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READINGS OF THE WEEK

Mon	June 3	Acts 19:1-8; John 16:29-33
Tues	June 4	Acts 20:17-27; John 17:1-11a
Wed	June 5	Acts 20:28-38; John 17:11b-19
Thurs	June 6	Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; John 17:20-26
Fri	June 7	Acts 24:27, 25:13b-21++; John 21:15-19
Sat	June 8	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; John 21:20-25
Sun	June 9	Genesis 11:1-9; Romans 8:22-27; John 7:37-39

CHURCH

Tue	June 4	Adult Choir Practice 8:00-10:00pm
Wed	June 5	St. Therese of the Child Jesus Year-End Mass 10:00-11:30am
Wed	June 5	Band Practice 8:00-10:00pm
Thurs	June 6	Folk Choir Practice 8:00-10:00pm

SEMINAR ROOM

Sun	June 2	Handmaid of the Lord 1:00-4:00pm
Wed	June 5	Prime Time Crafts 2:00-4:00pm
Fri	June 7	CFC 6:30-10:00pm
Sat	June 8	Lay Carmelite Formation Mtg. 9:00am-4:00pm

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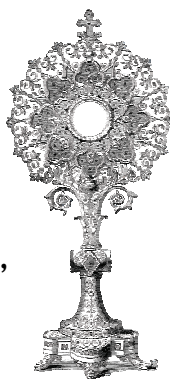
Tue	June 4	Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:00-10:00pm
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Would you like one of the priests or the deacon from our parish visit you while you are in the hospital? *Please let us know by calling the parish office, 905.821.1331.*

# 1st Friday

Benediction and Adoration  
after the 7pm Mass this Friday,  
June 7<sup>th</sup>. Community Rosary  
starts at 6:30pm.  
**BRING YOUR FAMILY!**



Blessing of the Our Lady of  
Mount Carmel Statue at the  
Grotto (Corner of Glen Erin  
& Gananoque Drive)  
after the 5pm mass,  
June 1<sup>st</sup>.

***Our Lady of Mount  
Carmel, pray for us.***

## 4 ASPECTS OF THE ASCENSION MISSION

So, at Easter, we emphasize the resurrection, the passing of Jesus through death to life. Today, on the feast of the Ascension, we remember more the "exaltation" of Jesus, as he is raised up to share equal glory with His Father.



**Ascension**

There are four aspects to the mission which Jesus gives:

a. There is the duty of the Christian community to evangelize, that is, to communicate the life vision that is contained in the Christian Testament and especially the Gospel. It must be stressed that this is not simply the responsibility of the clergy or of religious men and women. It is the duty of every single Christian, arising from the very nature of being a disciple. The world is still under the influence of a Europe which was once totally Christian and where evangelization was understood as the clergy keeping a passive laity "in the state of grace". We no longer have such a world not even in Europe.

b. The church has the task of healing. The Christian is not simply concerned with the "soul". The whole person needs to experience the effects of salvation - in spirit, mind, feelings, body, and in the surrounding environment. Jesus himself spent a lot of time healing the sick. It was often linked with the healing of the soul and of the heart and the reconciliation of the sinner. The disharmony which sin is can have very visible effects on the feelings and on the body. It is not enough simply to remove the sin (by going to confession) nor is it enough simply to try to heal the body (by going to hospital). Healing involves the whole person. That, as Christians, we are all called to do.

c. Jesus promises that the Spirit will give power to his disciples. This is not to be political or economic power. Again it is not a power simply vested in the hierarchy. It is the power, shared by all, that comes from a vibrant vision of what life should be.

## CARMELITE MOMENTS

### Blessed Elia of St. Clement

**Feast Day: May 29**

Born in Bari in 1901. After receiving her religious habit, she wrote in her own blood her act of total and definitive offering to the Lord with the vow to embrace the “most perfect”.

*Blessed Elia of St Clement, pray for us.*

## ST. JOSEPH VOCATION SOCIETY

The Office of Vocations invites all members of the archdiocese to join the St. Joseph Vocation Society, a voluntary daily prayer commitment for vocations. There are no dues or meetings. In gratitude for your daily prayers, Fr. Chris Lemieux, Director of Vocations, will remember you in a monthly Mass. For more info, visit [www.vocationstoronto.ca/programs](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca/programs)

## PRIME TIME CLUB

A social group for those over 50 with a membership of \$10 per year. Held occasionally are outings, Saturday evening dinners in Nessinger Hall and luncheon in local restaurants. Held weekly are Line Dancing on Tuesdays at 1pm and Craft Group on Wednesdays at 2pm.  
**Contact Mary at 905.824.8537.**

## FAMILY AT THE HEART OF PRAYER



Cardinal Thomas Collins is pleased to invite families from across the diocese to our second annual Archdiocesan gathering of

families! Our family-friendly day will include inspirational talks from Cardinal Collins and families, prayer, praise and worship, Saturday morning Mass, and hands-on activities. Grandparents, parents, and children of all ages are welcome. For more info, visit:

[www.archtoronto.org/family](http://www.archtoronto.org/family)

**WHERE:** Saturday, June 22, 2019

**TIME:** 9:00 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**WHERE:** St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish  
4260 Cawthra Road, Mississauga

**COST:** \$35 per family (any size) and includes lunch and snacks

**CONTACT:** Ella Okonkwo at 416-934-3400 ext. 523  
or [eokonkwo@archtoronto.org](mailto:eokonkwo@archtoronto.org)

## WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

Welcome to St. John of the Cross Parish Community! We are glad to have you. Please feel free to introduce yourself to Fr. Joseph, Fr. Sebastian, or Fr. Felix and when you get a chance, come by the Parish Office and register as a new parishioner.

## 4 Ways to Respond to the Gift of Grace

### 1. Ask for what you need.

In the prayer Jesus taught us, we ask for daily bread, forgiveness, and guidance on the way. You might ask for the grace to deal better with a difficult person at work. Or pray for the grace to be kinder when your child asks “why” for the umpteenth time. Don’t be afraid to ask.

### 2. Ask with an open mind.

Be willing to let go of your own agenda and say yes to the grace God offers. Don’t hand God your game plan and say, “Here are my ideas, and I’m counting on you to do your part.” Remember, “Thy (meaning God’s) will be done.”

### 3. Watch for the ways God responds.

Grace often arrives in surprising ways. Through prayer and being aware, you can learn to recognize God at work in your life. One of the surest signs of God’s grace: a feeling of gratitude and a desire to give to others.

### 4. Pass it on!

When we love one another, we pass on God’s life to others. Having been blessed, we can bless others in our family, at work, in our community. Having been forgiven, we can forgive others. Having been strengthened, we can share our strength. Grace is not meant to be hoarded and stored. It’s meant to touch the lives of others.

When you move through your day buoyed by God’s grace, it can spill over into the lives of your spouse, your child, all those in whose lives you participate. Grace is truly the gift that keeps giving. (Loyola Press, A Jesuit Ministry)



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