

The reading from Acts sets the tone for today's celebration. Luke tells how the Church's universal mission was inaugurated, in the power of the Holy Spirit, as faithful Jews gathered for their Pentecost festival, fifty days after the Passover celebration. Luke was conscious of his task of telling the world what had really happened – as he makes clear in introducing each of his two works. He faced a great challenge, however, as he set out to describe and interpret the vast complexity of the Church's early development. He met this difficulty by choosing several events that were turning points in the Church's history, and presenting them in a dramatic way that made clear their profound significance – a device used by other writers of the day.

Luke's story of the Church's first Pentecost is an example of this approach. The Church's first courageous witness, and its subsequent announcing of the Good News throughout the known world, was a remarkable fulfilment of the Saviour's promise that he would give his disciples courage and power through the gift of his own Spirit (Mk. 13.9-11). The universality of the Church's mission is made clear. The Church's first witness is to 'devout people from every nation' – in the first place to Jews, but with the mention of 'proselytes' among the crowd addressed the conversion of the gentiles is also anticipated. In the continuation of our passage, Peter's sermon gives a summary of the Church's early witness.

It is in the power of the Spirit that the Church takes up its mission. Today, before all days, the Church invites us to deepen our faith in the Saviour's gift of his own Spirit. Already in the Old Testament, 'the Spirit of God' was active as a life-giving force at work in creation. Anointed by the Spirit as God's 'Servant', in fulfilment of the prophecies of the Book of Isaiah, Jesus has led us to know the Spirit as a Person sharing the one divine life with the Father and the Son. Today's gospel reading is a meditation upon this shared life, and the way in which those who find faith in Christ have the Father and the Son 'make their home' in them. Those who have received the gift of Christ's own Spirit will be led to know how the Saviour is the source of hope for the whole world – as the Spirit 'reminds' them of all that Jesus said and did.

The Spirit is the Spirit of Christ; the Spirit is the very life principle of the Church; the Spirit dwells in each believer as our 'paraclete' – the companion who stands by us in all our trials, providing whatever is needed to survive every trial. We live 'in Christ' because he has given us his own Spirit. Writing to the Romans, St. Paul reminds these new converts that, together with the Father and the Son, the Holy Spirit will come to 'live in them' – renewing their lives, as they set aside their old fears, and find joy and encouragement, as the Father's beloved 'children' who are 'coheirs with Christ', sharing the blessings of his resurrection.



The Holy Spirit will remind you of all I have said to you

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The confused and fear-filled apostles were totally changed by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit as they became powerful and dynamic proclaimers of their faith in Jesus Christ. In today's Church God calls priests, religious and deacons to serve Him and to serve others especially by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

If you feel God may be calling you to this ministry, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux 416-968-0997 vocations@vocations.ca www.vocationstoronto.ca

Readings ~ Acts 2.1-11 ~ 1 Corinthians 12.3b-7, 12-13 or Romans 8.8-17 ~ John 20, 19-23

PARISH

Mass Intentions This Week – May 16–22

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

	Intention(s):	Offered by:
Monday, 9am	... of Anna Mruzova & Magdalena Pizon	Monica Kozak
Tuesday, 9am	✠ Tom Brennan	Denis & Rena Guerard
Wednesday, 9am	✠ Rosanna Mossa	Giuseppina Valle & family
Thursday, 9am	✠ members of the Grogan family	
Friday, 9am	✠ Maureen Keane	Philip Keane & family
Saturday, 9am	✠ Lovey Moran	The family
5:15pm	✠ Richard ✠ members of the Gardian family	Caitlin & Sally Gardian
Sunday, 8am	☞ For the needs of our parish and faithful parishioners ☞	
9:30am	✠ Ricardo Diaz	The family
11am	✠ Horace McCubbin	The family
12:30pm	✠ Bernice Wisniewski	The family

Commemorative Book – Call for photos! Can you help?

The volunteer committee is looking for photos from any of the 75th Anniversary events, especially the Blue Diamond Dinner Dance, Anniversary Concert and the Blessing of the Doors. Please email photos@sorrows.ca or contact us to arrange to have them scanned.

Ecuadorian Earthquakes – Humanitarian Relief

The Archdiocese is accepting financial contributions following the 7.8 and 6.1 magnitude earthquakes on April 16 and 20, along with the many aftershocks. Huge areas of Ecuador are devastated, with hundreds reported dead, thousands injured & tens of thousands of families left homeless. Workers from the official Catholic relief agency, Caritas Internationalis, have begun distributing tarps, hygiene & cooking kits. There is also a need for tents & inflatable boats; roads to some of the affected areas are impassable.



Fort McMurray, Alberta Wildfires – Disaster Relief

In an effort to support those who have been impacted by this disaster, the Archdiocese is accepting funds that will be channeled through the Canadian Red Cross. The Federal Government will match contributions to the Red Cross to assist people who have been displaced.

Those wishing to help may do so as follows: visit www.archtoronto.org or call 416-934-3411 or through the parish (office or offertory collection), making cheques payable to: OLS – Ecuador Earthquake – Humanitarian Relief and/or OLS – Fort McMurray Fires – Disaster Relief. Please continue to pray for those affected by these & other natural disasters. Thank you so much for your ongoing efforts to help those in crisis.

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

In response to operational challenges and funding cuts, agencies continue to explore creative ways of working together and reaching more clients. The first initiative known as "Shared Services" encourages agencies to share back office functions in the areas of human resources, financial management and information technology. The vision for this effort is to strengthen the collaboration of agencies guided by the philosophy of working for the common good. Ultimately these administrative and program efficiencies will lead to enhanced organizational capacity, reducing overhead and administrative costs for ShareLife supported agencies.

ShareLife's campaign continues! Please give generously. You can work wonders!



"Love, by its nature, is communication; it leads to openness and sharing." – Pope Francis

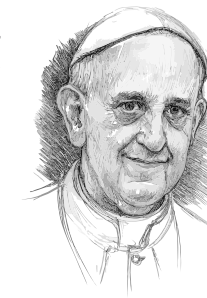
COMMUNITY

Euthanasia/Assisted Suicide – It's Time To Act!

On April 14, the federal government introduced Bill C-14 – legislation that, if passed, will amend the criminal code to make euthanasia/assisted suicide legal in Canada. Thousands of Canadians have contacted their elected officials, respectfully expressing their concerns. We still need your help. Visit www.CanadiansforConscience.ca to urge elected representatives to protect health care workers & institutions from having to provide or refer for euthanasia/assisted suicide. We are also asking Members of Parliament to expand palliative care & support for the vulnerable. Cardinal Collins has released a video statement on this legislation which can be viewed online at www.bit.ly/1Z8aqud – Thank you for your ongoing support!

An Uplifting Read: "Amoris Laetitia" (The Joy of Love)

On April 8, the Vatican released Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation, (papal document to the global church), "Amoris Laetitia: On Love in the Family", bringing together the results of two recent Synods on the family convoked by the Holy Father in 2014 and 2015. You are encouraged to download the full text at www.bit.ly/1WhdLYU or the summary at www.bit.ly/1Y5IXZT & visit www.archtoronto.org/synod for more resources on the Synod of Bishops on the Family.



Adoration Chapel at St. Clement Parish – open daily, 6am–midnight

You are invited to spend an hour before the Lord or drop in at any time for a visit. You are also welcome to sign up as permanent or substitute adorer. St. Clement Parish is 409 Markland Drive. For more information, please call Elizabeth at 416-621-4060.

On Marriage and Annulment – May 16, 6:30pm

Catholic Family Services and New Beginnings invite you to attend a New Beginnings talk with Fr. Alexander Laschuk, JCL on what the Catholic Church teaches about the Sacrament of Marriage and how and why in some cases a declaration of nullity (annulment) is granted. Fr. Alexander is the Associate Judicial Vicar with the Catholic Marriage Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Toronto. This talk takes place at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, 1155 Yonge St., 4th floor.

50th Anniversary of Blessed Trinity Parish – May 22, 12:15pm

In recognition of this milestone, Cardinal Collins will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary Mass. Following the Mass, a BBQ lunch will be prepared. Our past has been filled with blessings and the future with promise. In thankfulness to God, let us unite as we celebrate our 50 years of blessings. Blessed Trinity Parish is located at 3220 Bayview Avenue.

Quo Vadis Vocation Discernment Retreat – May 27, 7pm–May 29, 1pm

The Office of Vocations hosts a weekend retreat designed for single Catholic men who find themselves asking "Lord, what do you want me to do with my life?" This retreat is designed for men 18 years and older, who desire a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and wish to cultivate a deeper prayer life, helping them to discern God's call for their lives. Our retreat includes daily Mass, Eucharistic Adoration and confession with lots of time to pray, reflect, rest and to meet others considering the same things in life. Location: St. Augustine's Seminary, 2661 Kingston Rd., Scarborough. Call 416-968-0997 or email vocations@archtoronto.org

Blessed Sacrament Feast Day – May 29, 11:30am

Join us as we celebrate our feast day, Corpus Christi Sunday in this year of our 90th Anniversary (1926–2016). Cardinal Collins will celebrate the 11:30am Mass, followed by a Eucharistic procession in the streets around our church and a reception in the parish hall. Blessed Sacrament Parish is at 24 Cheritan Ave. Call 416-481-2256 for more information.