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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SAT 03 | St. Philip & St. James, Apostles**  
 4:30 pm † Bela Kutasi

**SUN 04 |**  
 8:00 am † Liberto Goncalves  
 9:30 am *Pro Popolo*  
 11:00 am † Sr. Mary Clare Haladyn  
 12:30 pm † Geronimo Rosales  
 6:00 pm † Elvis Rego

**MON 05 |**  
 8:30 am † Elvira Riga

**TUES 06 | St. Francois de Laval**  
 8:30 am † Maria De Lordes Araujo  
 + Antonio Camara

**WED 07 |**  
 8:30 am † Ordination Anniversary

**THUR 08 |**  
 8:30 am † Special Birthday Intention

**FRI 09 |**  
 8:30 am *Multiple Intentions Mass*

**SAT 10 | St. John of Avila**  
 9:00 am *Multiple Intentions Mass*

**THE RISEN SAVIOUR'S GIFT OF PEACE!**

I am sure you have noticed the frequency with which, after His Resurrection, Our Lord greets His disciples with those simple words: **“Peace be with you”**. They are words which also come to us in one form or another in the Mass, especially as we prepare to meet Our Lord in Eucharistic Communion.

That awesome encounter with Him in the Sacrament of His Body and Blood gives us a clue as to how we best understand His words. When we think of *“peace”* we perhaps automatically think of its absence in so many parts of our world: wars in Europe, the Middle East and beyond, terrorism in its many manifestations, persecutions of the faith – the list is long.

It is right and proper that we pray for peace for all those caught up in the effects of war, violence and hatred. We might also think of how society is shattered in so many ways: crime, divorce, abortion, euthanasia, family breakdown and so on. So many of our fellow men and women lead lives which are deeply disturbed as a result of what has happened to them as old certainties and ways of behaviour collapse. We should indeed pray for them and for the allaying of their anxieties and the healing of their wounds, physical and emotional.

Also, in a time of economic upheaval and the accompanying worries that brings, we should pray for the peace necessary for society to continue to function properly in a time of deep uncertainty and stress. However, the peace which Christ bestows on us is some-thing deeper than all of these. Here are some words of St Thomas More: *“Nothing can come but than that God wills. And I make me very sure that whatsoever that be, seem it never so bad in sight, it shall indeed be the best.”* The words of a man about to suffer martyrdom for his faith in Christ and his adherence to the Church, reveal to us that true peace which Christ gives. It is a peace which comes from being united to Him; it is a peace which is unruffled, undisturbed by the events this world throws at us: the betrayal of friends, the collapse of hopes and plans, the tragedies and anxieties which are part of all our lives.

If we are friends with Christ, if His peace reigns in our hearts and souls then whatever happens *“it shall indeed be the best”*, because through it all God's plans are moving forward, even if we cannot perceive or understand them. That union, that friendship with Christ reaches a high point when we come to Him in Holy Communion. That goes to explain why Our Lord's resurrection appearances are often tied to *“the breaking of bread”* - to teach us that in the Eucharist, in the Mass, is the way we come to Him now. *“Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace”*.

This is what we pray for this weekend. A peace the world cannot give, a peace the world cannot take from us: **the best gift of them all.**

*Together with all the parish clergy and staff, I wish you and your loved ones every blessing this Paschaltide. ~ Fr. Paul Dobson*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MAY COFFEE HOUR - 9:00 am, Wed May 07<sup>th</sup>.** Guest speaker is Dr. Michelle Antao and topic is *“Detoxing”*. Table Donations are appreciated.

**ST. JOSEPH YOUTH MINISTRIES**  
**LifeTeen Grades 9-12 | Edge Grades 6-8**  
 For more information or to register, email Megan, at [ym.stjosephmi@gmail.com](mailto:ym.stjosephmi@gmail.com) and follow us on Instagram [@ym.stjosephmi@gmail.com](https://www.instagram.com/ym.stjosephmi)

**MENTAL HEALTH ANONYMOUS**

An Emotional Support Group, with Deacon George that operates along the same lines as an AA meeting from a Catholic perspective. For details visit the website at [mha.global](http://mha.global).

**MARCH FOR LIFE 2025 Thursday May 8<sup>th</sup>**

Join thousands of Canadians for the National March for Life in Ottawa. A bus will depart St Joseph Parish parking lot at 6:30 am and return around 9pm. Cost: \$40/person or sponsor a young person to go. Register or inquire at the parish office.

## MINISTRIES

### BIBLE STUDY LAST 6 WEEKS

Drop-in for the last 5 sessions of Jeff Cavins's Bible Timeline. No registration is required. Everyone is Welcome. Join on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm in the hall OR Tuesday morning at 9 am upstairs.

May 05 / May 06	Messianic Fulfillment 2	Luke 9:51-19:27
May 12 / May 13	Messianic Fulfillment 3	Luke 19:28-24:53
<b>May 19 / 20 Victoria Day Weekend NO SESSIONS</b>		
May 26 / May 27	The Church Part 1	Acts 1:1-8:4
Jun 02 / Jun 03	The Church Part 2	Acts 8:5-15:35
Jun 09 / Jun 10	The Church Part 3	Acts 15:36-28:31

### CWL MOTHER'S DAY BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER

Nex weekend - May 10 & 11 after all weekend Masses (except 12:30 pm) Payment: Cash only



### TODAY is SHARELIFE SUNDAY Providing for those in need

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### DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP

Prayer meetings every Wednesday in the Hall at 7 p.m.  
OUR FORTHCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES – 2025:

#### GROWTH IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

Wednesday, April 23 to May 28 – 6.30 p.m. – Hall

#### 9-DAY NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT - CHURCH

From: Friday May 30 to Saturday June 7 – 6.30 p.m. (Except: Saturday 5.30 pm and Wednesday 5.45 p.m.) *"They devoted themselves to constant prayer, the disciples with Mother Mary."* (Acts 1:14).

#### SPECIAL SPIRITUAL (INNER HEALING) SERVICE

Wednesday, June 4 – 6.45 p.m. in the Church

*"The Lord heals the broken hearted and binds up their wounds."* (Psalm 147:3)

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Smile for the week:

Why is a room full of married people empty?

Answer

There isn't a single person in it.

## AROUND THE ARCH

### A DAY WITH MARY – MAY 31

This FREE outdoor event is taking place Saturday, May 31 on the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Villanova College in King City. There will be food, music, fellowship, and Holy Mass celebrated by our Archbishop, His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo. For info and to register visit: [archtoronto.org/mary](http://archtoronto.org/mary).

### ACTS RETREATS - 3-day retreats that focuses on

Adoration, Community, Theology and Service.

Women's Retreat: May 22 - 25 | Men's Retreat: June 19 - 22, For More info and to register visit [actcanada.org](http://actcanada.org).

### THE 28<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SHARELIFE GOLF TOURNAMENT

Presented by AMJ Campbell, on **June 2**, at Eagles Nest Golf Club in Maple. 18 holes of golf at a premier course;

power cart & a sleeve of Pro V1 golf balls;

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3 drink tickets, raffles & silent auction.

Info and registration →



### PILGRIMAGE TO THE MARTYRS' SHRINE

On Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> 2025, a bus coach will depart St. Joseph parking lot at 6:00 am for Martyrs' Shrine in Midland, Ontario, the national shrine for Our Martyrs. Some participants will be dropped off at St. Ignace II around 8/8:30 am, - the place where St. Jean de Brebeuf and St. Gabriel Lalemant were martyred - about 12.3 kms to the Shrine. From there a group will walk to the Shrine. The rest will stay on the bus and will be driven to the Shrine. The hikers will be welcomed by a Shrine's committee upon arrival and the Mass will be at 12:00 P.M. at the historic Shrine church.

Expected time of departure back to Mississauga is 3:00 pm.

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### DEACON JAMES 1<sup>ST</sup> MASS AS A PRIEST

Our own Deacon James Cyfko will be ordained to the priesthood on Saturday May 10<sup>th</sup> and Catholic custom is that his first Mass can be in his home Parish which is our own St. Joseph. **On Sunday May 11<sup>th</sup>** he will preside over the 12:30 pm Mass followed with a light reception in the hall. ***This Mass and reception will be extremely busy as there will be many visitors from other parishes so seating will be limited. Parking will also be impacted. So, we humbly ask our parishioners to park (legally) on the street.***

*A desert dish table donations is welcome for this event.*

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