Lent! The retreat will begin & end with a group gathering. In the six weeks between, you will be invited to spend 15 minutes a day in prayer and meet with a spiritual companion in your area three times for one hour. Cost is \$25.

Register by Feb. 9. Call John-Paul at 416-467-2645 or email faithconnections@csj-to.ca

Las Mañanitas: A Baroque High Mass in New Spain February 28, 7:30pm

Toronto's Tallis Choir under the direction of Artistic Director Peter Mahon, present this recreation of the Mass of the Virgin of Guadalupe held in Puebla Cathedral, Mexico, on December 12, 1650. Includes the music of Padilla, Victoria and Guerrero along with a guest organist and lutenist. At St. Patrick's Church (McCaul & Dundas). Tickets and info at www.tallischoir.com

37th Annual St. Patrick's Mass and Celebration — Sunday, March 1, 3:30pm

Join the Irish and Irish-at-heart at St. Cecilia's Church, 161 Annette St. Be sure to wish everyone **Beannachtaí na Féile Pádraig dhuit!** (that's BAN-ukh-tee nuh FAY-leh PAH-drig gwitch, which means "St. Patrick's Day blessings to you!"). His Eminence, Cardinal Collins will be principal celebrant & homilist. Enjoy the Solemn Blessing of the Shamrock & the musical offerings of Irish harpist Eithne Heffernan. An informal reception will follow in the parish hall with Irish coffee, a fine selection of Hibernian delicacies, traditional Irish music, dancers & entertainment. For info, call 416-769-8163 or email stceciatoronto@gmail.com

Lift Jesus Higher Rally — March 7, 9am–5:30pm, Metro Convention Centre

The theme "The Happiness Factor" will fill you with certainty of the abiding love & joy that God has for His people. Keynote speaker, Al Kresta, CEO of Ave Maria Catholic Radio, will be joined by the Renewal Ministries team. Enjoy compelling talks & uplifting music, prayer ministry, inspiring personal testimonies, confession, a Divine Mercy celebration & a Eucharistic procession. Closing Mass will be celebrated by Cardinal Collins. A youth rally (13-18 year-olds) will be held simultaneously next door. Tickets: \$10/youth rally, \$20/adult rally. For info, call 416-251-4255, email LJHR@rogers.com or visit www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.org

Pilgrimage to The (U.S.) National Shrine of The Divine Mercy — Apr. 11–13

Join Fr. Martin Pereira on a memorable journey! Given a 96% rating by TripAdvisor.com members, the National Shrine of the Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, MA is a "stunning and very moving...oasis of peace" and most worthy of your time. Cost is \$475 per person. Call 416-251-9944 for more info.