



Sat. May 18  
 5:00pm **For the People of the Parish**  
 Sun. May 19  
 8:00am +**Cosimo Femia & Francesco & Maria Teresa Oppedisano**  
 9:15am +**Angela Blasi**  
 10:30am +**Ernesto Mollicone**  
 12:00 noon +**Salvacion & Josefa Caduday**  
 Mon. May 20  
 10:00am +**Giuseppe Virdo**  
 Tues. May 21  
 9:00am +**Rev. Philip Jones**  
 Wed. May 22  
 7:00pm +**Frank Lippa, +Giuseppe Natale, +Teresa & Mietek Gerlak, +Josef Konefal, Michelangelo Iacampo**

**Feast Days This Week**

Mon. May 20 – **St. Bernardine of Siena**, priest  
 Tues. May 21 – **St. Eugène de Mazenod**, bishop, **St. Christopher Magallanes**, priest, martyr and Companions  
 Wed. May 22 – **St. Rita of Cascia**, religious  
 Fri. May 24 – **Bl. Louis-Zéphirin Moreau**, bishop  
 Sat. May 25 – **St. Bede the Venerable**, priest, doctor of the Church, **St. Gregory VII**, pope, **St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi**, virgin

**Special Collection:** Pope's Pastoral Works – Next weekend there will be a special collection for the Pope's Pastoral Works. Each year Canadian Catholics are asked to give generously to this papal collection, which is passed on to the Holy Father for his use among those stricken by natural disasters such as earthquakes and floods. In the name of Catholics everywhere he displays Christ's love and compassion for those who suffer. Envelopes are available at the back.

**Victoria Day** - Monday is Victoria Day, the public celebration of the birthday of Queen Elizabeth II. We're reminded by St. Peter in his first letter: "Have respect for everyone and love for our community: fear God and honour the emperor." The following prayer is taken from the special Mass in the Missal for the Head of State.

*"O God, to whom every human power is subject, grant to your servant, our sovereign, Queen Elizabeth, success in the exercise of her high office, so that, always revering you and striving to please you, she may constantly secure and preserve for the people entrusted to her care the freedom that comes from civil peace. Through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your*

*Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.*  
Because of the Victoria Day holiday there will NOT be Mass on Monday evening. However, Mass will be celebrated in the morning at 10 :00am. The Office will be closed on Monday.

**ShareLife - Living the Gospel by supporting youth ministry in our parishes.** What difference does training make for youth ministers? Consider that the 40+ youth ministers in the Archdiocese of Toronto collectively impact thousands of youth and their families. The Office of Catholic Youth (OCY), funded by ShareLife, visits parishes, equips youth ministers, and facilitates networking—including an archdiocesan training day attended by 200 youth ministers and volunteers. OCY helps ensure a vibrant church for future generations.  
The next ShareLife collection is June 2. Please give generously.

**The CWL** are hosting their 4<sup>th</sup> annual Women's Breakfast on May 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 to 12 in honour of "Our Lady of Good Counsel." All women and youth aged 12 to 16 are welcome to join us. Come and enjoy a relaxing morning with good company, a delicious breakfast, music, games, prayer and much more. Tickets will be on sale starting April 27/28 until May 18/19. Adults \$35, youth \$25. Roma's Hospitality Centre, 5980 Shawson Drive, Mississauga.

**Course of Consecration to Our Lady** -The Heralds of the Gospel are pleased to invite you to a Preparation Course of Consecration to Jesus through Mary, based on the book "True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary" by the famous Marian apostle St. Louis Marie Grignion de Montfort. St. John Paul II said that the reading of this book was a "decisive point in his life" and led him to consecrate himself to the Queen of Heaven. The course which is open to all ages, will be given by the Heralds of the Gospel at Immaculate Conception church in Woodbridge, every Wednesday at 7:30pm, starting on May 22, and will consist of 8 classes. The ceremony of Consecration will be on the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. You may register to the course by calling Natercia Rego at 905-605-1302 or Heralds of the Gospel at 905-939-0807.

**May, Rosary Month** – Members of the Knights of Columbus are reciting the rosary each Sunday during the month of May. Please join us at 11:40am each Sunday.

**Gift of Hope- St. Padre Pio Parish Gift of Hope –**

As an extension of our annual Christmas Drive, we will be launching a new **Gift of Hope** initiative to help families in need throughout the year. Beginning in May, Family Services of York Region (FSYR) will provide us a list of needy items for one to two families a month. This list will be posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Kindly look at the list, choose an item, and bring it in the following weekend to the marked bin in the narthex. Thank you for uniting as a Catholic Community to help our less fortunate brothers and sisters in Christ.

**World Day of Prayer for the Churches in China – May 24**

In May 2007, Pope Benedict XVI asked that May 24 be observed as a Day of Prayer of the Church in China. He chose this day since it is the traditional Feast of Our Lady of Help of Christians, venerated at the Shrine of Sheshan in Shanghai.

**The Indoor Station of the Cross**, “Jesus Falls the Third Time” is available. The cost for the entire station is \$11,200.00. There is one portion left at a cost of \$5,600.00. This is a wonderful way to honour those who are still living or to remember those who have died. For more information, please call the office at 905-893-7879.

**The Fundraising Committee** is looking for parishioners to assist with our parish’s various fundraising initiatives. We are currently looking for volunteers to help with our annual Golf Tournament and Gala events. We are looking to implement fresh, new ideas into each of these events. If you are interested, please contact Almerigo Borgo at 416-219-3829 or: [almerigoborgostpadrepiochurch@rogers.com](mailto:almerigoborgostpadrepiochurch@rogers.com) You will have the choice to sit on the Golf sub-committee, Gala sub-committee, or both. We look forward to meeting you, working together to raise funds.

**The Celebration Goes On** – With Easter Day comes life, light and joy. Jesus’ death was not the end. He came to earth to give His life, in order to make peace between God and us and to bring the whole universe back to God. His rising to life proved that he had won the battle against sin, darkness and death, once and for all. All these events happened nearly 2000 years ago, and it often seems that evil and suffering and violence still rule the world. But Jesus made two promises, which make the final victory of good and justice certain. Before He left the world to go back to His Father, Jesus promised to send His Holy Spirit to live with His followers, bringing them courage and strength to defeat sin and fear in their own lives.

Peter and the disciples were changed people when the Holy Spirit came down on them on the first day of Pentecost. And the Holy Spirit still comes to those who have found new life in Jesus, transforming their lives. Jesus also promises that He himself would return to our world one day. The hope of his coming again excited and thrilled the early church, and it encouraged and cheered Christians every century since. The Scriptures say that Jesus will come, not as an unknown carpenter and preacher, but as the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. He will drive away greed and violence and selfishness and bring in a world of peace and love for all who are His subjects. Then, at last, it will be true that “the kingdom of the world has become the Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign for ever and ever”. So the celebration that began at Easter will never end

**On the passing of Jean Vanier by Cardinal Collins**

“In his simple, humble and loving way, inspired by the Gospel of Jesus Christ, Jean Vanier taught us to value the dignity of every individual. In a world that increasingly pushes us to gauge success and worth by what we own or who we know, he reminded us that authentic love, friendship and community are what we really need. L’Arche communities, in Canada and in more than 35 countries throughout the world, will continue his legacy of unconditional love offered to every individual. May his example of peace and gentle care live on through those he inspired for years to come. We give thanks to God for his life.”

**Pentecost Retreat** – On Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, Deacon Curtis and the Side by Side Grief Support Ministry will be holding a Pentecost Retreat at St. Padre Pio Church from 9:30am to 3:30pm. The cost is \$25 per person and includes lunch and refreshments. This will be a beautiful day of spiritual talks, witness testimony and music. For more information or to register, please contact the Parish Office at 905-893-7879 or Joanne Boone at 905-867-7972 or [sidebyside.stpadrepiochurch@gmail.com](mailto:sidebyside.stpadrepiochurch@gmail.com)

**Sympathy** – We offer our deep sympathy to the family of Gordon Chown, on his passing, and to Cindy Thibodeau and her family on the passing of her mother, Ruth Patychuk. May God grant them His eternal peace and joy and send comfort to all who mourn their passing.