

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 beginning of the Church 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.

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.

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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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Prayer to the Holy Spirit
Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of Your faithful
And kindle in them
the fire of Your love.
Send forth Your Spirit
and they shall be created
And You shall renew
the face of the earth.
Lord, by the light
of the Holy Spirit
you have taught the hearts
of your faithful.
In the same Spirit help us
to relish what is right
and always rejoice
in your consolation.
We ask this
through Christ, our Lord. Amen

Readings ~ Acts 2:1-11 ~ 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 ~ John 20:19-23

PARISH

Mass Intentions This Week — June 5 to June 11

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

	Intention(s):	Offered by:
Monday, 9am	✠ Nicholas Doran	Irene Worobec & Jack Kellar
Tuesday, 9am	✠ Jose Martinho Coutinho	family
Wednesday, 9am	✠ Tekla Dubrovskis	family
Thursday, 9am	✠ Aileen & Harold Kelson	Agnes Burke
Friday, 9am	✠ Colleen O'Grady	Linda McCarron & Adrian Bulfon
Saturday, 9am	✠ Beverley Rahal	Moran family
5:15pm	✠ Christopher Farron	family
Sunday, 8am	✠ Helen Pawlowski	family
9:30am	✠ For the needs of our parish and faithful parishioners ✠	
11am	✠ Christopher Farrar	Houston family
12:30pm	✠ Marguerite Guirguis	Guirguis family

Refugee Committee Update — A copy of the update is posted on the bulletin board. Printed copies are also available at the back of the church.

Fr. Ron Krafchik would like to thank the pastor and parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows for the reception after the 9am Mass on May 29, celebrating his sixty years as a priest of the Toronto Archdiocese. He cherishes celebrating his Catholic Faith in the context of a vibrant parish community, and happily offers his priestly ministry to the parish whenever needed. Thanks to all who sent their best wishes!



OLS Bundle Weekend — June 24 to 25, 2017

Bundle Up for Saint Vincent de Paul! Bring your gently used clothing, shoes, linen and household goods to share with others the weekend of June 24/25. Volunteers will assist with the collection & loading of securely tied or sealed bags or boxes of gently used items in the Saint Vincent de Paul truck that will be in the church parking lot that weekend. SVDP is currently looking for volunteers to help with Bundle Weekend. Interested? Email Nick Straatsma at nstraatsma@gmail.com.

Religious Education 2017-2018 Program Registration — Registration for Religious Education classes is now being accepted. Children who are in Grades 1 through 7 and attending non-Catholic schools, whose families are registered parishioners are encouraged to register for the classes. The program is largely volunteer-run, therefore parents are expected to assist in some way. Registration forms are available through the parish office. Call the parish office at 416 231 6016 or email olosorrows@bellnet.ca.

Special Collection: Marygrove Camp - The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Toronto Central Council, helps over 1,000 girls each summer, registering eligible campers through home visits. Marygrove Camp is a residential camp situated on Georgian Bay, Ontario. Open to eligible girls, ages 5-13, Marygrove provides a camping experience for children who may not otherwise have the opportunity to enjoy a camping adventure. Next weekend, June 10/11, we will have a special collection for Marygrove Camp. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Retirement Reception for Fr. Martin Pereira — St. Francis Xavier Church in Mississauga (5650 Mavis Rd.) is celebrating Fr. Martin's retirement with a reception on Saturday, July 8, 6:30pm-9:00pm. All are welcome. Please bring a favourite dish or dessert. RSVP 905 890 5290 ext. 223 or email joanita@stfrancisxavierchurch.ca

COMMUNITY

Working wonders for those who need help in our neighbourhood...

Working with St. Elizabeth HealthCare, ShareLife, through Catholic Charities, has implemented a shared services initiative that has provided support to agencies in the areas of human resources (16 agencies) and financial services (5 agencies). Now in its fourth year of activity, agencies participating in this initiative report that they are able to improve the quality, competency and accuracy of their work in these areas. Some Executive Directors reported on the impact of this initiative to their agency. **"It has enhanced our agency's competence." shares one Executive Director, "Before, I was in way over my head, but trying to do my best. Now, I have expertise at my disposal and feel comfortable."**



Our parish goal for ShareLife is \$427,000.00; as of May 26th, we have raised \$311,134.14!
ShareLife's campaign continues! Please give generously. You can work wonders!

Lectio Divina with Cardinal Thomas Collins : "The Prodigal Son" — Sunday, June 4 Vespers (evening prayer) begins at 7:00pm followed by Lectio Divina (divine, or sacred reading) from 7:30pm-8:15pm at St. Michael's Cathedral. All are welcome.

ACTS Retreat for Men - Thursday, June 8 to Sunday, June 11, Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, 1617 Blythe Rd., Mississauga Consider registering now to reserve a place at the Men's ACTS Retreat at Queen of Apostles Retreat Centre in Mississauga. Experience the beauty and spiritual miracles that many men from around Ontario have enjoyed. The host parish for this retreat is St. Martin of Tours, Mississauga. Call Ray Pellerin at 905 327 1425 or email nrpts_rp@hotmail.com

Franklin Horner Community Center 30th Anniversary — Saturday, June 10, 12noon-4pm - Your invited to the anniversary celebration and grand re-opening of the Franklin Horner Community Center. Live entertainment, free BBQ and food sampling station, tours, exotic petting zoo and more. All are welcome! Call 416 252 6822 for more information.

St. Paul's Basilica Taizé Prayer Service Moved by The Spirit - Sunday, June 11, 3:30-4:30 p.m - St. Paul's Basilica Parish invites you to meditative scripture-based prayer and music in the Taizé tradition. Join us in celebrating the Pentecost season through contemplative song, scripture and silence. All are welcome. Social and light refreshments to follow. RSVPs appreciated. Email stpaultaize@gmail.com or visit www.stpaulsbasilicaparish.com

Events at Marylake Shrine of Our Lady of Grace (King City)
Call 905 833 5368 or visit www.marylake.com for more information.

- 1) Tridentine Mass — Saturday, June 10 at 7pm**
The Augustinians at Marylake invite you to a Latin Mass in the extraordinary form. Celebrant is Fr. Steven Szakaczki, Chaplain for the Usus Antiquior Form.
- 2) Rosary Sunday at Marylake — Sunday, June 11**
Confession from 10am -11am. Mass starts at 11am. Procession, Outdoor Living Rosary and Benediction at 12:45pm. Rain or Shine. \$10 per car admission donation.

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