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PARISH OFFICE AND HOURS:

Mon to Thurs: 9:15 AM — 12:00 PM
1:00 PM — 4:00 PM

Friday: 9:15 AM — 2:00 PM

Sunday: 9:15 AM — 1:00 PM

Closed on Saturday and Holidays

DEVOTIONS:

Holy Rosary: before 8:30am Mass

Divine Mercy: Friday after 8:30am Mass

Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Wednesday

Novena to Our Lady of Miraculous Medal:

Every Monday, October - May

Novena to St. Anthony de Padua:

13 Tuesdays (March - June 13)

Eucharistic Adoration:

Mon - Thurs: 9am-12pm (Church)

Every Friday: 9am - 7pm (Church)

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:

For assistance call 416-410-3589

PARISH SCHOOL:

St. Lawrence Catholic School 416-393-5264

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm (English)

Sunday Mass : 8:30 am (English)

10:00 am (Italian)

11:30 am (English)

1:00 pm (Latin)

5:00 pm (English)

DAILY MASSES:

English: 8:30 am Monday to Saturday

Latin: 12:00 pm Monday to Wednesday

7:00 am Thursday

7:00 pm Friday

10:00 am Saturday

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays following the 8:30 am Mass

Saturdays 4:15 pm to 4:45 pm

(or by appointment)

BAPTISM:

Visit our website or call the Parish Office for more information.

MARRIAGE:

Couples must contact the Pastor ONE YEAR in advance. Marriage Preparation Course is required. Visit our website for more information.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK:

If one of your loved ones would like to receive this Sacrament, please contact the Parish Office.

COMMUNION OF THE SICK:

Visitation and/or Holy Communion for the sick upon request.

A warm Welcome to New Parishioners!

Please fill out a parish registration form found in the foyer of the Church, and kindly introduce yourself to the Pastor.

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY – MAY 26, 2024

Matthew 28:16-20



“Go and make disciples of all nations...”

For Matthew this is a momentous climax. Jesus is on the holy mountain, Where is this mountain? We do not know; nor does it matter. The importance is that Jesus is commissioning his followers as the Second Moses. Just so he taught the Sermon on the Mount on the holy mountain, as Moses had given the Old Law on the mount of Sinai. He is the glorious Son of Man of the prophecy of Daniel, to whom all authority on earth was given; but to him is given all authority in heaven and on earth. As Jesus sends them out, he promises that his divine presence will be always with them. It is in the strength of that presence that they will pursue their task. This promise provides the final bracket of the Gospel, as the name given to Jesus by the angel provided the opening bracket: “They will call him “Emmanuel”, a name which means “God is with us”.’ The divine presence of God in Jesus and in his community is the clue to the whole Gospel of Matthew. In the centre of the Gospel it is again stressed, ‘Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.’

On a superficial level this gospel reading seems chosen because of the Trinitarian baptismal formula. It is the only time this formula comes in the scripture, and it is remarkable that the Trinitarian liturgical formula was already developed while the New Testament was being written. At a deeper level this reading of the final five verses of Matthew gives a wonderful Trinitarian view of the work of salvation. The words of the Risen Christ, ‘all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me’ are reminiscent of the vision of the exalted Son of Man in Daniel, who comes to the One of Great Age, seated on his throne, and receives from him all power on earth. Only Christ receives all power in heaven too, as ‘the Son of God in power’. In this power he sends out his disciples, promising his divine presence always. The promise of Christ’s divine presence in his Church now, at the end of the gospel, balances the promise at the beginning in the name Emmanuel, given by the angel for the child. Emmanuel means ‘God with us’. So the permanent presence of Christ is the message of the whole gospel..

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Il Nuovo Testamento fonda l’universalità della missione nello speciale rapporto che Gesù risorto ha con ogni uomo.

Il Vangelo dev’essere annunciato a ogni uomo, perché Gesù è la verità dell’uomo, ha ricevuto dal Padre ogni potere in cielo e in terra, perché ha fatto la volontà del Padre fino alla morte aprendo così per ogni uomo la via verso la pienezza della vita. Di qui le caratteristiche della missione:

- la forza che l’anima è lo Spirito Santo che da Gesù risorto viene promesso e trasmesso ai discepoli, come principio della vita nuova, che deve essere annunciata e comunicata a ogni uomo;

- il contenuto della missione è la sequela di Cristo, l’obbedienza al Vangelo, l’osservanza dei comandi di Gesù, l’adesione battesimale alla vita del Padre, del Figlio e dello Spirito Santo, il distacco dalla vita incredula, implorando e accogliendo la remissione dei peccati;

- la speranza che sostiene i missionari nelle fatiche e nelle difficoltà è la certezza che Gesù è sempre con loro sino alla fine del mondo (da Partenza da Emmaus, in “Rivista Diocesana Milanese”, sett. 1983, 814-815).



**Eucharistic Adoration**

Mon - Thur 9am - 12pm (Church)\*  
Every Friday 9am - 7pm (Church)\*  
\*In Chapel, when there is a funeral.

**Come and spend some quiet time in prayer!**

**“I vow and consecrate to God all that is in me: My memory and my actions to God the Father; My understanding and my words to God the Son; My will and my thoughts to God the Holy Spirit.”**

~ St. Francis de Sales ~



**Mass Intentions for the week**



**SATURDAY MAY 25<sup>TH</sup> – SABATO**

5:00 P.M. - For All Our Parishioners

**SUNDAY MAY 26<sup>TH</sup> – DOMENICA**

8:30 A.M. Elizabeth Ramsbotham

10:00 A.M. (Italian)

Intenzioni di Vito e Elisabetta Barbieri

Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia

Leonello Pecorari

Marino D’Attolico

Vito e Mike Cuoppo

Biase Menna

Italo Lavorgna

11:30 A.M. + Orlando Gaerlan

1:00 P.M. - Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. - Mariana Maramo

**MONDAY MAY 27<sup>TH</sup> – LUNEDI**

8:30 A.M. + Norma Gelua

12:00 P.M. - For Baby Skulski

**TUESDAY MAY 28<sup>TH</sup> – MARTEDI**

8:30 A.M. - Amrosio Frias

12:00 P.M. - Connie Chiu

**WEDNESDAY MAY 29<sup>TH</sup> – MERCOLEDI**

8:30 A.M. + Carmen Jose

+ Feliciano Flores

+ Nicolas Monsanto

+ Irene Asumbrado

12:00 P.M. - Andre Skulski & Family

**THURSDAY MAY 30<sup>TH</sup> – GIOVEDI**

7:00 A.M. - Pro Populo

8:30 A.M. + Orlando Gaerlan

**FRIDAY MAY 31<sup>ST</sup> – VENERDI**

8:30 A.M. + Orlando Gaerlan

7:00 P.M. - Maria Georgina Jose

**SATURDAY JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup> – SABATO**

8:30 A.M. + Edilerto Latiza

10:00 A.M. + SydneyreneAnne De Souza



**Offertory - Last Week:**  
Regular : \$5,729.65





## SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY – MAY 26, 2024



Dear Friends in Christ, with the Feast of Pentecost having just passed our liturgical rear-view mirror, we now begin what the Church traditionally calls “Ordinary Time.” The name “Ordinary Time” comes from the Latin word “*ordinalis*”, which means “numbered”, since the weeks of Ordinary Time are numbered sequentially. The liturgical colour of this period is green (which symbolizes of hope and life), and the readings in the liturgies predominantly deals with the everyday life and teachings of Jesus.

We are currently starting the second segment of Ordinary Time (a period that begins on the Monday after Pentecost and lasts until the first Sunday of Advent). Incidentally, the period of the first segment of Ordinary Time started on Monday following the Feast of John the Baptist (which concludes the Christmas season), and continued until the day before Ash Wednesday (also commonly known as Shrove Tuesday).

Today, however, we celebrate Trinity Sunday, which deals with one of the central mystery of our Christian faith and life - the mystery of the Trinity! The Catechism reminds us that “[*The Trinity*] is the mystery of God in himself. It is therefore the source of all the other mysteries of faith, the light that enlightens them. It is the most fundamental and essential teaching in the ‘hierarchy of the truths of faith’” (234). The other mysteries that we profess (e.g., the death and Resurrection of Jesus, and the Eucharist) shows **what** God has done, and continues to do, for us. The mystery of the Trinity, however, tells us **who** God is. The Catechism further states, “*The Trinity is One. We do not confess three Gods, but one God in three persons: [Father, Son and Holy Spirit] ... The divine persons do not share the one divinity among themselves but each of them is God, whole and entire*” (253). Thus, the Trinity is really a mystery about God in himself, that is, one God, three Persons (cf. Trinity Sunday - June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023).

Various saints over the centuries have tried to help unpack the mystery of the Trinity through the use of different analogies. St. Augustine, for example, used the analogy of the human mind: since the human mind has three distinct faculties - memory, understanding and will – that forms a single essence, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are distinct yet one God. St. Patrick used the three-leafed shamrock plant and taught that as a shamrock has three leaves but is yet one plant, God is three persons but yet one God. St. John Damascus used the analogy of the sun to show how the three persons are distinct yet originate from the same source: The Father is the sun, the Son is the light that emanates from the sun, and the Holy Spirit is the heat that comes from the sun. St. Gregory of Nyssa used the three torches analogy to explain the Trinity by stating that when three torches are placed together, they produced a single, unified light.

Another image that was repeatedly used by the saints to help explain the mystery of the Trinity involved the use of water, or water-related things. St. Catherine Siena, for example, used the fountain analogy to demonstrate the unity and distinctiveness of the three persons: the Father is compared to the source of the fountain, the Son to the water that flows from the source, and the Spirit to the way the water flows. St. Athanasius compared the Trinity to a river with the Father seen as the source, the Son as a stream, and the Holy Spirit as an outflow. St. Hilary in a similar manner thought of the Father as the fountain, the Son as a stream flowing from the fountain, and the Holy Spirit as a river spreading from the stream.

In every one of these analogies, one cannot help but see the relational and communal dynamic at the heart of the Trinitarian mystery. In the end, the mystery of the Trinity is that of love. God is not a solitary being but a communion of persons in perfect and eternal love relationship. **“Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.**

Amen!”

Pax Christi, *Fr. Thomas*



Vocation Reflection ~ God the Father, Creator; God the Son, Redeemer; God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier. When we go out to “make disciples of all nations”, we have a lot to tell! God is present everywhere. Would you be willing to proclaim the truth of God’s love and presence in your life as a priest, religious or deacon? If so, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, AOT at 416-968-0997.



Stewardship Reflection ~ Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity which we profess every time we make the sign of the cross saying “in the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit.” St. Francis de Sales recommends that we “make spiritual aspirations to God by short, ardent movements of [our] hearts.” Therefore, the next time we experience a difficult moment in our lives or ministries, let us not despair but boldly invoke all three persons of the Trinity and make the sign of the cross .

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### Dear Padre

May 26, 2024

**I hear people talking about finding their vocation. How do I know what my vocation is?**

Our Catholic understanding of vocation is "a call from God to a particular state in life," by which is usually meant single, married, priest, or religious. When you hear people speaking about finding their vocation, it is possible that this is what they have in mind. On the other hand, it is also quite possible that they are referring simply to a particular occupation that they feel comfortable with and wish to pursue.

The root understanding of vocation is really the understanding of God's call and our response. Vocation has not so much to do with what we do but is rather reflective of what we believe about our relationship with God. Vocation assumes that we believe that God is active in our own unique history, and is involved in our decision-making process; that God desires to manifest his will to us; and that God does in fact communicate with us in a very personal way.

If you are truly open to the will of God in your own life, if you are willing to listen to God's call and make your decisions and choices based on this experience, preferably with the guidance of a confessor or spiritual director, you will discover the true happiness that a real vocation can bring. ●

The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org

#### PRAYER FOR THE SICK:

We keep in our prayers the sick, the homebound, and the forgotten members in our community.



*"Make sickness itself a Prayer"*  
~ St Francis de Sales ~



**Your ShareLife support goes beyond borders...**

ShareLife isn't just local. Your ShareLife gift extends mercy and justice to people beyond our borders by supporting the humanitarian projects of our agencies, particularly those that prioritize taking care of hungry children in vulnerable communities.

"We are so incredibly grateful to you, ShareLife and your supporters, for your steadfast commitment to our vision that no child should go hungry in this world of plenty. On behalf of all the children you have helped, thank you." – Keli Marshall, Mary's Meals Canada

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](https://sharelife.org/donate).

**TOTUS TUUS SUMMER CAMP WILL BE RUNNING IN 25 PARISHES THIS JULY AND AUGUST.**

Ample Opportunity for Youth to Have Fun, Grow in Faith This Summer. If you or someone you know is looking for fun and faithful programs for the summer months, please click this link -> [Summer Camps at Parishes in the Archdiocese of Toronto](#).



**JOIN our PASTOR FR. THOMAS LIM for a 12-day Pilgrimage to Mexico Aug 22 - Sep 2, 2024**

Visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Sites from the lives of the Cristeros Saints and many more!

Flyers/Registration forms are found at the lobby of the Church and [SLM website](#).



### WALK WITH CHRIST

*Eucharistic Procession to celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi*

## SUNDAY, JUNE 2<sup>nd</sup>

All are welcome to join the Most Reverend Francis Leo, Archbishop of Toronto, for a Corpus Christi Mass & Procession at [Saint Michael's Cathedral Basilica](#) (65 Bond St.) on **Sunday, June 2, 2024 following the Noon Mass**. A short procession (30–45 minutes) will take place in the vicinity surrounding the cathedral followed by Solemn Benediction followed by fellowship.



**FATHER YOU CALLED**

**SAINT LAWRENCE TO SERVE YOU BY LOVE AND CROWNED HIS LIFE WITH GLORIOUS MARTYRDOM.**

**HELP US TO BE LIKE HIM IN LOVING YOU AND DOING YOUR WORK.**

**AMEN**

#### FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR, Saturday, June 8, 2024 at 9a.m.

Learn:

- How to avoid problems: in your Will, in the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection
- How to create your own legacy
- About our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals

3 WAYS TO REGISTER:

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3. send an email to: [Development@ArchToronto.org](mailto:Development@ArchToronto.org) and write "webinar June 8" in the title line + your name (s) in the body of the message.



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