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In Residence

Julia Di Paolo - **Secretary**

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 BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CRISTI)

~ JUNE 22, 2025 ~

Luke 9.11b-17



They all ate and were satisfied.

On the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ should we not have the gospel reading about the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper? No, the Church puts before us this reading of the wonderful gift of food by Jesus. It is a sort of open-air picnic Eucharist. So it begins with Jesus talking to them about the Kingdom of God; this is what happens in the earlier part of our Eucharist, as we listen to the readings and the homily on them. Then he heals those who are in need of healing, and that means all of us, for we are always in need of healing in various ways. If you don't think you need to be healed, don't come to the Eucharist. Only then does he raise his eyes to heaven, bless the bread and distribute it, just as Jesus gives himself to us in the Eucharist. A sign of the generosity and plenty of Jesus' gifts in the Eucharist is given by the twelve baskets of left-overs, ready for consumption by the twelve tribes of the new Israel. In the same way, on the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ we share joyfully in the sustenance which Jesus gives to us and to the huge numbers of his followers across the world..

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Onoriamo e adoriamo oggi il "Corpo del Signore", spezzato e donato per la salvezza di tutti gli uomini, fatto cibo per sostenere la nostra "vita nello Spirito". Gesù ha moltiplicato i pani e i pesci per nutrire la folla che lo seguiva: il cibo fisico agisce in me anche quando non ci penso, anche quando dormo si trasforma in carne, sangue, energie vitali. Il cibo spirituale è diverso: è efficace se io collaboro con Cristo, che vuole trasformare la mia vita nella sua.

L'Eucaristia è la festa della fede, stimola e rafforza la fede. I nostri rapporti con Dio sono avvolti nel mistero: ci vuole un gran coraggio e una grande fede per dire: "Qui c'è il Signore!". Se guardo a me stesso, mi trovo sempre piccolo, imperfetto, peccatore, pieno di limiti. Eppure Dio mi ama, come ama tutti gli uomini, fino a farsi nostro cibo e bevanda per comunicarci la sua vita divina, farci vivere la sua vita di amore.

L'Eucaristia non è credibile se rimane un rito, il ricordo di un fatto successo duemila anni fa. È invece una "scuola di vita", una proposta di amore che coinvolge tutta la mia vita: deve rendermi disponibile ad amare il prossimo, fino a dare la mia vita per gli altri. Secondo l'esempio che Gesù ci ha lasciato. .



Vocation Reflection... Jesus has given us His Body to eat and His Blood to drink so as to nourish us on our journey towards the Kingdom. May we be faithful to him on our journey as a married, single, ordained or consecrated person. If God is calling you, to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca



Come and spend some quiet time in prayer!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Mon - Thur 9am - 12pm (Church)*

Every Friday 9am - 7pm (Church)*

*In Chapel, when there is a funeral.



Mass Intentions for the week



SATURDAY JUNE 21ST - SABATO

5:00 P.M. + Antonio Scarano

SUNDAY JUNE 22ND - DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. + Emma Santiago

10:00 A.M. (Italian)

Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia

Benito Cortese

Vito e Mike Cuoppolo

Luigi e Maria D'Addario

Luigi Cornacchia

11:30 A.M. - For All Our Parishioners

1:00 P.M. - Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. + Pepito M. Galang

MONDAY JUNE 23RD - LUNEDÌ

8:30 A.M. - David Benjamin

12:00 P.M. - Pro Populo

TUESDAY JUNE 24TH - MARTEDÌ

8:30 A.M. + Michael & Maria Abreu

12:00 P.M. - Pro Populo

WEDNESDAY JUNE 25TH - MERCOLEDÌ

8:30 A.M. + Emmanuel Cruz

+ George Broadfoot

+ Erasmo Aguanno

- Gill Rirao

12:00 P.M. - Rodica Mazare

THURSDAY JUNE 26TH - GIOVEDÌ

7:00 A.M. - Barbara Dobrodziej

8:30 A.M. + Renato Amizola

FRIDAY JUNE 27TH - VENERDÌ

8:30 A.M. - James & Elvira Foronda

7:00 P.M. - Pro Populo

SATURDAY JUNE 28TH - SABATO

8:30 A.M. - Mark & Eppie Blackwell Family

10:00 A.M. - Pro Populo



OFFERTORY LAST WEEK

Regular: \$6,620.80

Marygrove: \$2,454.00



SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CRISTI)

~ JUNE 22, 2025 ~



Dear Friends in Christ, this is the conclusion of Fahad's journey of faith reflection (see Trinity Sunday Bulletin for the first part)....

A Deepening Faith through RCIA program: "Our RCIA classes were not just educational, they were transformative. We met incredible individuals like Elvira, James, Rex and Father Thomas, each of whom helped nurture our faith with love and dedication. Every week, we eagerly counted down the days until Tuesday, when we could attend class. Each session taught us something new, bringing us closer to Jesus Christ.

I learned about the beautiful love story of Jesus Christ and His invitation to humanity to be part of a divine relationship with Him, one that would lead us to eternal life. I discovered that the Catholic Church lies on three pillars: the Magisterium, Tradition, and Scripture. These elements are unified and complementary, forming a faith system that has stood the test of time for over 2,000 years. The Church's continuity, from the twelve apostles to their successors, ensured that the teachings of Jesus remained unbroken.

I also learned the profound meaning of the seven sacraments; the importance of the Eucharist; and why we honor Mother Mary and the saints. The Eucharist is the Body and Blood of Christ, offered to nourish our souls each Sunday in remembrance of Him. I discovered that the Catholic understanding of the Holy Trinity - the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit - is a beautiful mystery, yet one that is vital to our faith. The understanding of Ten Commandments, Confession, and the path of repentance became essential parts of my spiritual journey.

Every lesson from Father Thomas, delivered with care and clarity, helped me understand the teachings of Christ in a more profound way. He would often use visual aids, real-life examples, and personal stories to make the concepts relatable. Even my mother, who did not understand English, was able to grasp the core teachings and wisdom shared in those classes. Every night after class when we discussed our studies, we were surprised that my mother also understood!

Father Thomas would explain in depth with the help of whiteboard and markers. He would often draw charts, examples and explain us with real life stories to make us understand better. When we see him in the Mass, he is the Divine priest; but when he teaches us, it feels like he is the Divine teacher. I could virtually see in my eyes every one of his words and actions. Through the RCIA program, I met people who had beautiful, inspiring stories of faith. Each person's commitment to helping us grow in our understanding of Christ and the Catholic faith was truly humbling."

The Struggles and Blessings of Life: "Life has not been easy for me, and I continue to face struggles. I lost my father at the age of eleven and at that time my younger sister, Roksana, was only eight years old! Like every mother in this world, my mother was also a special gift for us from God. Still struggling every day to find a job, going from restaurant-to-restaurant dropping CV's, doing Uber Eats deliveries with my e-bikes sometimes to earn money. Yet, despite the hardships, I always found reasons to be thankful. As Father Thomas once said, *'Always think of the glass as half full, rather than half empty.'* I have come to embrace this mindset, seeing every blessing - no matter how small - as a gift from God.

Though I have lost friends and relatives along the way due to my conversion, and have faced a lot of violence, bullying and persecution, the love I now share with Jesus has filled that void. As Father Thomas taught, *'Every little pain we endure is a small cross dedicated to Jesus.'* I have faced losses, but through these trials, God has blessed me with new guardians and mentors like Father Thomas, Elvira, James, Rex and entire Catholic community now. If you love Jesus, he will guide you from depression and pain."

Looking Forward in Life: "I am filled with anticipation as I approach the day of my Baptism and Confirmation. I am excited to receive the Holy Spirit and to partake in the Eucharist every Sunday, nourishing my soul with the Body and Blood of Christ. This is a new beginning for me, a new chapter in my life, where I can grow ever closer to Jesus.

I encourage anyone, Catholic or not, to attend RCIA classes. While reading books can provide education, there is nothing like learning directly from a teacher in a community setting. It will not only deepen your understanding of Christianity, but it will also help you grow as a better Christian, a better Catholic, and a better human being.

My journey is just beginning, but I know that by following the Ten Commandments, praying for protection from temptation, and living my life in accordance with Christ's teachings, I will one day be united with Jesus, Mother Mary, the saints, the apostles and all the holy people in eternity. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, Amen."

Pax Christi, *Fr. Thomas*



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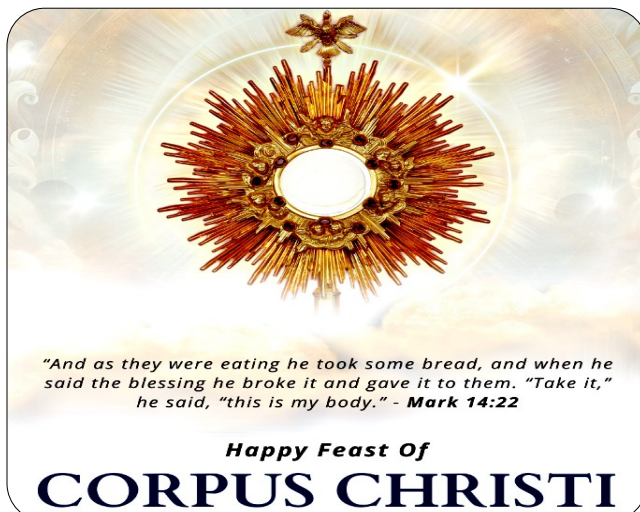
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THANK YOU FOR BRINGING EMPATHY TO THE TABLE



Covenant House, an agency you support through ShareLife, fosters a profound sense of belonging among at-risk children in the Youth in Transition program. Their community dinners create a welcoming space for shared experiences, made possible by your empathetic heart. "These gatherings are an opportunity for youth to learn more about each other and taste food from different cultures," says Fred Shayo-Mushi, Support Services Manager of Covenant House Toronto. "The dinners make everyone feel like they matter because of your love."

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



Serving Our
Neighbours
In Need

JULY 12th / 13th
Bundle up Weekend



Archdiocese of Toronto Jubilee Pilgrimage to Martyrs' Shrine Midland, Ontario on August 24th

During this Jubilee Year, join us for a pilgrimage to the Martyrs' Shrine, a national holy and historic space honouring the lives of the Canadian Martyrs
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That Blessed Upper Room

2025 Pastoral Letter

His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo

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**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

Dear Padre,

Some of my non-Catholic friends say the bread and wine are just symbols of the Body and Blood of Jesus. Is there documented proof that we receive the Body and Blood at Communion?

Your non-Catholic friends are accurately representing their understanding of the Eucharist within their Christian denomination, but it is not the Catholic understanding. Catholics believe that, "in the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist, the 'body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ, and therefore, the whole Christ, is truly, really, and substantially contained'" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1374). Therefore, Catholics do not believe that the Eucharist is a symbol of Jesus but rather, "This presence is called 'real'" (CCC 1374).

To answer your question regarding "documented proof," this can be offered only by the consistent and unchanging witness of the Christian community, found in the Catholic Church, that has never wavered in belief or practice of this understanding. At the same time, we understand that it is a mystery. It is not something that can be placed under a microscope or dissected. As a mystery, it is not subject to the laws of science and biology. Such laws are not applied to theological mystery, which goes beyond what can be physically seen but is "seen" through the eyes of faith. As the hymn proclaims: "Look beyond the bread you eat, see your Savior and your Lord" ("Look Beyond," Darryl Ducote). ●



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Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / 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 ~

