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**Weekend Masses:**

Saturday 9:00 am  
Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am

**Morning Prayer:**

Wednesday & Friday 8:30 am

**Weekday Masses:**

Wednesday & Friday 9:00 am

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Saturday 9:30 am to 10:00 am  
First Friday 6:15 pm to 6:45 pm  
For any other day by appointment only

**First Fridays: *except July and August***

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.

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**Principal:** Arlene Martin

... <i>Mass Intentions</i>		
May	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
11 Mon, 9am	<b>NO MASS</b>	
12 Tues, 9am	Thanksgiving – Fr. Charles Anang	Therese De Manche
13 Wed, 9am	Teresita Que +	Fe & Vinda Olase
14 Thurs, 9am	<b>Canadian Martyrs</b>	
15 Fri, 9am	Thanksgiving – Vinda Olase	Fe Olase
16 Sat, 9am	All Parishioners All Souls in Purgatory Elsa Ramos +  Gina & Carmine Nicoletti +  Thanksgiving Prayers – Zablan Family <b>Canadian Martyrs</b>	..... Noronha Family Nelson & Nelia Ducusin Aldo Nicoletti & Family Zablan Family
17 Sun, 9am	Maria Boudreau +	Karin Doumouras
11 am	Joe Lobo +	D'Souza Family

# Meditate on God's Word



*6th Sunday of Easter*  
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 takes place every [Wednesday and Friday after the 9:00 a.m. Mass from 9:30am 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.*



Sunday April 26 the children from Holy Cross and Canadian Martyrs celebrated their First Holy Communion. Our hearts were full on this beautiful occasion when these little brides and grooms received the body, blood, soul and divinity of their Lord. Father Freddie's beautiful homily reminded us that "more beautiful than a Saint's last communion is a child's first". We would like to thank Father and all those who helped make this celebration so special, especially our volunteer catechists: Juliana Stewart, Denise Roberts, Elena Manuel, Mary Quinagon and the Choir. May our children continue to come to be fed by Jesus!



Join the Kolbe 'KNOW YOUR FAITH' series for 4 Tuesdays: 7-9 p.m. on MAY 5, 12, --- 26 + JUNE 2nd as we encounter Christ in the unique 'GOSPEL OF ST. JOHN' through teaching, meditation and DVD.

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 for more information.

**Marygrove & Camp Ozanam Announcement**

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is now accepting applications for girls and boys interested in attending our overnight camps who, due to circumstances, would not otherwise have an opportunity to do so. Both camps provide a fully subsidized camp opportunity (no fees). Transportation is available at a designated location to/from each camp.

Marygrove Camp welcomes girls ages 5-13 for an 8-day camping adventure on the shores of Georgian Bay.

Camp Ozanam welcomes boys, ages 7-12 for a 7-day camping adventure on Deer Lake in South River. Please call us at 416-421-5225 Option 3 and leave your name, telephone number, child's name & age and a member of the Society will get back to you to arrange for an interview and completion of forms.



**St. Vincent de Paul - Spring Bundle Up Weekend – May 16/17.**

On the weekend of May 16/17, The St. Vincent de Paul truck will be parked at the back of the church to take your donations. **We accept:** Any clothing, footwear, beddings (any condition), drapery, towels, toys (new only). **We DON'T accept:** Baby items, construction materials, furniture, books, dishes. A member of the society will be at the truck and ready to assist you between 9 am to 6 pm on both Saturday and Sunday. Thank you for your continued support.

**Strong moms raise strong hearts**



**Happy Mother's Day**

Today, we celebrate and dedicate this special moment to mothers of all kinds—biological, adoptive, spiritual, and all those who lovingly care for others. We honor mother figures who have given life, nurtured growth, and offered comfort, wisdom, and love. We recognize their sacrifices, celebrate their strength, and give thanks for the

immeasurable impact they have made in our lives and our communities.



*Crowning of Mary*

**Sunday, May 10  
during the 11:00am  
Holy Mass**

This special Marian celebration honors the Blessed Virgin Mary as our Queen and Mother. We welcome everyone to come and share in prayer, devotion, and thanksgiving. Bring a flower to place at Mary's feet.

We look forward to celebrating this beautiful occasion with you.





We are pleased to invite you to become part of the *Legion of Mary*, an apostolic association of lay Catholics who strive to serve the Church under the guidance of the Blessed Virgin Mary through prayer and active works. Our weekly meetings are held on **Saturday at 11:00am in the church hall** Guests are always welcome

to attend and learn more about the Legion's mission and spirituality. For more information, please contact Teresita Felonia 647-528-8864 or Elena Manuel 416-878-9272. We hope you can join us. May God bless you.



Mother's Day flowers – The CWL will be giving flowers to mothers today for all Masses. It's a beautiful way to honor and appreciate the special women in the community.

<b>Special Devotion Candle May 5 to 12</b>	
	<b>Birthday Thanksgiving – Marie Cervantes</b> Requested by: Marie Cervantes "Asking for God's continued blessings, good health, and guidance in the year ahead."
	<b>Thanksgiving – Fr. John Pat</b> Requested by: Claudette Wilson "May God bless you abundantly with peace, joy, and strength as you continue to serve Him and His people."

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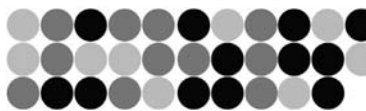
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