

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



May 10 - 16, 2021

Monday, May 10

8:30 am: Healing for Marietta D'Souza

Tuesday, May 11

8:30 am: + Ben Do

Wednesday, May 12

8:30 am: + Catherine Fonseka; Dorothy Garth

Thursday, May 13

8:30 am: + 1st year death anniversary Carmelita James

Friday, May 14

8:30 am: + Elias Diniz

Saturday, May 15

8:30 am: + Doris & Reginald Samuels

Sunday, May 16

8:30 am: + Francis & Philomena Pais

SUNDAY COMMUNION SERVICE

PLEASE NOTE: To attend Sunday Communion Service you must register online through our website:

princeofpeace.sc.archtoronto.org.

Please arrive on time as once the service has begun the church doors will be closed.



Light a Prayer Candle

Sanctuary Lamps

Offerings

- 1) Happy Mothers Day to all Mothers
- 2) For those sick with the coronavirus and those taking care of them.



Let us pray!

For those who are sick members of our parish and those who love and

Something to ponder.....

Jesus commands his disciples to love one another (John 15:9-17)



Today's Gospel follows immediately after the Gospel proclaimed last week, in which Jesus taught that he was the vine and that his disciples were the branches. In the example of the vine and the branches, we learned that our union with Jesus will lead to fruitful service. Today's reading extends this teaching to describe the kind of service that Christians are called upon to offer to others.

When John wrote this Gospel, his community was influenced by a set of religious beliefs called Gnosticism. It appears that one of John's intentions was to distinguish Christian belief from the beliefs held by the Gnostics. Evidence of this can be found in today's Gospel.

One of the tenets of Gnostic teaching was the importance of knowledge, or *gnosis*, as the determining aspect of faith. We read today's Gospel as a response to this teaching. In John's Gospel, we hear Jesus affirm that he is known by the Father and that his disciples will know the Father by knowing Jesus. In this passage, however, Jesus reminds his disciples that this knowledge is to be expressed in love. Those who know Jesus well—and Jesus says that his disciples do know him—will love one another. Knowledge leads to love, which leads to action. John reminds his community that Jesus taught that love is the sign of a true disciple and, thus, a true Christian. Even more, a true disciple shows a particular kind of love, sacrificial love.

In the Greek, there are two words for love that are used in this passage. The first is *agape*. The second is *philia*. The first word is most often used to describe love for other persons and for God. It is understood as the highest and most perfect kind of love. The second word is used to describe the affection of friendship. In this context, John appears to use these words as synonyms. The root of the Greek word for friend comes from this second term for love, *philia*. By using this word, Jesus transforms the terms of his relationship with his disciples and redefines for them their relationship with God. In the Hebrew Scriptures, faith in God made one a servant of God.

Here Jesus teaches that his relationship to his disciples is based on friendship, not servitude.

Another aspect of Gnostic belief taught that a believer was an elect person, chosen and set apart from the world. John reminds his community that Jesus also taught that a disciple is one who had been chosen—one who had been chosen by Jesus. To be chosen by Jesus, however, is not to be set apart from the world. Instead, to be chosen by Jesus is to be sent to serve the world as he did. The disciples of Jesus were chosen and were sent into the world to bear fruit by serving others, by sacrificing for others, in love.

This reading, like last week's, is part of Jesus' Last Supper discourse. In the context of John's Gospel, these words are spoken before Jesus' Crucifixion. We read his instruction to the disciples in light of his death and Resurrection. We know that Jesus himself gives us the greatest example of the kind of love and service that he teaches to his disciples. He has, in fact, laid down his life for his friends, for his disciples, and for us. Through his death and Resurrection, we have received the grace to love others as Jesus has commanded.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING PROGRAM

The Archdiocese of Toronto has established a Pre-Authorized Giving Plan (PAG) to assist you in your support of the work of Prince of Peace Parish, through your regular parish offerings (this does not include special collections). The Plan is administered through the Office of Development of the Archdiocese of Toronto and tax receipts will be issued for all offertory gifts. Enrollment forms available at the parish office.



You can work wonders!

Next ShareLife Collection will take place: June 19, 2021

MINISTERS OF CARE: GROWING IN MINISTRY FREE WEBINAR

A free webinar on “Redemptive Suffering” is being offered on Saturday, May 29 from 10:30 am to 12 pm led by Fr. Dominic Borg, OCD, Chaplain to the Discalced Carmelite Sisters.

This is a great opportunity for Ministers of Care Coordinators, those involved in Ministry to the Sick & Homebound, Bereavement Ministry and other caring ministries from various parishes to connect online for prayer, sharing and networking.

To register, please visit: <http://bit.ly/MCW-RegisterMay2021>.

If you have any questions, please contact Ella Okonkwo at: 416-934-3400 ext. 523 or formation@archtoronto.org.

MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS FREE WEBINAR

Is being offered on Saturday, June 5th from 10:30 am to 12 pm with Sr. Janet Schaeffler, OP, on “Prescription for COVID: A Daily Dose of Faith, Hope and Love”.

During these unprecedented times we need our daily dose of faith, hope and love to fight off the fear, gloom and dread. As we reflect on what helped us through this past year, we discover that it was and continues to be the strength of the Gospel, which provides us with answers to the trauma and fears of the pandemic.

This webinar is open to all men and women in the second half of life (50+), including volunteers, parish leaders, parish staff and priests are welcome to join.

To register, please visit: <http://bit.ly/MAW-RegistetrJune2021>

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PRAYER IN TIME OF COVID

From: Bishop Robert Kasun, Auxiliary Bishop

Gracious God, you who are the author of all life, and who desire the well-being of all people, during these dark days of COVID-19, increase in us, respect and reverence for all human life.

Grant restored health to the sick,
Comfort and hope to the dying,
Eternal peace for those who have died,
Strength to family members, relatives, clergy, friends and volunteers,
Renewed energy to hospital workers, PSWs, nurses and doctors,
And perseverance to all in the health care professions.

Grant wisdom to scientists for the development of effective and moral vaccines, discernment and right judgment for legislators,
Aid to the discouraged, poor and vulnerable,
Courage and justice for front-line workers and all who risk their lives for the benefit of others, and keep always in our minds the vision of the true common good of all the world.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Bishop Robert Kasun, CSB
Auxiliary Bishop, Central Region, Archdiocese of Toronto

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Loving God,
as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children,
so you watch over your Church.

Bless these women,
that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers.
Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.

Grant that we, their sons and daughters,
may honor them always
with a spirit of profound respect.
Grant this through Christ our Lord. **R. Amen.**

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

On Wednesday, June 9 from 7 to 8:30 pm. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Coordinators and clergy are invited to a webinar where discussions will take place on ways to adapt and use the recently produced formation videos from the Office of Formation for Discipleship. The webinar will provide an opportunity to look at ways to use the videos in a parish context, as well as provide some time for questions and answers on the content of the videos.

To register please visit: <http://bit.ly/EMHCCW-RegJun2021>.

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