

**O**n Pentecost Day we celebrated the birth of the Church through the gift of the Spirit in the Paschal Mystery. That Church is built upon the foundation of the Apostles' (Eph 2.20) – the followers of the Lord must do the 'planting' and 'watering', knowing that it is only 'God who gives the growth' (1 Cor 3.6). Jesus called together a group of twelve – the new Israel he was inaugurating would realise the destiny of the old Israel and its twelve tribes. The subsequent fate of many of the Twelve after they had given their testimony to the Paschal Mystery is lost in the mists of history. Peter and Paul, however, live on in our Catholic memory. Today's readings call up for us this awareness of them as our constant companions in our journey of faith.

Peter, the bluff, hearty fisherman became the leader among the disciples, even during the life of Jesus. To him it was given by the Father to recognise and confess faith in Jesus as the one who would realise all the hopes of Israel. Failing tragically, he soon became the courageous leader and spokesman of the infant Church. Paul, the conscientious Pharisee and lover of the ways of old Israel, was also a man of passion. At first determined to destroy the Christian movement, he became, the fearless champion and interpreter of the faith, despite incredible hardships and betrayals.



I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven

They were so different. Their work in establishing the Church reminds us of the challenging ways of God, calling us all – though so different – to take up our responsibilities as disciples. The collaboration to which Peter and Paul were called was not without its difficulties and misunderstandings; their faith-filled response, however, made that collaboration a foundation that will be remembered until the end of time. So different in temperament and background, their discipleship led them to share a great deal: each underwent a humiliating conversion; each embraced the Saviour Cross – as their lives were 'poured out as a libation (i.e. a precious liquid poured into the ground as a sacrifice); each of them was sustained by the certain hope that they would share in the power of the Lord's resurrection. Both were to end their days as they gave their witness – in their teaching and the shedding of their blood – in Rome, the centre of their world.

The commission given to Peter in today's gospel implies a great authority – 'binding and loosing' was an effective authority in the life of Israel. Jesus' words refer to the final 'Kingdom'; the authority given to Peter concerns the 'Church', or 'Assembly', called together by God as a foreshadowing of the Kingdom. With the passing of time, as the steadfast faith of the Roman Church, nurtured by the Apostles, became a rallying point for the Church's unity, this was seen as a fulfilment of the promise of Jesus to Peter. In 1995, in a remarkable gesture, Pope John Paul II – in the encyclical, 'Ut unum sint' – called upon Christians of all traditions to assist the Holy See to understand how it should carry out its mission as the Church's principle of unity. Let us pray today that this desire will be fulfilled.

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Pope Francis @Pontifex Jun 24 – How I wish everyone had decent work! It is essential for human dignity.

Pope Francis @Pontifex Jun 19 – There is never a reason to lose hope. Jesus says: "I am with you until the end of the world".

**"But who do you say that I am?"**

If you feel you are being invited to service in consecrated life or the priesthood, contact Fr. Hansoo Park  
416-968-0997 vocations@vocations.ca www.vocationstoronto.ca

PARISH

Readings ~ Acts 12.1-11 ~ 2 Timothy 4.6-8, 17-18 ~ Matthew 16.13-19

**Mass Intentions This Week – June 30 to July 6**

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

	Intention(s):	Offered by:
Monday, 9am	✠ Wayne Craig	Diane Dupuy
Tuesday, 9am	✠ Larry Crooks	The family
Wednesday, 9am	✠ Theresa Moyseuik	The McCarthy family
Thursday, 9am	✠ Ron Picco	Diane Dupuy
Friday, 9am	✠ members of the Goseco, Feliciano & Valencia families	Linda Feliciano
Saturday, 9am	✠ Daniel J. & Shirley-Ann Scanlan	Yves Larocque
5:15pm	✠ For the needs of our parish and faithful parishioners ✠	
Sunday, 8am	✠ Jose Martinho Coutinho	The Coutinho family
9:30am	✠ Giuseppe Vendramin	Luigi & Mario Possamai & family
11am	✠ Melitona	Juana
12:30pm	✠ John Kelly	The OLS Music Ministry

**Rosary Group – stay and pray daily, after 9am Mass + Fridays, 2pm**

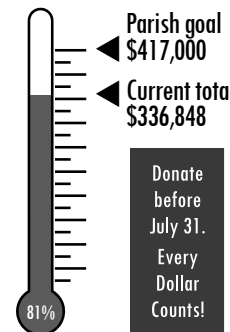
Five decades daily, fifteen decades on Fridays followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet are "a spiritual medicine... good for your heart, for your soul, for your whole life."

Franciscans

**Parish ShareLife Update – We're at 81% of our goal!**

**We're getting there!** A big 'thank-you' to parishioners who have already donated to this year's ShareLife campaign. If you haven't yet made a donation, or feel that you can increase your donation, now's the time! All donations received by July 31 will be credited to this year's campaign. Our hope is that each family in the parish will donate what they can to this important campaign which benefits hundreds of thousands of people every year. **Every donation, no matter the size, will make a difference in someone's life!**



**Stretch & Flex – all are welcome! – Tuesdays, 6:30–7:30pm in the parish hall**

\$10 per session. Bring a yoga-type mat, perhaps a bottle of water and wear comfy clothing!

**Planning to be a Catholic Teacher? – Information you need to know!**

It is critical for you to know that to be hired to teach in any Catholic school board in Ontario, as part of your application for employment there must be a letter of reference from your pastor. If you are planning to apply to teach in a Catholic school, it is **highly recommended** that you plan to have a conversation with Fr. Nino early in the process to avoid disappointment and stress at the time when applications are to be submitted.

**Mission Co-op Special Collection – Weekend of July 12/13**

This year our Mission Co-op speaker is Metropolitan Bishop Abraham Mar Julios of the Syro Malankaran diocese of Muvattupuzha, India. His Excellency is visiting the parish to speak about the mission activities and needs of the diocese and will celebrate and preach at all Masses. The Diocese is seeking help in its multi religious context for missionary needs of evangelization and for the various charitable projects for children, women and sick. **Please give generously!**

COMMUNITY

The Parish Survey is available at [www.sorrows.ca](http://www.sorrows.ca) – Will you help to enhance our faith community?

**Cardinal Collins' Letter to Justin Trudeau – Your call to action!**

His Eminence has expressed **deep concern** over the Liberal leader's expectation that candidates "vote pro-choice on any bills" & that pro-lifers will be "weeded out" from potential nomination applicants. [www.sorrows.ca/trudeau](http://www.sorrows.ca/trudeau) – Read the letter and act!

**Monthly Mass at Queen of Heaven Catholic Cemetery**

Please join us for the celebration of Mass on Saturday, July 5 at 9:30am in the St. Anthony Chapel of the Mausoleum. For further information contact the cemetery at 905-851-5822.

**Pilgrimage to France & Rome Celebrates Canadian Saints – Oct. 5–15**

Pope Francis will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving on October 12 for the canonizations of Saint Francis de Laval and Saint Marie of the Incarnation. His Eminence Cardinal Lacroix announced that a pilgrimage is being organized "In the steps of Saint Francis de Laval and Saint Marie of the Incarnation". The pilgrimage is in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Québec, the Séminaire de Québec and the Canadian Union of Ursulines. After visiting sites in Paris, Montigny sur Avre, Chartres, La Flèche, Solesmes and Tours, the pilgrims will travel to Rome and for the Mass of Thanksgiving to be presided by Pope Francis on October 12. The pilgrimage will be accompanied by Cardinal Lacroix. There is limited room for pilgrims wishing to participate. Information about the pilgrimage can be found and bookings made with Spiritours by calling 1-866-331-7965 or by visiting their website at [www.spiritours.com](http://www.spiritours.com)

**Stonegate Ministry Urgent Appeal from the Food Bank**

The Food Bank at Christ Church St. James, 194 Park Lawn Rd., is in short supply of pasta sauces, cereals, peanut butter, canned meats (tuna, chicken, etc.), baby diapers (size 5 & 6), baby food, canned fruits & vegetables. **Thank you for your generosity!** Direct your inquiries to Jeannie or Carol-Anne at [stonegateminiistryoffice@rogers.com](mailto:stonegateminiistryoffice@rogers.com)

**Online Book Discussion – "Can You Drink the Cup?" – June 29–August 2**

Hosted by the Henri Nouwen Society and led by Ray Glennon, this discussion will explore Henri Nouwen's "Can You Drink the Cup?" for five weeks. For more information, email Maureen Wright, Nouwen Legacy Manager at [mwright@henrinouwen.org](mailto:mwright@henrinouwen.org) or call 416-926-2287. You may also wish to visit [wp.henrinouwen.org/rgroup\\_blog](http://wp.henrinouwen.org/rgroup_blog)



**Hike and Prayer: Edwards Gardens – Rain or Shine – July 5, 10:30am**

Faith Connections invites all young adults 18-39 to join us for a Hike and Prayer followed by a picnic at Edwards Gardens. Meet at the SW corner of Leslie St. & Lawrence Ave. E. (under the Edwards Gardens sign) and please bring water, a picnic lunch, sturdy footwear and weather-appropriate gear. RSVP appreciated. Call Vanessa at 416-467-2645 or visit [www.faithconnections.ca](http://www.faithconnections.ca) – a ministry of Fontbonne Ministries, Sisters of St. Joseph, Toronto.



**Pilgrimage of Love: Walking from Toronto to the Cross of Teopoli**

The 17<sup>th</sup> annual "Pilgrimage of Love" organized by The United Society to sponsor underprivileged children to take part in the annual Teopoli Summer Experience will take place from July 5 to 13, starting from All Saints Church in Etobicoke & ending at the Holy Cross of Teopoli, near Gravenhurst. All are invited to participate for the whole pilgrimage or for part of it. If you're unable to walk, please support this effort financially. For info, please call 416-243-7319 or website at [www.teopoli.com](http://www.teopoli.com)

