

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, May 13th

+ James Mailloux

Requested by Maureen MacDonald

Wednesday, May 14th

+ Michele Miles

Requested by Johnathan Rider

Thursday, May 15th

+ Anne Kerrigan

Requested by The Kerrigan Family

Friday, May 16th

+ Michele Miles

Requested by Johnathan Rider

Saturday, May 17th

+ Josefina M. Quizon

Requested by The Febria-Egan Family

REST IN PEACE

In your charity, pray for the repose of the soul of
Georgina Revells

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light burns this week for the repose of
the soul of Ian Harrison

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Philip Teixeira, John W., Gerry Genuino, Baby Isaiah
Liam, Baby Owen, Patrick O'Neill, Jacob McLean, Elaine
Attwood, Dawn Ruthven, Raphael Ng, Margaret (Peggy)
McCarthy, Lynn Sparkes, Edna Higgins

WEEKLY REFLECTION

The Lord Jesus wants to draw each of us close to himself. He wants us to be united with him and the Father. That is why he teaches us to pray to our Father in heaven and to ask for his kingdom to reign in our lives. Will you answer his call and welcome his presence with you?

Lord Jesus, you have the words of eternal life. Open my ears to hear your voice and to follow your ways. Give me understanding that I may grow in the knowledge of your great love and wisdom for my life.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS – MAY 11, 2025

On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, we join the Universal Church in praying for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life. We give thanks to God for those who have responded to His call, especially as we celebrate the ordinations in the Archdiocese of Toronto.

We congratulate and offer prayers for **James Cyfko**, **Alvin Joys**, and **Jesús Fidel Añón**, who were ordained to the priesthood this weekend. May their “yes” to God inspire many others to discern their own vocations with courage and faith.

Let us continue to pray for all those whom the Lord is calling to serve His Church.

FROM THE OFFICE OF CATHOLIC YOUTH (OCY):

❖ THE SOURCE (AGES 19-39)

Join the Sisters of Life and the Office of Catholic Youth for an evening of prayer at **St. Peter's Catholic Church on Thursday, May 15 at 7pm**. Spend some time with Our Lord amidst your busy schedule with the source and summit of our faith – Jesus in the Eucharist. There will be some time for fellowship and refreshments after the Holy Hour. This event is open to all parishioners and visitors! Holy Hour will begin at 7pm followed by a social time from 8pm to 9pm. Confessions will be available.
<https://ocytoronto.org/TheSource>

A DAY WITH MARY:

There are a few spots remaining for A Day With Mary taking place **May 31 at Villanova College in King City**. During this Jubilee Holy Year, spend a day with our Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Hope and deepen your devotion to her through a keynote address by Dr. Josephine Lombardi, a number of inspiring witnessings and Holy Mass presided over by His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo. This family-friendly event will have music, food, fellowship, children's catechesis and activities. For more information and to register, visit www.archtoronto.org/mary

PARISH NEWS / EVENTS

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY! A MESSAGE FROM HIS EMINENCE FRANK CARDINAL LEO

On this Mother's Day I wish to extend my blessing on all mothers. Thank you for everything you do for your families, the Church and the world. Through your daily acts of love, often hidden and humble but profoundly meaningful, you witness to God's love and are a sign of hope in the world. I encourage and pray for you and all mothers who embrace their vocation. May you seek daily to build the foundation of your children's lifelong relationship with God and be beacons of hope in the world. Please know that you are loved and appreciated and that your motherhood is not only important, it is sacred. May the Blessed Mother intercede and inspire you every day as "Catholic Moms", may your love for the Risen Lord increase daily, and may you continue your Pilgrimage of Hope in this life as an inspirational example of God's love whose fullness we will experience in the life to come. *God bless our mothers powerfully and abundantly.*

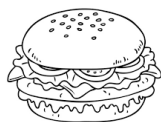
SPIRITUAL BOUQUET FOR MOTHER'S DAY:

Throughout the month of May, we invite parishioners to honor their mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, and all mother figures by filling out a prayer intention card. Cards are available at the entrance of the church and can be placed near the statue of Mary in the nearby basket.

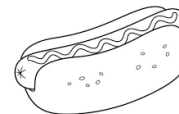
All names and intentions will be prayerfully offered together on **Saturday, May 31st at 4:30pm.**

SUMMER SEND-OFF BBQ – JUNE 21ST & 22ND

Join us for a Summer Send-Off BBQ – a great way to connect with fellow parishioners before the busyness of the summer begins!



Dates & Times:
Saturday, June 21st – 5:30PM to 6:30PM
Sunday, June 22nd – 10AM to 12:30PM



Tickets are just \$2 and include your meal and refreshments. Tickets can be purchased at the parish office (Monday to Friday during office hours), after mass at the entrance of the church, or at the event. We encourage you to buy in advance to help us plan accordingly. Come celebrate the start of summer with good food and even better company!

SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL "BUNDLE UP" COLLECTION WEEKEND – JUNE 21ST & JUNE 22ND

Please let those gently used items you can do without benefit our neighbors in need.

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is a non-profit charity whose volunteer members collect clothing, shoes, linens, and household goods to donate, exchange for vouchers or sell in order to support the works of the charity.

Please tie your donation bags or close your boxes to prevent any lost or missing articles.

There will be a truck parked in the laneway between the church and the rectory all weekend, open **Saturday, June 21st and Sunday, June 22nd**. Thank you for your generosity and kindness.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION

Beginning this May, in honour of Our Blessed Mother, we will be introducing the weekly devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help which will take place **every Wednesday at the 8:15AM Mass**. We will entrust all of our intentions to Her powerful intercession, most especially our parishioners who are sick and suffering during this time.

Just as the Child Jesus fled into the arms of his Mother when he was frightened, so too do we flee into the arms of our Blessed Mother with child-like confidence whenever fear envelopes our hearts. Just as the Virgin Mother consoled and comforted her Divine Child, so too does she console and comfort us, her spiritual children, in our afflictions. We can always come to her in our time of need and receive her help.

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St. John's Parish is now on Instagram! Stay connected with us throughout the week – follow **@StJohnsParishTo** for parish updates, events, inspirational content, Archdiocesan news and events, and more. Let's grow our faith community online!

