

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 22 MAY

9:10 AM +JOSEF SALLABERGER
Requested by Manfred and Maria Sallaberger

TUESDAY, 23 MAY

**9:10 AM FOR THE INTENTIONS OF
PETER SAVERIMUTHU**

WEDNESDAY, 24 MAY

7:00 PM +WILLIAM ERNEST JOHN D'SILVA
Requested by the D'Silva Family
+FLORENCE BURNS
Requested by Michelle Tidball
+YAP LEE CHUN AH-CHONG
Requested by the Chen Family
+MARIO ROSOLEN
Requested by Adriana Rosolen
+ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY
Requested by the Chen Family

THURSDAY, 25 MAY

9:10 AM PAK FOO WONG
Requested by Edwin Wong

FRIDAY, 26 MAY

9:10 AM +PAUL YUNG CHEE CHAN
Requested by Flavia Fung

SATURDAY, 27 MAY

9:10 AM +HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY
Requested by a Parishioner
+JOHN FOK
Requested by Henry Fok
EMMA WONG
Requested by the Ton Family
INTENTIONS OF THE MUNOZ FAMILY
Requested by Michelle Munoz Li
INTENTIONS OF THE REYS FAMILY
Requested by Michelle Munoz Li

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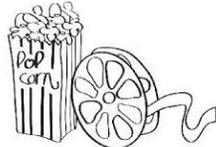


If you, or anyone you know who lives in our neighborhood and would like to become a Catholic, please call Fr. Joe for an appointment. Our **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)** program will begin in mid-September 2017.



UNIONVILLE FESTIVAL DUCK RACE - SATURDAY 3 JUNE: Organized by the Knights of Columbus of our parish, the annual "Duck" race is held at the festival on Main Street. Tickets are on sale after all Masses today and on the next weekend **27/28 May**. Thank you for your support.

JAMS, JELLIES, PRESERVES, AND PIES: If you enjoy making jams, jellies, preserves, pies or perhaps Christmas crafts, etc., we would like to invite you to join our Crafts Group. Contact Linda Moynagh through the office.



FREE MOVIE NIGHT – Presented by the Knights of Columbus, our next Free Movie Night in the church hall will be on **Saturday 27 May** at 6:30pm. We will be showing "Lion". Hot dogs, drinks, chips, popcorn will be served. Bring the whole family and enjoy!

AN UPDATE ON MILK BAG COLLECTION

Thank you to our church community for your continued support of the Milk Bag Program. In 2016, 5,729 mats were made in Ontario and many were sent off to third world countries but, many also stayed right here in the GTA being used for several programs. Still creating hundreds of these amazing sleeping mats, our local schools are very committed to the success of this program.

A FEW REMINDERS

Please remember to keep your "outer, colourful" milk bags for us and drop them in the bin located in the foyer of the church. Please make sure your bags are DRY without "spoiled milk". Thank you!

For more information about this program, please visit www.milkbagsunlimited.ca or contact Gail Cheung at gailscheung@gmail.com



THE SANCTUARY LAMP
IS OFFERED FOR THE REPOSE OF SOUL OF
ROMULO AND HORTENCIA BUZON
for the week of 21 May 2017
as requested by the Ton Family



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!!!!

HOMECOMING - May 2017

Part II of Cale Clarke's talk on "Homecoming: How to Bring Family and Friends Home to the Catholic Church" will be on this **Wednesday 24 May at 7:30PM** (following the 7 PM Mass). Hope to see you there!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL is looking for a clothes-dryer in good working condition for a needy family in the neighbourhood. If you have one to donate, please call 905-479-0103 ext. 52 to leave a message.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

By Cale Clarke

What exactly is apologetics? Who should engage in it, and how?

The word “apologetics” has nothing to do with “apologizing” for one’s faith. One should never be sorry for being a Catholic, because our faith is true! And it is precisely because it’s true that all Catholics can (and should) engage in the practice of apologetics.

The word “apologetics” is derived from the Greek word *apologia*, which means “defense”. Think of a lawyer making a case in court. And our Catholic faith is often put on trial, as it were - by people hostile to the faith, and also by others who are honest seekers with real doubts. Both groups deserve answers to their questions about the faith.

This Sunday’s second reading at Mass (1 Peter 3:15-18) puts it well. It reads, in part:

Beloved: Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence.

These brief words from St Peter are often quoted in discussions about apologetics, and rightly so. There is much to be gleaned here, but let me focus on two insights in particular.

Firstly, we must “always be ready to give an explanation” about our faith. That entails knowing the content about what we believe, and why. And that entails study. And study entails reading. We simply have to spend some of our time each week learning something about our faith by reading the Bible and good Catholic books. Great websites count here, too: I especially recommend the work of Catholic Answers (catholic.com).

But, this “explanation” need not consist of “just the facts” about our faith. One could also include here one’s own personal “testimony” or story - what God has done in your own life is real and can move others to faith (plus, it is very difficult to argue against another’s testimony). People are moved by real conviction. If we are not convinced about the truth of our own position, it will be very difficult to convince a skeptic.

Secondly, we should share our faith “with gentleness and reverence”. We engage in argument without being argumentative. We know that tense, emotional discussions often generate more “heat” than “light”. We don’t haughtily boast of our knowledge of the truth, nor do we deny that we believe we possess it. As Pope Benedict so often stated, Catholics should never impose what we believe on others, but rather propose the faith as being true. We respect the freedom of others to walk away, because faith can never be coerced. A person must make a considered, free and rational choice to put their trust in Christ.



PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of 14 May 2017

| | <u>Budget</u> | <u>Actual</u> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| General Fund (Last week) | \$ 15,000 | \$ 11,928 |
| General Fund (Year-To-Date) | \$ 325,000 | \$ 277,689 |
| HOPE Fund (May) | \$ 10,000 | \$ 7,235 |
| HOPE Fund (Year-To-Date) | \$ 50,000 | \$ 39,677 |
| Debt Outstanding as of 14 May 2017 | | \$ 407,738 |
| <i>(repayment of \$28,400 from Family of Faith campaign)</i> | | |



Attention donors to our parish’s Family of Faith campaign: Please help the Family of Faith campaign maintain its records by letting them

know of any changes to your information, including your e-mail address. Please contact the Donations Processing Centre at campaign@archtoronto.org or call 416.934.3400 x555.



Many thanks to all parishioners who generously donated to ShareLife. We have collected thus far **\$80,236.70**.

The campaign goal for our parish this year is **\$155,300**. Our next ShareLife collection will be on the weekend of **3/4 June**. You may wish to give through the parish office or online at 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. Parents of children attending the camp are welcome to help out also.



CATECHESIS OF GOOD SHEPHERD

For the families of Catechesis of Good Shepherd, a year-end Mass with Fr. Derek is planned for **30 May at 6 PM** in the church, followed by potluck dinner in the hall. Bring a salad or meat dish. The parish will provide dessert.