

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

### MASS INTENTIONS

**MONDAY, 1 MAY**

**9:10 AM +FOR THE UNBORN**

**TUESDAY, 2 MAY**

**9:10 AM +HENRY WONG CHEW ONN**

Requested by the Wong Chew Onn Family

**WEDNESDAY, 3 MAY**

**7:00 PM +DECEASED FAMILY MEMBERS OF KNIGHTS**

Requested by Knights of Columbus Council 11708

**+RON PRATO**

Requested by Maria Prato

**+GREGORY COUTINHO**

Requested by the Chan Family

**+FLORENCE BURNS**

Requested by Michelle Tidball

**+LORRAINE CHUNG**

Requested by the 2017 RCIA Group

**THURSDAY, 4 MAY**

**9:10 AM +ALFONSO AND HAO TUPAZ**

Requested by the Del Tupaz Family

**FRIDAY, 5 MAY**

**9:10 AM +IMELDA SO**

Requested by Susanna So

**7:00 PM +CARMELO SPADOLA**

Requested by Anna and Giovanni Spadola

**SATURDAY, 6 MAY**

**9:10 AM FOR THE INTENTIONS OF JULIET AND TIMOTHY DESOUZA**

**+MARIA GALIFFI**

Requested by the Repa Family

**+THE POOR SOULS IN PURGATORY**

Requested by the Martinez Family

**+VICTORIA ISLA**

Requested by Victoria Bisda

**+TERRY KELLY**

Requested by the Marianne Kelly Family

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**THE SANCTUARY LAMP  
IS OFFERED FOR THE REPOSE OF  
THE SOUL OF ANNABELLA WALLACE**

for the week of 30 April 2017

as requested by the Charismatic Prayer Group

**CROWNING OF MARY:** Please join Fr. Derek, the Legion of Mary, Knights of Columbus, Catholic Women's League and Charismatic Prayer group for the Rosary and Crowning of Mary, after the 7PM Mass on **Wednesday 3 May**. There will be some time for fellowship over light refreshments afterwards.



### FIRST COMMUNION MASS

will be celebrated on:

**Sunday 7 May at 4:00 PM**

for students from St. Justin and St. Monica School.

Please note that at the end of Mass, the First Communicants and their parents will remain in the Church for the presentation of their certificates.



### PRE-CONFIRMATION RETREAT FOR GRADE 6 STUDENTS:

Our parish will be holding Retreat Days for Grade 6 students on **1-4 May** in preparation for their Confirmation in 2018. If your child is in **Grade 6 in a public or private school**, please pick up an information letter at the church office. Students from our Catholic schools will receive the letter from their teacher.



The National March for Life in Ottawa will be held this year on **Thursday 11 May**. Join us for a day of speeches and a

peaceful march through the streets of downtown Ottawa to Parliament Hill. Through our prayers and silent witness, we will continue to defend the rights of the unborn and the most vulnerable in Canadian society. A deluxe coach bus will leave St. Patrick's Parish parking lot at 6:15am sharp. Please reserve a seat with Dan DiRocco at 647-300-4218 or Pat Redmond at 416-473-5279. Bring a packed lunch and a friend!

### HOMEcoming - May 2017

We all have loved ones who have left the Catholic Church. They are our children. Our grandchildren. Siblings and other relatives. Friends, neighbours and coworkers. Our hearts break for them as they brave the wilderness of life, outside the hearth and home of the Catholic Church. How do we bring them home? And why did they leave in the first place?

Understanding the answer your loved one gives to that last question is just as important as the first—if we don't grasp the real reasons people leave the Church, we'll never be effective in our attempts to help them home.

This is the subject of "Homecoming: How to Bring Family and Friends Home to the Catholic Church" a two-part talk series by Cale Clarke here at St Justin's Parish on **Wednesdays 17 May and 24 May at 7:30PM** (following the 7 PM Mass). Hope to see you there!



### Canadian Hearts and Hands: A Mission Without Borders - Item Drive:

The following items are needed and will be gratefully accepted from **1-31 May 2017**:

Children's crocs (ages 5 and up); Shoes/dress shoes (no boots, please); Lined paper; Child/Youth sized leggings; Baby formula; Over the Counter Medications; Socks; First Aid supplies. Thank you for your generosity!!!!

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

By Cale Clarke

This Sunday's readings feature some of the most dramatic post-Easter events. The first reading, from Acts 2, features Peter's famous sermon at Pentecost in Jerusalem, after which many converted. What are some of the most important lessons from this event?

There are two things that really stand out to me from Peter's sermon from an apologetical point of view: what has been called the "Jerusalem factor", and the fact of Jesus' empty tomb. The two are very much interrelated.

The "Jerusalem factor" is simply this: after Jesus' Resurrection, the Apostles preached the message that he was alive in the very same city where he had been publicly crucified and buried. As noted later in the Acts of the Apostles, "this was not done in a corner" (Acts 26:26).

It's not as if the Apostles travelled to a faraway land and told the story of a man who had died and miraculously returned to life. If they had done so, no one would have been able to verify the facts of the case. They would have simply had to take the Apostles' word for it.

There is simply no way the Apostles could have preached the Resurrection in Jerusalem if Jesus' tomb had not been empty.

**True, but many allege the reason why the tomb is empty is because the Apostles stole the body. How does one respond to this accusation?**

Well, first of all, this charge is nothing new. In fact, it's mentioned in the pages of the New Testament. The Gospel of Matthew reports that that the religious leaders of Jerusalem bribed the guards of Jesus' tomb. They were to say that the Apostles stole the body while they slept (Matt. 28:13). This lie has certainly had legs throughout the centuries. St Justin Martyr reports that in his day (c. 150 AD) this explanation was still being proffered by opponents to the Faith. It even persists to this day.

This is ludicrous for many reasons. One can readily admit that many people will die for what they believe is true (like suicide bombers), but no one will die for what they know is a lie. All of the Apostles knew whether Jesus had appeared to them in his Resurrected body or not. The fact that they all died grisly martyrs' deaths (except John) rather than give up their faith in the Resurrection shows just how rock-solid their confidence in this event was. And your should be, too.

**VOCATIONS:** Do you recognize Christ in your life? Does your heart burn in his presence? How are you being called - as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997, email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org). Visit [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca) for more information.

<b>PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATE</b> As of 23 April 2017		
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
General Fund (Last week)	\$ 15,000	\$ 11,341
General Fund (Year-To-Date)	\$ 280,000	\$ 240,204
HOPE Fund (April)	\$ 10,000	\$ 9,327
HOPE Fund (Year-To-Date)	\$ 40,000	\$ 32,442
Debt Outstanding as of 1 January 2017		\$ 459,036



Many thanks to all parishioners who generously donated to ShareLife. We have collected thus far **\$62,996.40**. The campaign goal for our parish this year is **\$155,300**. Our next ShareLife collection will be next weekend **6/7 May**. You may wish to give through the parish office or online at [www.sharelife.org](http://www.sharelife.org), or place your donation in any Sunday basket before the end of July, the closing of the ShareLife Appeal.



**2017 SUMMER KIDS' CAMP**  
**Rome – Paul and the Underground Church**  
**10-14 July**  
**Monday to Friday**  
**10am to 1pm**  
**For children ages 5-9**  
**Cost \$60 each**

Registration has already begun. Forms are available in the parish office. Hurry! Spaces are limited.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE CAMP:** High school students or adults are needed as group leaders. Please leave your name and contact info in the parish office or email [youth@stjustin.com](mailto:youth@stjustin.com). Parents of children attending the camp are welcome to help out also.

**YOUNG ADULTS:** The representatives of our young adult ministry named Spiritus Via are looking to meet all of the young adults ages 19 to 35 in our parish as well as other parishes in the east and west so that we can hang out, get to know one another and grow in our faith! St Justin Martyr will be hosting our first event on Friday 12 May at 7:00 PM where we will be having a board game and potluck night downstairs of the parish! It will be a fun relaxing night to just hang out and get to know other young adults! If interested, please contact Melanie Chang: [melaniechang24@gmail.com](mailto:melaniechang24@gmail.com).

**Catholic Lifeline for Troubled Marriages:** For confidential information, please call 416-281-6007 or visit [www.torontoretrouvaille.com](http://www.torontoretrouvaille.com).