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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, May 19 <sup>th</sup>	4:30 p.m.	+Arianna Taylor Campbell +Jade Nelly Faller
Sunday, May 20 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Paul's Basilica
	11:00 a.m.	+Jose Faller +Greg Szpara



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**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

In the 1950s, we said “Holy Ghost.” And in school, as exam time approached, we prayed to the Holy Ghost that we might study the right stuff; then, on the day of the exam, we prayed for help to remember what we had studied. This always struck me as a trivialization of the mighty and treasured gifts of knowledge, wisdom and understanding promised on the day of my confirmation. But, being an obedient – and sometimes desperate – student, I prayed anyway; and, lo and behold, I passed!

Today, as we ponder the large selection of readings offered for Pentecost, we see a much richer picture of the One we now call “Holy Spirit.” This Spirit has the power of wind and fire, but is conveyed on a breath. This Spirit comes bearing truth. This Spirit comes to turn societal values upside-down: self-centredness and divisions give way to love and peace.

This Spirit first came to transform and energize Jesus’ followers to bear Christ’s presence in and to the world – to be his body. The Spirit’s work continues in the Church to this day. We feel it most at work in and among us during our Sunday celebration, praying “Grant that we, who are nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son and filled with his Holy Spirit, may become one body, one spirit in Christ.”

*Margaret Bick, Toronto*

**Call for Conscience 2018  
An Invitation from Cardinal Collins**

Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, recently issued a call to action in advance of the June 7 provincial election to promote palliative care, conscience rights and the protection of faith-based facilities. His Eminence has asked Catholics to visit **canadiansforconscience.ca/ontario** to send a letter directly to all candidates in their riding for the June 7 election. A pre-written letter is provided which people can amend as they choose. If you did not receive Cardinal Collins’ letter and you would like to receive them in the future, please visit **bit.ly/archtosignup**

Thank you for advocating on these important issues!

### “Vocations Seeds”

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The confused and fear-filled apostles were totally changed by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit as they became powerful and dynamic proclaimers of their faith in Jesus Christ. In today's Church God calls priests, religious and deacons to serve Him and to serve others especially by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. If you feel God may be calling you to this ministry, call **Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto**

Phone (416) 968-0997

Email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

### Livestreaming of Diaconal Ordinations

May 26, 2018

Please be advised that this year's ordinations to the Permanent Diaconate will take place on Saturday, May 26 at St. Michael's Cathedral.

The Mass will start at 10 a.m. and will be celebrated by Cardinal Collins. Recognizing that the Cathedral will be crowded, and keenly aware of the vast geography of our archdiocese, we will be livestreaming the Mass for those unable to attend in person. To access the live feed via computer or a mobile device, kindly log on to:

[www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live](http://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live)

### DAY OF REFLECTION

Retreat for Catholic Parents of  
Lesbian Daughters  
And Gay Sons

**Saturday 2 June 2018**

**9am – 5pm**

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