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## Mass Intentions

<b>Monday, April 11</b> 7:00 am 8:30 am	<i>St. Stanislaus</i> † Maria Gloria Coelho † Quintin Chan Jr.
<b>Tuesday, April 12</b> 7:00 am 8:30 am	† Jan & Helen Slininski † Kunamani Rasaiya
<b>Wednesday, April 13</b> 7:00 am 8:30 am	In Thanksgiving † Gorgonia Tulio
<b>Thursday, April 14</b> 7:00 am 8:30 am	† Jacqueline Hendriks † Pauline Phillips
<b>Friday, April 15</b> 7:00 am 8:30 am 7:30 pm 8:00 pm	Special Intention † Francis MacDonald † Maria Travass † Flavio Comarin <b>HOLY HOUR &amp; BENEDICTION</b>
<b>Saturday, April 16</b> 9:00 am	† Antonio Pavao † Manuel Pavao

### THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

**Monday, April 11** *St. Stanislaus* was born to a pious and noble Polish family. He distributed his inheritance to the poor and became a priest, eventually becoming vicar-general at the Cracow cathedral and then a bishop. Due to his preaching against sinful living, he was murdered while celebrating Mass by King Boleslaus the Cruel after Stanislaus excommunicated him due to his war crimes and attempted theft of land from the Church. Reaction against Boleslaus was so great that he fled the country, never to return; his guilt led him to become a monk. Stanislaus became a symbol of Polish patriotism and nationalism, and is sometimes considered a martyr.

### Lectio Divina

with His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins

As a result of the extensive renovations underway at St. Michael's Cathedral, Lectio Divina with Cardinal Collins is travelling throughout the archdiocese.

**On Sunday, May 1, it will be hosted here at St. Josephs.**

Lectio Divina ("divine, or sacred, reading") is the name given to a spiritual tradition among Christians over the last two thousand years. This form of prayer has three stages:

a) reading a short scripture passage b) reflecting on the passage and c) a short period of silence. We begin with Vespers (Evening Prayer) at 7 p.m., followed by Lectio Divina from 7:30 to 8:15 p.m. All are welcome to join Cardinal Collins for this special evening of prayer. Lectio Divina is recorded by Salt & Light Catholic Media for future broadcast. More info and archived video of Lectio Divina can be found online at [www.archtoronto.org/lectio](http://www.archtoronto.org/lectio).

*We hope you will be able to join Cardinal Collins and our faith community.*

### GIVE SHELTER TO THE HOMELESS

In short, this fourth corporal work of mercy can be summed up in the direct words of the Rule of St. Benedict:

***"Let all guests be received like Christ."***

Jesus Christ, the incarnate Son of God, was born in a borrowed manger, had no fixed address once he began his public ministry, and was buried in another man's grave. It is quite an irony: He who made the universe became a homeless person. The news makes us aware of the plight of millions of refugees driven from their homes by war, but homelessness is literally also right on our doorstep. Because the problem is perennial, there is a danger that, like the rich man in the parable, we no longer see the Lazarus we practically have to step over.

This work of mercy forces us to open our eyes to the misery of those who, for a variety of reasons, have no place they can call home. We need to consider and educate ourselves on the causes of homelessness. Initiatives that provide shelter for the homeless deserve our financial support, and, if possible, our volunteer efforts. Along with providing a temporary roof over their heads, we need to help those homeless who are able to do so to get back on their feet and accompany them on the difficult path that leads to the dignity of being able to afford a place to stay. This can involve helping with job skills or offering employment. Whenever possible, we should give a hand up as well as a handout. We should also encourage efforts to provide for affordable housing.

This work of mercy also invites to ask ourselves how hospitable we are. Do we make of our home a place where guests feel welcome and cherished? Do we create an environment where those who are not literally homeless but feel adrift and isolated find a welcome?

*from jubileeofmercy-eb.org*

### ShareLife

**Working wonders in our neighbourhoods...**

*"I would like to take this opportunity to encourage the community of Peel to be a part of the healing journey with Catholic Family Services of Peel-Dufferin (CFSPD). It's a great organization that demonstrates care, support and compassion toward our well-being and healing processes. Since I began with this agency, it has been a transformational experience. I have gained so much knowledge and insight about myself and others and have made great friends and enjoy meeting new people. I would like to thank ShareLife and CFSPD for allowing me this opportunity to be part of their family and am very grateful for all the services they provided for me and the community at large."*

—Debbie, a client of the CFSPD sistering program.

**Over 39,000 individuals received help in getting their lives back on track through ShareLife-supported family services programs.**

**Next ShareLife Sunday is April 17, 2016  
Please give generously. You can work wonders!**

**A GREAT BIG THANK YOU**



To all who volunteered numerous hours to prepare the Church for Holy Week. Those who cleaned the Church, decorated the Altar with flowers and linens, those who sang in the Choirs and distributed bulletins and cards. All the tasks necessary to support our beautiful St Joseph church.

**SAVE THE DATES -- SUMMER CAMP 2016**

Summer camps this year run will from 9 am to noon on:  
 Week 1 August 8<sup>th</sup> – August 12<sup>th</sup>.  
 Week 1 August 15<sup>th</sup> – August 19<sup>th</sup>.  
 More details to soon follow. Cost to be Determined.



**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

NEXT GENERAL MEETING is on April 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am.  
after the 9 am Mass

Are you considering joining the CWL? Come check us out.  
 Come make a difference!



**RETREAT DAY-LIKE THE FATHER**

Those who are involved in various caring ministries in the parish such as; Ministers of the Sick and shut ins, feeding the poor; are invited to attend a retreat on Saturday, May 7, 2016, at Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church, Mississauga, from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. Reflection on the theme of the Jubilee of Mercy: "Merciful Like the Father". This retreat will be guided by Fr. Tomasz Skibinski. Registration fee is \$25 (includes coffee, muffins and lunch). Pre-registration required by May 2, 2016. For registration forms, please contact our parish office or call (416) 721-3741.



**COME DANCE WITH US !**

Line Dancing is back for the spring! Have fun in a social setting - exercise brain & body - no partner required. 1 hr. classes start April 14 from 1:15 - 2:15 in our Parish Hall. Cost: 9 classes payable in advance will be \$4.00/class (\$36), or \$4.50/class drop-in. Just come out or call Denice (905) 826.6052 for more info.



**DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP**

Prayer Meetings every Wednesday at 7 p.m. – Parish Hall  
 Youth Group Meetings on Sundays – first and third week of every month from 7 to 9 p.m. in the basement meeting room.

**9-DAY DIVINE MERCY NOVENA**

Friday, May 6 to Saturday, May 14, 2016 – in Church – at 6.30 p.m.

**FEAST OF PENTECOST**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2016 – 7 P.M.**

Reflections on selected Word of God themes, to appropriately prepare ourselves for the celebration of the FEAST OF PENTECOST, will commence from Wednesday, April 6 at our weekly prayer meetings.

**ALL ARE WELCOME !**

**OUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REHEARSALS:  
 WITH PARENTS & CHILDREN**

**Please attend ONE of the following dates:**

Tues. April 19 7pm -8:30 pm Sat. April 23, 10 am - 11:30 am  
 Mon. May 2 7pm -8:30 pm

*Please make sure to attend a rehearsal **BEFORE** your FHC date. These rehearsals will help prepare you & your children to understand the procedures of a FHC Mass.*

**CONFIRMATION RECONCILIATION REHEARSALS**

All sessions are on the Saturday from 9 am to 11:30 am  
**prior to your confirmation date.**

April 23	April 30	May 07	May 14
May 21	May 29	June 4	

**Theology on Tap (Young Adults age 19-39)**



Faith Connections, the Office of Catholic Youth, and the local parishes invite young adults (19-39) for an evening of thought-provoking conversation on theological topics!

**Special guest: Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archdiocese of Toronto. MONDAY, APRIL 11, AT 7:00 PM AT BOSTON PIZZA,** (50 Courtneypark Dr E, Mississauga). Munchies provided, cash bar available - come and bring a friend! *RSVP appreciated: 416-599-7676 or youth@ocytoronto.org*

**NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE RALLY**



You are invited to be part of the National rally to support life in Ottawa on **Thursday May 12,** it is an amazing day and very worthwhile experience to stand for a Culture of Life in these troubled times.

A bus will leave from our parish parking lot at **6:30 am** and head right to Parliament Hill. We then join 20,000 others to rally for the protection of all life. **Don't miss this! You can register for the bus at the parish office.** The bus is \$50 per person. If you cannot go consider sponsoring a pilgrim in your place. For further details please call the parish office at 905-826-2766.



**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND**

Spend a very special weekend together, a Weekend of discovery...a lifetime of love! Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a weekend getaway that helps married couples rediscover themselves as individuals and as a couple. The Weekend format helps couples communicate openly and honestly without group sharing, therapy or marriage counselling. **April 15-17, 2016 at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga.**



For more information and to register, please go to [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org) or contact: Gerard & Marge McCauley at [gerard.marge@rogers.com](mailto:gerard.marge@rogers.com) or (905) 792-1925.

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