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In Residence

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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.**

PENTECOST SUNDAY ~ JUNE 8, 2025

John 14,15-16.23-26

The Holy Spirit will teach you everything.



In Jesus' final speech to his disciples after the Last Supper, preparing them for life after the Resurrection, he several times mentions a mysterious figure, the Paraclete. 'Paraclete' is Greek for 'advocate', someone called to your side to help, to guide you through a tricky patch. In Hebrew mythology about the Last Judgement there would be an Accuser and an Advocate on either side. Jesus will send – or in other passages the Father will send – this Advocate to his followers as his own presence when he is no longer there, to guide the Church into all truth. That is the inspiring situation: the Church and each of its individuals will continue to deepen our understanding of the mysteries of God, over the centuries and over the years of our life. Before the Spirit was given, even the disciples who had been with Jesus throughout his ministry failed to understand his real significance, and certainly lacked courage to proclaim it. The coming of the Paraclete was the booster-rocket which set off the Church on its course and keeps it on course. Now it is the duty and privilege of each of the members of the Church to fulfil the prophetic office of the Church, understanding more deeply and declaring more clearly the truth about Christ in the world.

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Lo Spirito Santo è lo Spirito di Cristo ed è la Persona divina che diffonde nel mondo la possibilità di imitare Cristo, dando Cristo al mondo e facendolo vivere in noi.

Nell'insegnamento e nell'opera di Cristo, nulla è più essenziale del perdono. Egli ha proclamato il regno futuro del Padre come regno dell'amore misericordioso. Sulla croce, col suo sacrificio perfetto, ha espiato i nostri peccati, facendo così trionfare la misericordia e l'amore mediante - e non contro - la giustizia e l'ordine. Nella sua vittoria pasquale, egli ha portato a compimento ogni cosa. Per questo il Padre si compiace di effondere, per mezzo del Figlio, lo Spirito di perdono. Nella Chiesa degli apostoli il perdono viene offerto attraverso i sacramenti del battesimo e della riconciliazione e nei gesti della vita cristiana. Dio ha conferito al suo popolo una grande autorità stabilendo che la salvezza fosse concessa agli uomini per mezzo della Chiesa!

Ma questa autorità, per essere conforme al senso della Pentecoste, deve sempre essere esercitata con misericordia e con gioia, che sono le caratteristiche di Cristo, che ha sofferto ed è risorto, e che esulta eternamente nello Spirito Santo.

EUCCHARISTIC 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!



Mass Intentions for the week



SATURDAY JUNE 7TH - SABATO

5:00 P.M. - Enid Rais

SUNDAY JUNE 8TH - DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. - For All Our Parishioners

10:00 A.M. (Italian)

Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia

Rosario Vella

Vito e Mike Cuoppolo

Franco e Elisabetta Sinopoli e famiglia

Vito De Nardo e famiglia

Adele Vignali - Flavia D'Attolico

Marco, Edda e defunti famiglie

Carlevaris e Nevodini

L'Anime del Purgatorio

11:30 A.M. + Geraldine Senewiratne

1:00 P.M. - Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. + Arthur Calderon

MONDAY JUNE 9TH - LUNEDÌ

8:30 A.M. + Geraldine Senewiratne

12:00 P.M. - Prop Populo

TUESDAY JUNE 10TH - MARTEDÌ

8:30 A.M. + Margaret Warner

10:00 A.M. + Funeral Emidio Morsillo

12:00 P.M. - Marie de Ruiter

WEDNESDAY JUNE 11TH - MERCOLEDÌ

8:30 A.M. + Emile Tisseverasinghe

12:00 P.M. + Kevin Menezes

THURSDAY JUNE 12TH - GIOVEDÌ

7:00 A.M. - Jia Lin Huang

8:30 A.M. + Hanna, John & Eva Porawa

FRIDAY JUNE 13TH - VENERDÌ

8:30 A.M. + Rufino Santiago

7:00 P.M. + Holy Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY JUNE 14TH - SABATO

8:30 A.M. + Marie Wolfs

10:00 A.M. - Maria Georgina Jose



OFFERTORY LAST WEEK

Regular: \$5,763.80

Bldg Fund: \$3,998.00



Vocation Reflection... "Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love." Send forth workers into your vineyard. May some of our parishioners choose to serve you by becoming priests, deacons, brothers and sisters. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca

PENTECOST SUNDAY ~ JUNE 8, 2025



Dear Friends in Christ, today we celebrate the great solemnity of Pentecost, the day when the Holy Spirit descended upon Mary and the apostles and filled them with his incredible gifts and blessings. What happened that day continues to take place whenever the Sacrament of Confirmation is celebrated for one of the faithful. Today, permit me to offer you the story of Dominic Sim, who wrote "A Brief Reflection of My Journey in Faith" and received the Sacrament of Confirmation this past Easter Vigil. This is his story....

"Luckily for me, I was born a Catholic. I went to a Catholic school as a kid and I used to hold my faith like a badge of honour, feeling like I knew a lot about Christ and His teachings. But oh, how wrong was I. As I grew older, I was shaped and affected by events in my life, which drew me away from God. Whereas before I was proud to uphold my faith to even a stranger, I had gotten to a point where I was scared to mention it to my dearest friends. Why? Social media made an impressionable teen like me believe my faith made me a bigot and a lunatic, so I became scared of sharing my beliefs, especially since I knew that I had lived a sinful life and felt unworthy of proclaiming the goodness of the Lord.

Therefore, without God as my backdrop, with traumatic events occurring and my continual life in sin, I fell into despair. Anxiety afflicted me and I felt no one in the world had any love or value for me as a person. With more and more bad days after the other, I started to lose hope. But deep inside, I knew my despair came from a feeling of unworthiness and guilt towards God. For if no one, not even God loved me, who am I to exist in this world? So I decided to make a change and planned to start going to church regularly, but I couldn't even get past waking up in the morning to go to church. So for weeks and months, I failed over and over again, making me feel even worse than I had before. My anxiety only became worse, I could not sleep at night and I had trouble even conversing with a single stranger. Hate and fear overwhelmed me. I felt my purpose in life was unclear and I was a complete failure and loser.

Then out of nowhere, I felt love from God. I do not exactly know how to explain it, but I felt a love that overwhelmed me like never before. For the first time in a long time, I felt I mattered. I did not hear any words, but I just knew it was from God, and my emotions overwhelmed me and I cried for the first time in so long from the love I felt. To me, my Creator and the King of the Universe telling me I am perfect just the way I am was unbelievable. Just a few days earlier, I thought my life was utterly useless and that I would be dealing with mental illness for the rest of my life, but God showed me a different path. His love came to me and made me feel like I deserved to exist, to be loved and to love others.

From that moment on, I swore to myself I had to owe it up to God. He saved me. I was at my absolute lowest, but only One came to save me. No one else helped me. I decided to start praying everyday, going to church every week, and reading the Bible everyday. I wanted to show and prove to God my appreciation for His grace. I started loving other people better and loving myself too, trying to live the life Jesus commands of us. I tried, yet still have trouble battling sin and temptation, but God's grace has only kept growing. That is why when I learned about RCIA in church, I thought it was the logical next step, to get confirmed in the faith and to get closer with God. I do not know where my plans lie next, but all I know is that God is with me every step of the way, whether I take one-step forward or misstep and fall down. He will always be there for me and love me.

That is why I write this reflection, because I am no longer scared of hiding my faith in God. He saved me and He will save everyone else! *'For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life'* (Jn. 3:16). Thanks be to God." Pax Christi, *Fr. Thomas*



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

As stewards,
we play the
important
role of
cooperating
with the Holy
Spirit to
continue the
work and
mission of
the Church.
Cardinal
Collins often
says that
the Church
needs to
"care for the
gathered and
reach out to
the
scattered."
Let us ask
ourselves
how we can
use our time
and talents
to
participate in
this two fold
mission of
the Church.



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**YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF HOPE THIS
SHARELIFE SUNDAY**

Through your support of ShareLife, Silent Voice breaks barriers for families in a welcoming American Sign Language (ASL) environment. Despite the stigma that people with disabilities face, Silent Voice offers a haven of acceptance for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community and their families. Here, their dignity and worth are affirmed, providing them with the confidence to thrive. And it's all possible because of understanding supporters like you.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our [parish website](http://parish.website), or at sharelife.org/donate.
Thank you for Living the Gospel.



**SPECIAL COLLECTION
~ MARYGROVE CAMP ~
NEXT WEEKEND, JUNE 15TH**

The weekend of June 14/15, we take up the annual collection in support of Marygrove Camp. These residential camps are operated by the St. Vincent de Paul Society and normally offer children between the ages of 5 and 13 a chance to enjoy a one-week summer camp experience, free of charge to children who would otherwise not be able to afford it. Thank you for your support!



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, would like to thank you for your support. With your assistance in the month of May, we were able to help 18 needy families with the amount of \$1,640. We also ordered 2 queen size beds and 3 single beds, one dresser and one table and chairs for three families. God bless you!

REMINDER: Bundle Up Weekend will take place July 12 and 13

Dear Padre,

My Catholic friend says she speaks in tongues and does not feel she needs an interpretation as she does so. She writes down the exchange as she listens to others. What does the Catholic Church say about speaking in tongues? How should I respond if she asks to pray for me in this way?

Good for your friend. A robust spiritual practice is a real grace from God. At the same time, it seems that a gentle reminder, albeit a respectful one, to your friend might include the wisdom of St. Paul. In 1 Corinthians, Paul cautions that the person who speaks in tongues must ask for interpretation of what is spoken so that it may be confirmed. There is real wisdom offered here. It is also helpful to remember that in the Christian understanding of supernatural gifts, such gifts are not intended solely for the individual person but always for the well-being of the community and the common good (1 Cor 12:7). Keeping this integrated and balanced understanding as an essential component of the manifestation of the charismatic gifts of the Holy Spirit will only lead to good and to a more powerful experience of God's grace and life. In the Christian life, it is never about just the individual, but always inclusive of the experience of our brothers and sisters in Christ. ●



Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

**Corpus Christi Mass & Procession
Saint Michael's Cathedral Basilica
Sunday, June 22, 2025 (following the Noon Mass)**



All are welcome to join Frank Cardinal Leo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto, for a Corpus Christi Mass & Procession at Saint Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St.) on Sunday, June 22, 2025 following the Noon Mass! Join us as "Pilgrims of Hope" during this special Year of Jubilee.

*"O Holy Spirit, descend
plentifully into my heart.
Enlighten the dark
corners of this neglected
dwelling and scatter there
Thy cheerful beams."
~ St. Augustine ~*



**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

**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 ~

