

PENTECOST SUNDAY

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 5 JUNE

9:10 AM +FOR THE UNBORN

TUESDAY, 6 JUNE

9:10 AM +MAGDA HERZ

Requested by Elfriede Klemmer

WEDNESDAY, 7 JUNE

7:00 PM +THOMAS SEBAMALAI

Requested by Mary Swendran

+RON PRATO

Requested by Maria Prato

+KITA SANZO

Requested by Adriana Rosolen

+AH-SENG AH-CHONG

Requested by the Ah-Chong Family

+ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY

Requested by the Ah-Chong Family

THURSDAY, 8 JUNE

9:10 AM +ROSALIA VIRGILIO

Requested by the Virgilio Family

FRIDAY, 9 JUNE

9:10 AM NO INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, 10 JUNE

9:10 AM +JOSEPH AND TERESA YAU

Requested by Agnes Yau

+HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

Requested by a Parishioner

+YAP LEE CHUN AH-CHONG

Requested by the Ah-Chong Family

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**THE SANCTUARY LAMP
IS OFFERED FOR THE REPOSE OF
HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY**
for the week of 4 June 2017
as requested by Maria Naccarato



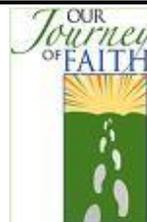
**Canadian Hearts and Hands, A Mission
Without Borders – SPRING BBQ:** We
will be doing BBQ in the parking lot after
all Masses this weekend and also on the
weekend **10/11 June**. All proceeds will be
directed to our missionary project in
Kenya. Thank you for your support.

**OUR PARISH WILL BE CLOSED THIS THURSDAY 8th
AND FRIDAY 9th OF JUNE** for the installation of new
sewage pump. During these two days, all water supply will
be cut off and no washroom facilities are available. Mass
will still take place at 9:10 a.m. on these days.



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.

We are looking for **Sponsors** who are weekly practicing Catholics and agree fully with the Church's teachings, to mentor candidates in the **RCIA (Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults)** 2017-2018 program which starts in September 2017. For those interested in becoming sponsors, please contact Cale Clarke in the office.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY 2017-2018

We are in need of adult volunteers 18 years of age or over to be teachers in the Children's Liturgy Ministry. This is a commitment of 6-8 sessions during the Sunday 10:30 am Mass from September to June. For more details, please call the parish office or email reception@stjustin.com.

MICAH (Markham Interchurch Committee for Affordable Housing): Affordable housing is for low-income families, seniors and disabled persons in our community. Please join us for our Annual General Meeting on **Tuesday 20 June** at 7:30pm, 20 Water Street, Markham, to learn more about MICAH. Please RSVP your intention to attend to the Board Secretary Barb Ribble, bjribble@gmail.com.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: The parish is looking for a part-time maintenance person to assist with tasks in the church. Previous experience is required. Interested persons please email your resume to karen@stjustin.com or call Karen at the parish office Ext. 27 for more information.

NEW ADVENTURES

On the 29th of June this year, two of our parish priests will be moving on to their new assignment:-
Fr. Michael Holmes goes as an Associate Pastor to Prince of Peace Parish, 265 Alton Tower Circle, Scarborough, ON. M1V 4E7.
Fr. Joe Singh goes as Pastor to St. Francis de Sales Parish, 101 Ravenscroft Road, Ajax, ON. L1T 4X1. He can be reached at sfdspastor@gmail.com.



We will have an opportunity to say farewell to Fr. Michael and Fr. Joe, and Deacon Paul who is also leaving the parish this month, on **Sunday 25 June** at 1:30pm in our parish hall. **If you are able to bring in food or refreshments for the reception, please sign up at the back of the church.**

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

By Cale Clarke

This Sunday is Pentecost Sunday. Could you explain its background?

When Pentecost arrives each year in the liturgical calendar, most Christians immediately think of the dramatic gift of the Holy Spirit poured out on the Church, Peter's impassioned preaching, and the mass conversion occasioned by this event, as recorded in Acts 2.

Many people are surprised to learn that the feast of Pentecost did not originate at this time. It has its roots in the Old Testament period. It's actually one of the great Jewish festivals in the liturgical cycles of Israel's worship. It was during this feast that the gift of the Holy Spirit was given to believers in Jesus the Messiah.

Was the festival of Pentecost known by another name during the Old Covenant period? What was its original purpose?

This feast was also called the feast of Weeks. It arrived seven weeks after the festival of Passover and Unleavened Bread came to an end. The name "Pentecost" is a Greek word that refers to the fifty-day period (Lev 23:15-22; Deut 16:9-12).

What the festival of Weeks/Pentecost celebrated was the great wheat and barley harvest that took place in the summertime (Lev 23:10-15). The Hebrews has different names for the months of the year at that time, but this took place roughly at the end of April and the beginning of May.

How can we relate the Old Covenant feast of Pentecost to that of the New?

There is much that could be said here, but let me focus on just a few points. In the New Testament, Jesus is presented as a new and greater Moses. Just as Moses dispenses the Spirit on his elders (Num 11:11-29), Jesus imparts the Holy Spirit to his Apostles (Jn 20:19-23, which is the Gospel reading for today).

Weeks/Pentecost was also linked in the Jewish tradition with the covenant made to Noah, which sheds light on how the Holy Spirit was gifted to humanity as a whole (Acts 2:5-11). Pentecost also, of course, is a celebration of the "first fruits" of the grain harvest, given by God. Jesus often spoke in agricultural parables of the world as a "field of souls". Those early believers in Christ were indeed part of the "first fruits" of people harvested from the world, to belong to God for all eternity.

PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATE		
As of 28 May 2017		
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
General Fund (Last week)	\$ 15,000	\$ 11,356
General Fund (Year-To-Date)	\$ 355,000	\$ 299,731
HOPE Fund (May)	\$ 10,000	\$ 7,235
HOPE Fund (Year-To-Date)	\$ 50,000	\$ 39,677
Debt Outstanding as of 21 May 2017		\$ 327,738





Many thanks to all parishioners who generously donated to ShareLife. We have collected thus far **\$83,224.70**. The campaign goal for our parish this year is **\$155,300**. If you are unable to give today, you may wish to log on to www.sharelife.org and give by credit card, or place your donation in any Sunday baskets 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.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC) 2017-2018

The RCIC program is for children at the age of 7 or up seeking the sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation, or First Communion. Saturday morning classes from 10:30am to 12noon will begin in October. Registration forms are now available in the parish office. **Teachers and high school students are encouraged to join this important ministry as class helpers.** For more information, please email Rachel Martinez at sjm.rcic@gmail.com.



FRIENDSHIP TEA
Sunday 11 June 2017 2:00 PM
at the Parish Hall
Hosted by the
Catholic Women's League
Ticket Price: \$10.00



GARDENING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to help planting and watering the exterior planters around the parish. If you can help, please contact the parish office.

YOUNG ADULTS: Our next meeting for those 18-35 years of age will be Friday 16 June from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Unionville Arms on Main Street Unionville. Our three priests will join us for this fun evening. For planning purposes, please RSVP to Andrew Santos at youth@stjustin.com. Bring a friend.