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Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am

Morning Prayer:

Tuesday to Friday 8:30 am

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday to Friday: 9:00 am
Saturdays & Holidays: 9:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 4:00 pm to 4:30 pm
First Friday 6:15 pm to 6:45 pm
For any other day by appointment only

First Fridays:

Holy Hour: 6:00 pm
Mass 7:00 pm

Baptism:

By appointment and after an interview with the parents.

Marriage:

Couples planning to be married should contact the pastor one year in advance.

Care of the Sick:

Please call the parish to request visitation of the sick or elderly for prayers, Holy Communion, Sacrament of the Sick.

New Parishioners:

Registration Form is available in the vestibule of the Church, in the parish office or on the website.

Eucharistic Healing Procession & Benediction

Every 1st Sat. of the Month after the 9:00am Mass.

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Principal: Kimberly Blanchet

<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
May	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
15 Mon, 9am	NO MASS	
16 Tues, 9am	Thanksgiving – Fe & Vinda Olase	Connie & Beth Escabarte
17 Wed, 9am	Rosalia Alteza +	Nemie & Mitz Caldosos
18 Thur, 9am	Joseph Lobo +	D'Souza Family
19 Fri, 9am	John Kim +	Helena Lee
20 Sat, 9am	All Parishioners Rose Marie Rivers + Saviour Agius + Daniel Leon + Dionisia Claudio + Thanksgiving – Lolita Bayon Thanksgiving – Rebecca Baltazar Dimitrios Gallos + Nikola & Sharon Mary Agius Linda & Mark Beaulieu Bella Celestial Ella Ferris Mila Benedicto Legion of Mary
21 Sun 9am	Denzil Lobo +	D'Souza Family
11 am	Thanksgiving - Myrte & Law Saldanha	D'Souza Family

Meditate on God's Word



Sunday Gospel Reflection
Gospel: John 14.15-21- The Promise of the Holy Spirit

Strengthening our Stewardship with the Holy Spirit

As we approach the end of the Easter season our readings begin to focus on the Holy Spirit that awaits us on Pentecost. In today's first reading we hear the account of some believers receiving the Holy Spirit after Peter and John laid their hands on them. The Catechism says that "the imposition of hands is rightly recognized by the Catholic tradition as the origin of the sacrament of Confirmation, which in a certain way perpetuates the grace of Pentecost in the Church" (CCC 1288). So, as we have read the biblical roots of the sacrament of Confirmation, let us reflect on its significance in our own lives 2000 years later. The Second Vatican Council says that through "the sacrament of Confirmation, [the baptized] are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence they are, as true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed" (Lumen Gentium, 11). Confirmation makes us obliged to spread the Gospel through "word and deed" because we receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. We all have a special share of these gifts, which consist of fortitude, wisdom, knowledge, understanding, fear of the Lord, piety and counsel. If for example, we have a greater outpouring of the gift of knowledge, we can use this to help with catechesis ministries in the parish that seek to teach the faith to others. Essentially, Confirmation strengthens our call to be stewards of Christ. Let us use our gifts to spread the Gospel in our parish communities as a way of living out our call of Confirmation and let us do so by turning to the Holy Spirit to guide us.

Summary

In today's first reading we hear the biblical roots of Confirmation as some believers receive the Holy Spirit after Peter and John lay their hands on them. The Second Vatican Council says that Confirmation, and the receiving of the Holy Spirit, makes us obliged to spread the Gospel through "word and deed." Let us strive to do this in our parish communities as a way of living out our call of Confirmation and let us do so by turning to the Holy Spirit to guide us

<https://www.archtoronto.org/stewardship>

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament



We would like to inform everyone that the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is every **Tuesday to Friday after 9:30 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.** in

the Church ***except on holidays.***



Let us pray for the sick

We keep in our prayers the sick, the homebound, and the "forgotten members" in our community.

If you have a loved one you would like on our Sick list, please call or email us. We will keep their names on our list for 4 weeks. *Thank you.*



O Mary! We crown thee with blossoms today, Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May. Revelation 12:1-6 gives us great insight into the honor Christ has given his mother. A sign

appears in the heavens! A woman crowned with twelve stars and adorned with the sun. She stands on the moon, about to give birth to a male child. A son “who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron.”

In all of human history no woman has ever been granted so much honor as Mary. It is fitting to see her adorned with a crown. God chose her alone to be his mother. This is not merely a biological relationship. Christ was subject to Mary as a son is subject to his mother. The Lord of all creation *made himself subject to the authority of Mary*. She truly is Jesus’ mom.



Join the Kolbe ‘KNOW YOUR FAITH’ series for 4 Tuesdays: 7 – 9 p.m. on **May 16, 23, and 30th**, as we continue our study on **“SALVATION HISTORY: THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW:**

Part V”. Through prayer, study and informative DVDs, enhance your understanding and knowledge of the New Testament and deepen your awareness of God’s merciful love in your own life. See the flyer on the Parish bulletin board or visit www.kolbeapostolate.com for more information.

St Vincent de Paul - Marygrove & Ozanam Camp:

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is now accepting names of children from families in need who want an opportunity (free of charge) to attend the Society’s Camps - Marygrove Camp for Girls aged 5 -13 & Camp Ozanam for Boys aged 7 – 12. Please call us at 416-421-5225 Option 3 and leave your Name, Tel, Child’s name & age and a member of the Society will get back to you to arrange for an interview and completion of forms.



Mother's Day comes once a year. Some think that if they buy their mother flowers and a card that they have fulfilled their obligation for the rest of the year. If we would only comprehended a small part of what our mothers did for us as children. How they would literally die for us if needed. We would realize that one day is not sufficient. Mother's Day should be a time to remind us that we have been neglecting our duties as sons and daughters. This relationship is sacred let us honor our mothers.



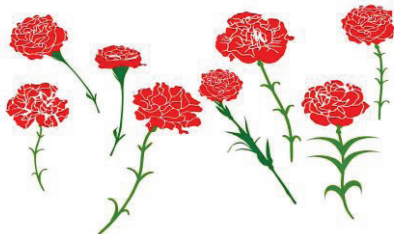
Special Collection: Pope’s Pastoral Works

– May 14, 2023 The Pope’s Pastoral Works collection was established by the bishops of Canada in 1970. The Papal Charities allow the Pope to contribute to various charitable causes around the world, particularly toward aiding the victims of war, famine and natural disasters. By contributing to the Pope’s Pastoral Works, the faithful of Canada give a universal dimension to their charity.

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A Prayer in Gratitude for Our Mothers

Good and Gentle God, we pray in gratitude for our mothers and for all the women of theory who have joined with you in the wonder of bringing forth new life. You who became human through a woman, grant to all mothers the courage they need to face the uncertain future that life with children always brings. Give them the strength to live and to be loved in return, not perfectly, but humanly. Give them the faithful support of husband, family and friends as they care for the physical and spiritual growth of their children. Give them joy and delight in their children to sustain them through the trials of motherhood. Most of all, give them the wisdom to turn to you for help when they need it most.



CWL is inviting all mums / nans / grans to come and join us for Mother’s Day flower distribution.



PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY: we as a parish family would like to express our sincere condolences to Fr. Freddie and his family. We ask you to pray for the eternal repose of the soul of Dionisia Claudio (mother of Fr. Freddie). May she rest in Peace! Amen. May the Lord God help and bless his grieving family at this difficult time.

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