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*God sent his Son that the world
might be saved through him. Jn 3:16*

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY ~ MAY 31ST, 2026



Message on the Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

1 June 2026

His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo
Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

May Jesus and Mary be in your souls.

Each year Holy Mother Church dedicates the month of **June** to the **Sacred Heart of Jesus Christ**. This devotion invites us to contemplate not only the mystery of Christ's love, but also the kind of hearts we are called to develop in the world (*Mt 11:29; Jn 13:34*). When we refer to the "Sacred Heart of Jesus" we recall the whole mystery of Christ - his Person, his mission and his infinite divine-human love for the Father and for humanity. As the Catechism teaches, Christ "has loved us all with a human heart", and his pierced Heart is rightly considered "the chief sign and symbol of that love with which the divine Redeemer continually loves the eternal Father and all human beings" without exception (*CCC, 478*).

In the Gospels, we often see how Jesus responds to people with a sensitive heart that reveals itself in a remarkable attentiveness to their suffering. The evangelists repeatedly describe him as being "moved with compassion". He notices the hungry crowd before they ask for food (*Mt 14:14-16*); he stops for the blind man others try to silence (*Mk 10:46-52*), and he restores dignity to those whom society has forgotten (*Lk 7:13*). These moments reveal something profound: the heart of Christ is never distant from human need. It is a heart that sees, listens, and responds (*Heb 4:15*). And as the Church pondered these scenes - above all in the act of redemption when the side of Christ Crucified was opened - we too learn to speak ever more clearly of the love revealed in his Heart.

This Gospel portrait of Christ's compassion was not lost on the early Church. Long before devotion to the Sacred Heart took its modern form through St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, the Fathers of the Church reflected deeply on the mystery of the Lord's pierced side, seeing in his wounds the sign of his love and his desire to draw us into his Heart. St. Augustine of Hippo taught that the open side of Christ reveals the love from which the Church, and her sacraments of water and blood are born (*Tractates on the Gospel of John, 120; cf. SC, 5*). St. John Chrysostom saw in Christ's compassion the pattern for all Christian charity (*Homilies on Matthew, 50*). St. Ambrose of Milan saw in the wounded hands of Christ an image of the divine embrace that draws all humanity to itself, teaching that the outstretched arms of the crucified Lord signify God's desire to gather the whole world into his mercy (*On the Christian Faith, II.7*). And St. John Damascene held that the wounds of the risen Christ remain visible as a perpetual intercession before the Father, so that the Church is emboldened to bring her own needs and the needs of the world before God in confident prayer (*An Exposition of the Orthodox Faith, IV.27*).

For this reason, devotion to the Sacred Heart must never remain simply a private or sentimental practice. It is meant to shape the way Christians live and act in the world (*Jm 2:14-17; 1 Jn 3:16-18*); namely, by meditating on the love of Christ, we are not only drawn into that love but seek to imitate it. Our devotion must be rooted in the Gospel and lead us to imitate Christ's love (*Dilexit Nos, 83*). When we contemplate the heart of Christ, we are invited to model our lives on him who is "meek and humble of heart," and whose pierced side draws all believers to himself (*Mt 11:29; Jn 19:34-37*).

The Sacred Heart is therefore a **school of compassion**. When we spend time in prayer before the Lord - especially in the Eucharist - we gradually learn his way of loving (*Jn 6:54-56; 1 Cor 10:16; CCC 2669*). June offers us a practical spiritual invitation, a moment to ask a simple but demanding question: **does my heart resemble the heart of Christ?** Scripture reminds us that the Christian life involves genuine transformation: "I will give you a new heart" (*Ez 36:26*), and believers are called to share in the very mind and love of Christ (*Phil 2:5*).

Finally, during the month of June, dedicated entirely to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we celebrate liturgically not only the **Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus**, but also the annual **World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests**. We are invited to lift up our prayers of intercession (*CCC, 2634-2636*) for those servants of the Gospel and of the Church whose lives have been offered to the Lord for the salvation of humankind. As men called and gifted, formed and ordained, they are sent into the world for the life of the world. While all are called to holiness and service, in a specific manner due to their particular mission, priests are called to avoid at all costs any temptation to half-heartedness, lukewarmness or mediocrity. Priests are a gift from the Lord to the Church and to each of us personally. They need our support and encouragement, they need our understanding and our collaboration, they need our love, respect and our prayers.

I close with those inspiring words of Pope St. John Paul II: "While the Second Vatican Council speaks of the universal call to holiness, in the case of the priest we must speak of a special call to holiness. Christ needs holy priests! Today's world demands holy priests. Only a Holy priest can become, in an increasingly secularized world, a resounding witness to Christ and his Gospel. And only thus can a priest become a guide for men and women and a teacher of holiness. The truest secret of authentic pastoral success does not lie in material means, much less sophisticated programs. The lasting results of pastoral endeavors are born of the holiness of the priest. This is the foundation!" (*Gift and Mystery, p.89-90*)

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We worship one God in the Trinity and the Trinity in unity! (Athanasian Creed)

JN 3: 16 - 18



The Catechism teaches that “by sending his only Son and the Spirit of Love in the fullness of time, God has revealed his innermost secret: God himself is an eternal exchange of love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and he has destined us to share in that exchange” (221). “The three persons are one truth” (Saint Augustine). By pondering the truth of the Trinity, we also realize the full truth of ourselves:

By his gift of faith, God has made his own life available to us even now. “The complete Trinity dwells in us” (Father Marie-Michel Philipon, o.p.). God reveals the fullness of his very self to us that we “might not perish but might have eternal life,” and that we might be received as his own.¹

Spesso ci si immagina un “Dio” lontano, astratto, ridotto quasi a un sistema di idee contorte o semplicissime, ma inesplicabili. Soprattutto quando ci si accosta alla dottrina della Trinità, si ha l'impressione di essere di fronte a una sciarada beffarda. E invece, l'essere concretissimo di Dio è comunione che liberamente si effonde. Anzi, ci chiama a varcare la soglia della sua vita intima e beatificante. Non riusciamo a capire perché Dio si sia interessato di noi: più di quanto, forse, noi ci interessiamo a noi stessi. Proprio mentre eravamo peccatori, il Padre ha mandato il suo Figlio per offrirci la vita nuova nello Spirito. Liberamente. Per amore. “Dio ha tanto amato il mondo da dare il suo Figlio unigenito”.

Cristo non si impone. Non costringe ad accettarlo. Si consegna alla nostra decisione. È questa la vertigine della vita umana. Possiamo passare accanto al Signore Gesù che muore e risorge, senza degnarlo di uno sguardo nemmeno distratto. E, tuttavia, non possiamo fare in modo che egli non esista come il Dio fatto uomo che perdona e salva. “Chi non crede è già stato condannato”.

Ma se ci apriamo alla sua dilezione...

Allora Cristo si rivela come colui che ha suscitato in noi tutte le attese più radicali. E colma a dismisura queste attese. È la redenzione. È la grazia. È lo Spirito che abita in noi e ci conforma al Signore Gesù. La vita nuova, che ci viene donata, apparirà in tutta la sua gloria oltre il tempo. Inizia qui, ed è la “vita eterna”.²

¹Magnificat - May 2026 Edition | ² <https://www.lachiesa.it/>

Pre-Planning Seminar

Planning ahead is one of the most thoughtful and compassionate decisions you can make for your family. Join us for an informative seminar designed to help you understand your options and make confident, faith-informed decisions.

Dates & Locations:

Christ the King Catholic Cemetery & Reception Centre
7770 Steeles Ave. E, Markham (Entrance off Reesor Road)
Saturday June 13, 2026, at 9:00 AM
You must **RSVP** to attend at 905-471-0121 or
by email at christthekinginquiry@cc-fs.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.**

PARISH OFFICE OPEN ON SUNDAYS - 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM



Mass Intentions for the week



SATURDAY MAY 30TH - SABATO

5:00 P.M.+ Siegfred Bayucot

SUNDAY MAY 31ST - DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. For All Our Parishioners

10:00 A.M. Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia
Leonello Pecorari
Vito e Mike Cuoppolo
Luigi e Maria D'Addario
Mario Massari
Emidio Morsillo

11:30 A.M.+ Marie Therese Furtado

5:00 P.M. The Noranho Family

MONDAY JUNE 1ST - LUNEDI

8:30 A.M.+ Shilo Bernardino-Tupaz

TUESDAY JUNE 2ND - MARTEDI

8:30 A.M.+ Angelica Bangadet-Mikhael

WEDNESDAY JUNE 3RD - MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M.+ Michele & Michelina Russo

THURSDAY JUNE 4TH - GIOVEDI

8:30 A.M.+ Frank, Teresa & Joseph Lovrek

FRIDAY JUNE 5TH - VENERDI

8:30 A.M. Ruth Oliveros

SATURDAY JUNE 6TH - SABATO

8:30 A.M. Katarina & Alberto Ramzi

OFFERTORY LAST WEEK

Regular: \$ 5,885.00

Climate Control Fund: \$ 5,218.95

Holy Mary Oratorio: \$34,590.00



This Week Second Collection:
Sharelife Collection
Next Week Second Collection:
Building Fund

Thank you

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Grades 6-8. Edge Nights

Every other Friday from 6:30-8:00 PM

2026 Schedule:

Jan 30 | Feb 27 | Mar 13 | Mar 27
Apr 10 | Apr 24 | May 22 | Jun 12

For **registration forms** see our parish website or **email us at stlawrenceedge@gmail.com**

BUNDLE UP FOR SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL!

Bring your gently used clothing, shoes and linens to share with others on **JUNE 13 - 14 2026**

A Saint Vincent de Paul truck will be in the church parking lot so please share what you can with those less fortunate.

We will donate or sell these donations to support our outreach efforts. Thank you for your continued support.

The truck will be open all day Saturday until and all day Sunday . Volunteers will assist with the loading before and after each Saturday and Sunday Mass.

WE DO NOT ACCEPT appliances, baby or regular furniture, books, mattresses, dishes, construction material or video tapes
For more information visit www.ssvptoronto.ca



CORPUS CHRISTI MASS & PROCESSION SAINT MICHAEL'S CATHEDRAL BASILICA SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2026 (FOLLOWING NOON MASS)

All are welcome to join Frank Cardinal Leo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto, for the Corpus Christi Mass & Procession at Saint Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St.) on Sunday, June 7, 2026 following the Noon Mass. A procession (45 minutes) will take place in the vicinity surrounding the cathedral followed by Solemn Benediction and finally some time for fellowship.



Office of Catholic Youth
Archdiocese of Toronto



**ST. LAWRENCE MARTYR CHURCH
SACRED JOURNEY CAMPAIGN**

Hawaiian SUMMER Party

**SATURDAY | JUNE 20, 2026
11:30 AM - 4 PM
PARISH PARKING LOT**

TICKETS:
ADULTS \$20
CHILDREN \$10

BEEF AND VEGGIE BURGERS, SAUSAGES,
CORN, DRINKS AND ICE CREAM

<https://stlawrencemartyr.archtoronto.org/SummerBBQ2026>

**COME JOIN US FOR
FUN, GAMES, PRIZES & MORE**

Vocation Reflection... "God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son..." How can you best serve God in a response to that love? If God is calling you to the priesthood, diaconate, or consecrated life, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, [Director of Vocations](#), Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. Email: vocations@archtoronto.org



SHARELIFE SUNDAY COLLECTIONS March 22 / April 26 / May 31

Today is our third weekend of special collections for ShareLife Sunday. Reverence for life at all stages has been a core principle of ShareLife since its founding in 1976. We recognize the sacredness of life from conception to natural death. ShareLife-funded agencies uphold this value in everything they do, bringing hope, healing, and compassion to those who need it most.

This mission of love is witnessed at Rose of Sharon, where Executive Director Deanne Kukulewich gratefully notes that "your commitment to ShareLife is an investment in young parents and their futures, fostering a community where everyone has the opportunity to thrive."

Our parish goal is \$37,000. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.