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SUNDAY LITURGY —

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

SPANISH MASS — Sunday 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
SPANISH MASS — Sunday 2:00 p.m.
WEEKDAY MASSES — Monday, Thursday & Friday 8:20 a.m.

Wednesday (Rosary at 6:30 p.m.) 7:00 p.m. (OLPH Devotions)

EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Evening Reception

Wed.

Mon & Fri - Closed Thursday

On first Friday of each month following morning mass.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION — Saturday 4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. By appointment any time.

PARISH REGISTRATION — All parishioners especially those who live outside our parish boundaries are expected to complete a Parish Registration form and use Sunday Offertory Envelopes. This will greatly assist the Parish Team when parishioners request sacraments, funerals or letters of reference.

N.B. — When parishioners move you are asked to notify the parish office.

INFANT BAPTISMS — It is highly recommended that parents contact the parish office at least two months in advance of the birth of their child. Parents are obliged to participate in our baptismal preparation program.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE — The Archdiocese of Toronto requires that you contact your parish priest at least one year in advance of the planned date of your wedding and that you participate in a marriage preparation course.

PARISH HOME CATECHISM PROGRAM — Children attending public, private or alternative school are required to participate in this program from grade 1 - 7 in order to prepare to receive the sacraments.

VISITATION OF THE SICK — Please notify the Rectory when a member of your family is in the hospital.

BULLETIN DEADLINE — Monday 9:00 a.m. in writing or by e-mail.

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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



We celebrate this Sunday the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. We believe in one God who is

Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Three persons in God. This is a mystery that we are called to believe. However, a mystery is not something clueless and impossible to grasp that we have to believe. A mystery is an event that goes way beyond our human mind and comprehension. We need to be introduced slowly into it and we can have access to it through our own experience. This applies to the mystery of the Holy Trinity. It is very hard to understand that God is one in three persons. However, we can experience the unison action of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit in our daily lives. It is similar to an experience with the sea. We cannot grasp the whole immensity of the sea, but we can swim and snorkel in the sea and be immersed into it. We can do the same in front of the mystery of the Holy Trinity, we do not need to try to understand it, but we can be immersed and be touched by a triune God who is love and who acts in our daily lives. Our faith is always supported by our everyday experience of God.

A reminder that on Tuesdays at 7pm, we meditate on the Sunday readings by zoom. If you wish to know the zoom link, please call the parish office. I encourage you also to receive communion on the weekends by reserving your ticket for Communion services on Saturdays from 2pm to 4pm, Sundays from 10:30 am to noon, and 3pm to 4:30pm. You can reserve your ticket by going to our website starting Thursday mornings at 10am. I also encourage you to follow the mass online every day at 9am and Saturdays at 5pm and Sundays at 9am and 2pm in Spanish. If you need to avail of the sacrament of Confession and experience the life-giving mercy of Jesus Christ, please call the parish office to make an appointment. It is essential that we experience the mercy of God for us in the midst of our struggles and difficulties.

May God continue to fill you with hope and peace during this time! Please keep praying for me and I pray for all of you!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant and your Pastor

Pope Francis Homily, Holy Trinity

Today, the Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, a celebration for contemplating and lauding the mystery of the God of Jesus Christ, who is one in the communion of three Persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. To celebrate with ever new wonder God-Love, who freely offers us his life and asks us to spread it throughout the world.

Today's Bible readings help us understand that God wishes to show us not so much that he exists but rather that he is the 'God with us', close to us, who loves us, who walks with us, is interested in our personal life story and takes care of each one, beginning with the least and the neediest. He "is God in heaven above" but also "on the earth beneath" (cf. Dt 4:39). Therefore, we do not believe in a distant entity, no! In an indifferent entity, no! But, on the contrary, in the Love who created the universe and who engendered a people, became flesh, died and rose for us and, as the Holy Spirit, transforms and leads everything to fulfilment.

Saint Paul (cf. Rom 8:14-17), who experienced first hand this transformation brought about by God-Love, tells us of God's desire to be called Father, indeed, 'Dad' — God is 'Our Father' —, with the total confidence of a child who abandons himself in the arms of the one who gave him life. Acting in us — the Apostle again recalls — the Holy Spirit ensures that Jesus Christ is not reduced to a character of the past, no, but that we feel he is near, our contemporary, and feel the joy of being children loved by God. Lastly, in the Gospel, the Risen Lord promises to remain with us forever. And thanks precisely to his presence and to the power of his Spirit we can serenely carry out the mission that he entrusts to us. What is the mission? To proclaim to all and witness to his Gospel and thereby expand our communion with him and the joy that comes from it. God, walking with us, fills us with joy and in a way, joy is a Christian's first language.

Thus, the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity leads us to contemplate the mystery of God who unceasingly creates, redeems and sanctifies, always with love and through love, and enables every creature that welcomes him to reflect a ray of his beauty, goodness and truth. He has always chosen to walk with mankind and forms a people who may be a blessing for all nations and for each person, excluding none. A Christian is not an isolated person; he or she belongs to a people: this people that God forms. One cannot be Christian without this membership and communion. We are a people: the People of God. May the Virgin Mary help us to joyfully fulfil the mission of witnessing to the world, thirsty for love, that the meaning of life is precisely the infinite love, the tangible love of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

(May 27, 2018)

Confession appointments are scheduled anytime upon request. Please call the office.

SundayOffertory & Renovation Giving

https://stjohntheevangelistwh.archtoronto.org/

Envelopes can be mailed in or dropped off at the parish office mail slot at the bottom of the left side of the office door. Pre-Authorized Giving is highly recommended! Forms are now on the new and improved website!



Society of St. Vincent de Paul
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Conference
BUNDLE WEEKEND
June 19/20, 2021



Our conference at St. John's will be holding a Bundle Weekend Collection drive to serve our neighbours in need living in the Durham community. A truck will be parked in St. John Parish parking lot over the weekend June 19/20 accepting gently used/new clothing, coats, linens, towels, bedding, textiles, drapery, shoes/boots.

We CANNOT accept furniture, mattresses, used baby equipment. Please bring your items to the truck after mass Saturday at 5pm, Sunday 9am or 11am. A member of the conference will assist you with your donation. Thank you!

HUMANITARIAN RELIEF FOR INDIA

Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

-Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website: www.archtoronto.org

-By phone through the Development Office
- 416-934-3411

-Through the parish, making cheques payable to: St John the Evangelist Parish – India's COVID-19 Outbreak – Disaster Relief



Masses For The Week

Sat May 29 - 5:00pm

+Adele O'Connell

req. by The Newman Family

Mon May 31 -9:00am

+Micheline Leadbetter

req. by Aleida & Peter vanRoon

Tues June 1 - 9:00am

Special Intention for Parishioner's Prayers

req. by Aleida & Peter Vanroon

Wed. June 2 - 9:00am

Special Intention for Rev. Arthur Lee

req. by Aleida & Peter Vanroon

Thur. June 3 - 9:00am

+Shirley Barrett

req. by Her Family

Fri. June 4 - 9:00am

+Stephen Ingram

reg. by Catherine Ingram

Sat June 5 - 5:00pm

+Grant Davidson

req. by Evangeline & Amarie Davidson



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PRAYER TO THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Glory be to the Father, Who by His almighty power and love created me, making me in the image and likeness of God.

Glory be to the Son, Who by His Precious Blood delivered me from hell, and opened for me the gates of heaven.

Glory be to the Holy Spirit, Who has sanctified me in the sacrament of Baptism, and continues to sanctify me by the graces I receive daily from His bounty.

Glory be to the Three adorable Persons of the Holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

Join us for Lectio Divina on Tuesdays at 7pm by Zoom! We read the upcoming Sunday readings and discuss how it pertains in our own lives. It's very spiritually enriching!
Call the office for details on the meeting information

Church Hours

Private Prayer during lockdown
Saturday and Sunday Closed
Weekdays 10am – 4pm, maximum 10 people
Sign in and sanitize your hands. Take a post-it note
and leave it on the rail in front where you sat.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You
sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted His only Son;
In you Mary placed her trust;
With you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
Show yourself a father
And guides us in this path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
And defend us from every evil.



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