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Mass Intentions

Monday, April 13 7:00 am 8:30 am	† Joaquim Anthony Soares † Zorayda Mendoza
Tuesday, April 14 7:00 am 8:30 am	† Darcie Frankie † Antonio Gonçalves
Wednesday, April 15 7:00 am 8:30 am	In Thanksgiving In Thanksgiving
Thursday, April 16 7:00 am 8:30 am	† Dominador Mallari † Margit Varga
Friday, April 17 7:00 am 8:30 am 7:30 pm 8:00 pm	† Michael & Mary O'Connor † Elizabeth Joseph † Roque D'Souza † Richard Jones HOLY HOUR & BENEDICTION
Saturday, April 18 9:00 am	† Casimir & Bebiana Sequeira † Romualdo & Lourdes deAndrade

Pope Francis Prayer Intentions for April 2015

Universal: That people may learn to respect creation and care for it as a gift of God.

Evangelization: That persecuted Christians may feel the consoling presence of the Risen Lord and the solidarity of all the Church.

THE FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

During the course of Jesus' revelations to Saint Faustina on the Divine Mercy He asked on numerous occasions that a feast day be dedicated to the Divine Mercy and that this feast be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. The liturgical texts of that day, the 2nd Sunday of Easter, concern the institution of the Sacrament of Penance, the Tribunal of the Divine Mercy, and are thus already suited to the request of Our Lord. This Feast, which had already been granted to the nation of Poland and been celebrated within Vatican City, was granted to the Universal Church by Saint John Paul II on the occasion of the canonization of Sr. Faustina on 30 April 2000. In a decree dated 23 May 2000, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments stated that "throughout the world the Second Sunday of Easter will receive the name Divine Mercy Sunday, a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind will experience in the years to come." These papal acts represent the highest endorsement that the Church can give to a private revelation, an act of papal infallibility proclaiming the certain sanctity of the mystic, and the granting of a universal feast, as requested by Our Lord to St. Faustina.

Pope Benedict XVI Homily for Divine Mercy 2007

This Sunday is called "in Albis", in accordance with an old tradition. On this day, neophytes of the Easter Vigil were still wearing their white garment, the symbol of the light which the Lord gave them in Baptism. Later, they would take off the white garment but would have to introduce into their daily lives the new brightness communicated to them.

They were to diligently keep alight the delicate flame of truth and good which the Lord had kindled within them, in order to bring to this world a gleam of God's splendor and goodness.

The Holy Father, John Paul II, wanted this Sunday to be celebrated as the Feast of Divine Mercy: in the word "mercy", he summed up and interpreted anew for our time the whole mystery of Redemption. He had lived under two dictatorial regimes, and in his contact with poverty, neediness and violence he had a profound experience of the powers of darkness which also threaten the world of our time.

But he had an equally strong experience of the presence of God who opposed all these forces with his power, which is totally different and divine: with the power of mercy. It is mercy that puts an end to evil. In it is expressed God's special nature — his holiness, the power of truth and love.

Two years ago now, after the First Vespers of this Feast, John Paul II ended his earthly life. In dying, he entered the light of Divine Mercy, of which, beyond death and starting from God, he now speaks to us in a new way.

Have faith, he tells us, in Divine Mercy! Become day after day men and women of God's mercy. Mercy is the garment of light which the Lord has given to us in Baptism. We must not allow this light to be extinguished; on the contrary, it must grow within us every day and thus bring to the world God's glad tidings.



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~Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto

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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 Alter with flowers and linens, those who sang in the Choirs and did all the tasks necessary to prepare our beautiful St Joseph church.

WORKSHOP: CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

St. Augustine's lay spiritual formation program presents ... Catholic Social Teaching by Rev. Tom Lynch, professor of theology, St. Augustine's seminary, national director for the Priests for Life Canada on

Saturday, April 11, 9:30 am. - 2:30 pm

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"Is it not to divide your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into the house; When you see the naked, to cover him..." (Isaiah, 58:7)

APRIL IS ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION AWARENESS MONTH

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DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP

IMPORTANT upcoming Special Program:

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

April 22 TO June 24, 2015



Service every Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

"Come near to God, and He will draw near to you." (James 4:8)

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Admission free. Register yourself by completing the application and drop it in the Box, provided at both entrances of the Church.

Registrations will also be taken after all Masses on

Saturday and Sunday, April 11,12 and April18,19

FIRST COMMUNION / CONFIRMATION 2015

Confirmation: <u>Confirmandi only</u> Tuesday April 14 7:00 pm– 8:30pm OR Saturday, April 18: 10am–11:30am	First Holy Communion: <u>Make-up session</u> regarding Communion and Holy Mass Thursday April 16 at 7pm
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MERCY AND THE KINGDOM

Be inspired by world renowned Biblical Scholar and professor at Steubenville University and Mundelein Seminary, **Dr. Scott Hahn** and Catholic Lay Evangelist **Patrick Sullivan** as they make plain God's plan of mercy through the Scriptures. *Meet hundreds of other amazing Catholics* while being nourished and educated in the faith. **Doors Open 7:45AM** on Saturday May 2, at Canada Christian College, 50 Gervais Drive, Toronto Parking is FREE on site (first come first served). info and register at serviamministries.com/events/kingdom

COINS FOR LIFE 2015



Please remember to take a **Coins for Life Box**. Every coin helps us to create a Culture of Life in Canada. These small donations help us to support the Canadian March for Life in **Ottawa on May 14th** as well as other projects in support of life. We will be collecting the coins for life on the weekend of April 11/12, 2015. Please leave your boxes in the front main lobby or with the office. *"The Coins for Life Project is a most appropriate way to support the important pro-life efforts of Campaign Life Coalition"* ∞ Cardinal Collins

CULTURE CHANGERS

TO BUILD A CIVILIZATION OF LIFE AND LOVE

Mississauga Right To Life is hosting a special talk by Amanda Achtman entitled *"Culture Changers to Build a Civilization of Life and Love"*. Amanda will discuss the ten reasons we need to be involved and participate actively in promoting a Culture of Life in the confused and destructive times we live in. This free presentation will be held Tuesday, April 21st 7:00pm at St. Francis Xavier Parish, 5650 Mavis Road. For info - Genevieve at 416-888-0251.



BUS TRIP TO OTTAWA

NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE RALLY



You are invited to be part of the National rally to support life in Ottawa on Thursday May 14, 2015.

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. For further details please call the parish office at 905-826-2766.



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