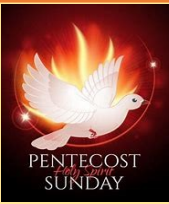


# PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 23, 2021



## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

May 24 - 30, 2021

### Monday, May 24

8:30 am: + Buenaventura S & Narciso D. Laxamana

### Tuesday, May 25

8:30 am: + Armand D'Souza

### Wednesday, May 26

8:30 am: + Anthony Leo

### Thursday, May 27

8:30 am: + George Hsueh

### Friday, May 28

8:30 am: Community of Prince of Peace

### Saturday, May 29

8:30 am: Community of Prince of Peace

### Sunday, May 30

8:00 am: Community of Prince of Peace

## Something to ponder.....



*Jesus appears to his disciples and gives them the gift of the Holy Spirit. (John 20:19-23)*

The season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church. The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles, today's first reading. The account in today's Gospel, John 20:19-23, also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. Yet the event in John's Gospel takes place on Easter Sunday. There is no need to try to reconcile these two accounts. It is to we know that after his death, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send to his disciples a helper, an Advocate, who would enable them to be his witnesses throughout the world.

In the context of the feast of Pentecost, John 20:19-23 reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." He breathes the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and sends them to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins. Jesus' act of breathing the Holy Spirit upon the apostles mirrors God's act of breathing life into Adam. In fact, both the Greek and Hebrew words for "spirit" can also be translated as "breath." This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. The reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church's sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are cleansed of sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God through the forgiveness of sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people. (Loyola Press)



### Sanctuary Lamps

### Offerings

1) *For all those affected by the coronavirus in India and those taking care of them.*

## HEART SPEAKS TO THE HEART

Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto has released a pastoral letter titled, **Hearts Speaks to Heart**. The full text of this significant reflection on the Sacred Heart of Jesus can be read at: <http://bit.ly/SacredHeartLetter>.

## SACRED HEART NOVENA RETREAT FROM ST. AUGUSTINE'S SEMINARY

Thursday, June 3 to Friday, June 11 - A virtual event.

This online retreat is made up of a series of 30-minute video presentations. Each video is a shot retreat conference and will feature a priest from the seminary community. To conclude the retreat, you are invited to join a livestream Mass from St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica.

## Let us pray!

**For those who are sick members of our parish and those who love and minister to them.**

## 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.



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**Next ShareLife Collection will take place:  
June 19, 2021**

### ***HUMANITARIAN RELIEF - INDIA'S COVID-19 OUTBREAK***

India is reeling from a devastating COVID-19 outbreak. In recent days, the country has been reporting more than 400,000 new cases and 4,000 deaths every 24 hours. The medical system, funeral services and other social supports are unable to meet the country's needs at this time.

The Archdiocese of Toronto will send donations through Development and Peace to Caritas Internationalis, a Catholic humanitarian organization that is already in India helping those who are suffering during this COVID-19 outbreak.

Since the pandemic began, India's Catholic Church, acting through Caritas India, has been supporting some of the most disadvantaged groups.

To learn more about Caritas' work in India, please watch their video at: <http://bit.ly/CaritasIndiaRelief>.

**Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:**

- ◆ Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website: [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org)
- ◆ By phone through the Development Office - 416-934-3411
- ◆ Through the parish, making cheques payable to: Name of Parish - India's COVID-19 Outbreak - Disaster Relief

Please continue to pray for the people of India and all those who are suffering from Covid-19 worldwide.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED ASSISTANCE  
AND GENEROUS SUPPORT**

### ***SUNDAY COMMUNION SERVICE***

**PLEASE NOTE:** Communion Services will now begin at 9:00 am every Sunday.

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

[princeofpeacesc.archtoronto.org](http://princeofpeacesc.archtoronto.org).

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

### ***WHERE HOLINESS IS FOUND: ORDINARY PEOPLE CALLED TO EXTRAORDINARY LIVES***

Please join the St. Augustine's Seminary on June 5th from 9:30 am to 12 pm for this virtual event as they consider what Pope Francis calls the "feminine styles of holiness" and reflect on how the example of holy women can inspire us today. Presenter: Dr. Anne Jamieson  
Cost: \$25.

Register at: <http://bit.ly/DayOfReflectionForWomen>

Phone: 416-261-7207

Email: [lay.formation@staugustines.on.ca](mailto:lay.formation@staugustines.on.ca)

Website: [www.staugustines.on.ca](http://www.staugustines.on.ca)

### ***CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES OF TORONTO ONLINE COUNSELLING SESSIONS***

Catholic Family services is offering online quick access single sessions as a quick and effective way for individuals, couples or families to address mental health or relationship concern. To arrange for a session, please contact: [nfo@cfstoronto.com](mailto:nfo@cfstoronto.com) or 416-921-1163 or 416-222-0048. Leave a message with your name, email and phone number and staff personnel will contact you. Counselling fees are charged according to a client's income level. No one is denied service because of their inability to pay fees.

### ***SHARELIFE SPEAKER SERIES: CARING FOR OUR MENTAL HEALTH***

*A virtual event hosted by ShareLife*

Struggles with mental health have increased during the pandemic. Elizabeth Pierce from Catholic Family Services of Durham - A ShareLife-funded agency—will present strategies for coping during these difficult times. These tools will be applicable for children, youth and adults. Following the 25-minute presentation, Elizabeth will answer questions about mental health. To register please visit: <http://bit.ly/sharelifementalhealth>

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