

# St. John XXIII Parish

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## PARISH BULLETIN | **Most Holy Trinity Sunday** | 26 May 2024



# THREE IN ONE

### *Welcome New Parishioners!*

Please introduce yourself and your family to me before or after the mass to welcome you to our parish community.

All parishioners are encouraged to register in our community and participate in the church activities. We are here to support each other and grow in our relationship with God and with our neighbors.

For Registration form, ask anyone of the Ushers or Call the office.

Your Pastor,

Fr. David



**Saturday Vigil Mass** – 5:15pm

**Sunday Mass** – 9am, 12:15pm, 5:30pm

**Weekdays:**

Monday, Wednesday, Friday – 7pm

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday – 9am

**Baptism** – every Saturday of the month.

Preparation class is required. Talk to Fr. David after any of the Sunday masses.

**Confession** every Saturday at 4pm or by appointment.

**Confirmation** – for Grade 7 & up  
registration for 2025 is in the months of September and October 2024

**First Holy Communion** – for Grade 2 & up  
registration for 2025 is on October and November 2024

**Wedding** – call the office for appointment

**Anyone who wants to become**

**Catholic** – call the office for appointment  
**Parish School-**

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**TRINITY SUNDAY**

**GOD the FATHER, GOD the SON, GOD the HOLY SPIRIT is ONE GOD**



**“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” Mt. 28:19-20**

Last Sunday we celebrated the Solemnity of Pentecost; 50 days after the Celebration of Easter. After Pentecost, the Church celebrates three more “Solemnities of Our Lord.” This Sunday we celebrate the Most Holy Trinity, next Sunday; “Corpus Christi,” and the Friday following, the Solemnity of “The Sacred Heart of Jesus.”

These past days, we have lived and celebrated what God has done for us; “Our Salvation through Christ Jesus!” Today, we are encouraged to turn our gaze and focus on the Being of God Himself. We are called to contemplate and celebrate the highest Revelation in the Being of God, the reality of the Triune God.

In Our Catholic Catechism, we are taught, that “there is only One True God, Eternal, Infinite, Unchangeable, Almighty and Incomprehensible; The Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Three Persons yet One God.” In the Creed we Profess faith in One God, the Father Almighty maker of Heaven and earth; we profess faith in One Lord, Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, and we profess faith in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; “A Oneness not of a Single Person, but in a Trinity of One Substance.”

The Trinity! Three Distinct Persons united and equal in God, the Church teaches, is a Mystery, that is real and that no human mind or language is adequate to explain exhaustively.

There is that Classic story told about St Augustine (one of the Greatest philosopher and theologian of our Church) who was strolling along the Seashore, struggling to comprehend the relationship between Persons of the Holy Trinity. As he strolled desiring to decipher the inner workings of this Mystery, he encountered a boy on the shores of the Mediterranean Sea; the Child had dug a small excavation, and with a bucket trekked back and forth, drawing the waters of the Sea and downing it into the excavation. St Augustine amused watched the boy for a while and after some time, he walked to the boy and asked him what he was trying to accomplish. The Lad looked straight to his face and replied that he wanted to empty all the Waters of the Sea into the excavation he had made. Augustine surprised, explained to the boy that what he was trying to accomplish was impossible. The boy without hesitation responded, it was equally impossible for you, to comprehend the Mystery of the Trinity. And the child left.

It was St. Augustine who would later affirm; ***“that if we thought that we had fully understood who God is, then He who we claimed to have understood is Not God!”***

While this insight of St Augustine is true, this does not mean that we know little about the Triune God! Human beings have much knowledge about God, however not through a discovery of their own but through God’s Revelation of Himself to them. God reveals himself to us, through His Creation, then through Israel (Old Testament) and in the New Testament, revealed himself through His Son.

The Holy Trinity is revealed magnificently, in the Baptism of Jesus; The Son was physically present among us, the Holy Spirit is seen descend upon him as a Dove and the Voice of the Father is heard; ***“This is My Beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” (Mt.3:17)***

In Baptism we are born into an intimacy with God; we are born of the Communion of the Trinity; A Communion of Love of the Father and of the Son in the Holy Spirit. As Disciples of Christ, we have been commissioned to share with others, this privilege. In today’s Gospel reading, Jesus commands; ***“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” (Mt. 28:19-20)***



**COMPENDIUM OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**CHAPTER ONE**

**43. What does it mean to believe in only one God?** 222-227, 229

To believe in the one and only God involves coming to know his greatness and majesty. It involves living in thanksgiving and trusting always in him, even in adversity. It involves knowing the unity and true dignity of all human beings, created in his image. It involves making good use of the things which he has created.

**44. What is the central mystery of Christian faith and life?**

232-237

The central mystery of Christian faith and life is the mystery of the Most Blessed Trinity. Christians are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**45. Can the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity be known by the light of human reason alone?** 237

God has left some traces of his trinitarian being in creation and in the Old Testament but his inmost being as the Holy Trinity is a mystery which is inaccessible to reason alone or even to Israel's faith before the Incarnation of the Son of God and the sending of the Holy Spirit. This mystery was revealed by Jesus Christ and it is the source of all the other mysteries.

**46. What did Jesus Christ reveal to us about the mystery of the Father?** 240-242

Jesus Christ revealed to us that God is "Father", not only insofar as he created the universe and the mankind, but above all because he eternally generated in his bosom the Son who is his Word, "the radiance of the glory of God and the very stamp of his nature" (Hebrews 1:3).

**48. How does the Church express her trinitarian faith?** 249-256, 266

The Church expresses her trinitarian faith by professing a belief in the oneness of God in whom there are three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The three divine Persons are only one God because each of them equally possesses the fullness of the one and indivisible divine nature. They are really distinct from each other by reason of the relations which place them in correspondence to each other. The Father generates the Son; the Son is generated by the Father; the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son.

**49. How do the three divine Persons work?** 257-260, 267

Inseparable in their one substance, the three divine Persons are also

**MASS INTENTIONS**

May 25-Sat, 5:15PM Vigil Mass +Abelardo Dacanay  
 May 26- Sun 9:00AM The Parishioners

12:15 PM + Christopher Laguatan  
 5:30 PM + Perfecto Edquiban

May 27 - Mon, 7 PM Thanksgiving-BDay- Rheyven  
 May 28 -Tue, 9 AM + Florenda T. Garcera  
 May 29 -Wed, 7 PM Thanksgiving of Pereira Family  
 May 30 -Thu, 9 AM +Oscar Anacta  
 +Ernando & Alfredo V  
 May 31 -Fri, 7 PM + Amalia Muje & Rodolfo M.  
 Jun 01 -Sat, 9 AM +Especiosa Lobo  
 +Eulalia Nazareth

**7-day Candle Offering-May 25-May 31, 2024**

Sanctuary--- Thanksgiving of Rocelyn Rafinan  
 Virgin Mary-  
 Chapel ----

**WORD OF THE WEEK**



**TRINITY**

**One GOD in three Persons,  
 God the Father, God the  
 Son & God the Holy Spirit.**

"The Mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central Mystery of Christian faith and life. It 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'. CCC234

inseparable in their activity. The Trinity has one operation, sole and the same. In this one divine action, however, each Person is present according to the mode which is proper to him in the Trinity.

(to be continued)- Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church) <https://www.vatican.va/archive/compendium>

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention -May 2024 - FOR THE FORMATION OF RELIGION & SEMINARIANS**

"We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel."





**Our Patron Saint...**



**“The world will never be the dwelling place of peace, till peace has found a home in the heart of each and every man, till every man preserves in himself the order ordained by God to be preserved.” St. John XXIII**

**The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary *May 31<sup>st</sup>***

This feast, commemorating the meeting between Mary and Elizabeth, has been celebrated in the Roman liturgy since the 8<sup>th</sup> century. Found in Luke’s Gospel, this event is one of rejoicing in the wonders God has done, as both the barren Elizabeth and the young Virgin Mary find themselves with child. Each woman experiences an outpouring of the Holy Spirit: Elizabeth’s response is to declare Mary and her child blessed; and Mary’s response is the hymn of praise, the Magnificat.

*Living with Christ, May 2024 edition*

**PARISH DEVOTIONS**

**Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion**

-every Saturday before the 9am Mass

**Recitation of the Holy Rosary**

-before the Mass

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

-Every 1st Friday at 6:00pm communal

**Parish Ministries & Programs**

- Eucharistic Extraordinary Ministers
- Lectors–Proclaimers of God’s words
- Altar Servers & Sacristans
- Ushers
- Catholic Women’s League
- Intercessory Prayer Group
- Legion of Mary
- Icon of Our Lady
- Society of St. Vincent de Paul
- Seniors Breakfast Club

*If you are interested to join, please email us at [stjohn23do@archtoronto.org](mailto:stjohn23do@archtoronto.org) and we will direct you to the person leading these groups.*

**What unites us, is much greater than what divides us.” St. John XXIII**

**IN THE NEWS !!!**



Pope Francis meets with Jesuit educators. (Vatican Media)

**Pope to Jesuit educators: Always put the person at the centre**

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2024-05/pope-francis-message-international-commission-jesuits-education.html>



**INTERNATIONAL PALLIATIVE CARE SYMPOSIUM CONCLUDES**  
Thursday, May 23, 2024



**ARCHBISHOP LEO TAKES PART IN ECUMENICAL CEREMONY DEDICATED TO ST. GREGORY OF NAREK**  
Wednesday, May 22, 2024



**ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO HOSTS INTERNATIONAL INTERFAITH SYMPOSIUM ON PALLIATIVE CARE**  
Tuesday, May 21, 2024



**AMPLE OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH TO HAVE FUN, GROW IN FAITH THIS SUMMER**  
Monday, May 13, 2024

<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/outreach/news/>

**\*\*click the link to read the full text of the news\*\***

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- **June 2<sup>nd</sup> is the feast of the Corpus Christi. Join the procession at St. Michael’s Cathedral following the noon Mass;**
- **The Year of Prayer, Pope Francis inaugurated a Year of Prayer ahead of the 2025 Jubilee, calling on the faithful “to pray more fervently to prepare ourselves to live properly this grace-filled event;**
- **If you are new to the parish and live around the area, we encourage you to register as a Parishioner of this parish. Fill up the parish registration form and submit to the office.**

