

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | **Most Holy Trinity Sunday** | 15 June 2025



THREE IN ONE

TRINITY SUNDAY

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

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 in the months of
October and November 2024

Wedding – call the office for appointment

Anyone who wants to become

Catholic – call the office for appointment

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St. Romuald June 19th

Pray for us.

**"Sit in your cell as in paradise. Put the whole
world behind you and forget it. Watch your
thoughts like a good fisherman watching for
fish. The path you must follow is in the
Psalms- never leave it."**



“Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia.” (Gospel Acclamation)

Last Sunday we celebrated the Solemnity of the Pentecost; fifty days of celebration of Easter are over. 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 of God, 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 the Gospel of Matthew, before Jesus ascended, He gave the Disciples the Final Command; ***“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

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).

47. Who is the Holy Spirit revealed to us by Jesus Christ? 243-248

The Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Most Blessed Trinity. He is God, one and equal with the Father and the Son. He "proceeds from the Father" (John 15:26) who is the principle without a principle and the origin of all trinitarian life. He proceeds also from the Son (Filioque) by the eternal Gift which the Father makes of him to the Son. Sent by the Father and the Incarnate Son, the Holy Spirit guides the Church "to know all truth" (John 16:13).

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 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. [Catechism of the Catholic Church - IntraText](#)

MASS INTENTIONS

Jun 14, 5:15PM Vigil Mass + Alfonso & Eduardo

Jun 15 -Sun- 9:00AM + Josefa Bantolinao

12:15PM + The Parishioners

5:30 PM + Nida Donado

Jun 16-Mon, 7:00 PM + Dennis Edquiban

Jun 17-Tue, 9:00PM + Cipriana Alicpala

+ Beata Singson

Jun 18-Wed 7:00PM + Nida Donado

+ Percival Evangelista

Jun 19-Thu, 9:00PM + Francesca & Pietro Gulli

+ Jomar Salumbides

Jun 20-Fri, 7:00PM Thanksgiving of Marieta Lopez

Jun 21-Sat, 9:00am + Mariano & Teresa Cayetano

7-day Vigil Lamp Intention June 14 – 20, 2025

Sanctuary--- Thanksgiving of Gemma C.

Virgin Mary- + Nida Donado

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**

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for the month of June 2025

"That each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from His Heart, learn to have compassion on the world."



Our Patron Saint...



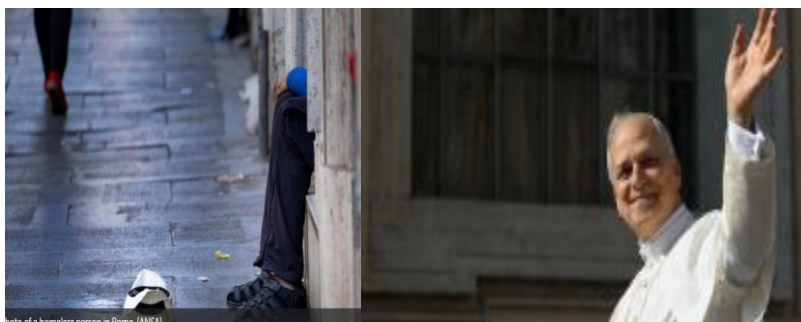
"The deposit of the faith is one thing..... the way it is expressed is another." St. John XXIII

St. Romuald Jun 19th

Born in to family of the dukes of Ravenna about the year 950, Romuald founded the Camaldolese Benedictines around 1012. The congregation combined monastic community life with the solitary life of hermits. Romuald practised austerity as a monk and travelled about Italy founding, hermitages and monasteries, giving counsel to those who sought him out. He died on this day in 1027.

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IN THE NEWS !!!



'You Are My Hope': Pope Leo XIV's Message for 9th World Day of the Poor

To read more, click this link >>> ['You Are My Hope': Pope Leo XIV's Message for 9th World Day of the Poor - Vatican News](#)



MESSAGE FROM CARDINAL LEO ON THE MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS
Thursday, May 29, 2025



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE

Wednesday, June 04, 2025

NEWS ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS PRAYER POPE LEO XIV



2,000 COME TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE "A DAY WITH MARY"
Monday, June 02, 2025

NEWS ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS CARDINAL LEO

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

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

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 and we will direct you to the person leading these groups.

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

Announcements!!!

Novena to the Sacred of Jesus will begin on June 17th and the feast day will be on June 27th;

Join us in our Parish Pilgrimage to the Martyrs Shrine at Midland, Ontario, on October 4th, save your seat. Please stand by for the details;

As baptized Catholic, we encourage you to share your faith to your family, friends and neighbor, invite them to come to church and be part of our Christian family.





JUBILLE 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope

Pilgrimage Churches *identified*

holy places of worship in each of the major regions of the archdiocese to serve as pilgrimage destinations during the Jubilee Year.

Archdiocesan- St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, Toronto

Central Regions Basilica, Toronto

- St. Mary's Parish, Toronto (Bathurst St)
- St. Edward the Confessor Parish, North York

Western Region

- Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Etobicoke
- St. Mary's Parish, Brampton

Easter Region

- St. Barnabas Parish, Scarborough
- St. Gregory the Great Parish, Oshawa

Northern Region

- St. Padre Pio Parish, Kleinburg
- St. Mary's Parish, Barrie

Shrines - Martyrs' Shrine, Midland

How to Make a Jubilee Pilgrimage or Visit a

THE JUBILEE PRAYER

*Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ,
our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our
hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.*

*May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the
seeds of the Gospel.*

*May those seeds transform from within both humanity and
the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven
and a new earth,*

*when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.*

*May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.*

*May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.*

*To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever. Amen*

Francis

Pilgrimage to Martyrs' Shrine

Archdiocese of Toronto Jubilee Pilgrimage to Martyrs' Shrine

Sunday, August 24, 2025

16163 Highway 12 West, Midland, Ontario

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.

Program

- **9:00 – 10:45 a.m.** Arrival and personal time to explore and discover the grounds; Sacrament of Reconciliation offered
- **11:00 a.m.** Holy Mass with Frank Cardinal Leo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto
- **12:30 p.m.** Lunch (you are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch – limited catering available onsite)
- **1:30 p.m.** Rosary Procession
- **2:00 p.m.** Eucharistic Adoration
- **2:45 p.m.** Benediction
- **3:00 p.m.** Fellowship and departure at leisure



Entrance Fee (payable on arrival)

- **Adults:** \$10 / **Youth (0-18):** Free / **Bus:** \$200*

*Bus admissions are charged as a flat rate and exclude complimentary admissions

To Register: Click the link below-

[Archdiocesan of Toronto – Jubilee Pilgrimage to Martyrs' Shrine Survey](#)



The dogma of the Trinity

The Trinity is the term employed to signify the central doctrine of the Christian religion — the truth that in the unity of the Godhead there are Three Persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, these Three Persons being truly distinct one from another.

Thus, in the words of the Athanasian Creed: "the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God, and yet there are not three Gods but one God." In this Trinity of Persons the Son is begotten of the Father by an eternal generation, and the Holy Spirit proceeds by an eternal procession from the Father and the Son. Yet, notwithstanding this difference as to origin, the Persons are co-eternal and co-equal: all alike are uncreated and omnipotent. This, the Church teaches, is the revelation regarding God's nature which Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came upon earth to deliver to the world: and which she proposes to man as the foundation of her whole dogmatic system.

In Scripture there is as yet no single term by which the Three Divine Persons are denoted together. The word *trias* (of which the Latin *trinitas* is a translation) is first found in Theophilus of Antioch about A.D. 180. He speaks of "the Trinity of God [the Father], His Word and His Wisdom (To Autolycus II.15). The term may, of course, have been in use before his time. Afterwards it appears in its Latin form of *trinitas* in Tertullian (On Pudicity 21). In the next century the word is in general use. It is found in many passages of Origen ("In Ps. xvii", 15). The first creed in which it appears is that of Origen's pupil, Gregory Thaumaturgus. In his Ekthesis tes pisteos composed between 260 and 270, he writes:

There is therefore nothing created, nothing subject to another in the Trinity: nor is there anything that has been added as though it once had not existed, but had entered afterwards: therefore the Father has never been without the Son, nor the Son without the Spirit: and this same Trinity is immutable and unalterable forever (P.G., X, 986).

It is manifest that a dogma so mysterious presupposes a Divine revelation. When the fact of revelation, understood in its full sense as the speech of God to man, is no longer admitted, the rejection of the doctrine follows as a necessary consequence. For this reason it has no place in the Liberal Protestantism of today. The writers of this school contend that the doctrine of the Trinity, as professed by the Church, is not contained in the New Testament, but that it was first formulated in the second century and received final approbation in the fourth, as the result of the Arian and Macedonian controversies. In view of this assertion it is necessary to consider in some detail the evidence afforded by Holy Scripture. Attempts have been made recently to apply the more extreme theories of comparative religion to the doctrine of the Trinity, and to account for it by an imaginary law of nature compelling men to group the objects of their worship in threes. It seems needless to give more than a reference to these extravagant views, which serious thinkers of every school reject as destitute of foundation.

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