

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MASS INTENTIONS

In light of public Mass cancellations in the Cathedral, our priests will celebrate private daily Masses for the intentions of our parishioners including those previously offered.

Monday, May 17

James Garrity (D)
Juana E. Garcia (D)
David Hill (D)
Selina Chan Yan Fong (I)
Mathew Bindu Catherine (I)
Erly Escueta (I)

Tuesday, May 18

Yvonne Lenfesty (D)
David Walsh (D)
Thomas Linden (D)
Gloria Mesina (D)
Manco Family (I)
Barbara Hurst (I)

Wednesday, May 19

Jacqui Rotterman (D)
Suzane Mary Yamada (I)
For the repose of the souls of those laid to rest in our Catholic Cemeteries

Thursday, May 20

Priest's Intention

Friday, May 21

Magdalena Katigbak (D)
Deceased members of the Katigbak Family
Eladio Merlan (D)
Agripina & Eduardo Mendoza (D)
Silvino & Andrea Katigbak (D)

Saturday, May 22

Abraham & Rosalia Romero (D)
Joshua Dandal (I)
Ninetta De Santis (I)
Josiah Joowon O (I)

CARDINAL COLLINS' NEW PASTORAL LETTER

His Eminence recently released a pastoral letter titled, Hearts Speaks to Heart, his reflection on the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Read the full text here: bit.ly/SacredHeartLetter.

SEND US YOUR PRAYER REQUESTS & INTENTIONS

Dear Parishioners,

Over the last few weeks the Cathedral priests have been calling people on our list of registered parishioners. We have moved on to the list of people that have given us their email addresses.

The reason for reaching out is two-fold. First, to wish you and your loved ones a blessed Easter and Pentecost. As the Holy Spirit was sent forth upon Jesus' disciples, so may He be sent forth upon you, a modern-day disciple of Jesus. May the Spirit bring you comfort, hope and healing in this latest lockdown.

The second reason is to ask you for your prayer requests and intentions. We hope to gather all of the prayer requests received by phone and email, and to offer a private Mass of Thanksgiving to God for you all on Pentecost Sunday. You can send them in via this email address: prayers@stmichaelscathedral.com.

Be assured that the Cathedral priests and parish community are praying for you at this time. On behalf of His Eminence, Cardinal Collins, and the whole Cathedral community I want to thank you for your continued support, your prayers and financial generosity to St. Michael's. We couldn't make it through this without you.

May God continue to bless you in these challenging times!

Fr. Frank Portelli
Rector

PS. You likely already know, but you can join us in prayer every day via our livestreamed Mass, accessible at www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live. Blessings.

MEMORIAL LAMP TRANSEPTS

<u>Sacred Heart</u>	<u>Immaculate Heart</u>
Lucas McIntyre (I)	Erly Escueta (I)
Lidya, Andi & Family (I)	Joel Palma (I)
Lie & Leong Family (D)	Leann Perpetua McIntyre (I)

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UPCOMING PARISH CLERGY CHANGES

Two of our dear associate priests, Fr. Joshua Lobo and Fr. John Sutka, will be leaving St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica in June to take on their new assignments. Fr. Lobo will be going to Rome for studies, leaving us on **June 6, 2021** and Fr. Sutka will be joining St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish in Mississauga as associate pastor on **June 27, 2021**. Although their time with us has been short, we are grateful to have had them with us during the past year. They have been a source of strength to our community and examples of deep faith and patience during this difficult time of pandemic. Many of you have had an opportunity to engage with both Fr. Lobo and Fr. Sutka, either in person or virtually via the livestream of the Mass. We wish them well as they move on and feel blessed to count them among the wonderful priests who have served the Cathedral community.

We welcome Fr. Andrew Taylor to our Cathedral community as our new Associate Priest, effective **June 30, 2021**. Fr. Taylor was ordained to the Priesthood by His Eminence Cardinal Collins on **May 8, 2021**. He grew up in a family where the importance of faith, prayer and the sacraments were strongly emphasized. While in high school, Fr. Andrew began to hear a call to the priesthood. He began his formation at Serra House in 2011 and then joined St. Augustine's Seminary in 2015, where he has just completed six years studying and preparing for the priesthood. Please pray for Fr. Andrew in this time of transition and we look forward to meeting him soon!

COMMUNION SERVICES

The pandemic lockdown for the City of Toronto has been extended until at least June 2, 2021. At this time all public Masses are cancelled. The Cathedral remains open for private prayer to a maximum of 10 at a time, Monday to Friday (9:00 AM to 6:00 PM) and Saturday (9:00 AM to 2:00 PM).

Holy Communion Services are offered as follows:

- **Saturdays – from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM**
- **Sundays – from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM**

Please note the following information:

- Each Communion Service is limited to **8** people (plus Priest and staff member).

- Registration through [Eventbrite](#) is required and will be available every **Monday starting 9:00 AM** for the following weekend.
- Due to the limited time and frequency of Communion Services, parishioners will be required to leave the Cathedral directly following the concluding prayer.
- Adherence to all Covid-19 protocols is mandatory, including wearing a mask, maintaining physical distancing and sanitizing your hands.

LIVING THE GOSPEL LOCALLY AND AROUND THE WORLD

"You – the clergy, religious and lay faithful of the Archdiocese – haven't forgotten the needs of your neighbours.

"Thank you to our pastors and parish staff who have continued to educate the faithful about the work of ShareLife agencies."

Thank you for supporting ShareLife!
– Cardinal Thomas Collins

REFLECTING ON THE MEANING OF STEWARDSHIP IN TODAY'S READINGS

This Sunday we celebrate the great solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. Before Jesus ascended into heaven he told his apostles, and us as well, to "go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation." To spread the Gospel is an essential aspect of our stewardship. The greatest gift we possess is the knowledge and experience of Christ's love and mercy and we should seek to share this with as many people as possible. In order to spread the Gospel, we must overcome the temptation of having a split personality or a double life. We shouldn't hang up our faith on the door as if it were a jacket we took off when we walked into the office. Our faith should instead be woven into every aspect of our lives. To always live as a disciple of Christ and showcase the joy of being a Catholic is perhaps the greatest good we can do in evangelizing our neighbour. St. Charles Borromeo says, "Be sure that you first preach by the way you live. If you do not, people will notice that you say one thing, but live otherwise, and your words will bring only cynical laughter and a derisive shake of the head." If people know we are practicing Catholics, we can potentially scandalize them if we act uncharitably or contrary to the faith. Therefore, let us strive to make our entire lives a reflection of God so that we may constantly spread the Gospel.