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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Message from the Pastor

The Peace of Christ be with you all!

We celebrate this Sunday the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. This is a very important feast in which we celebrate that we believe in One God in Three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The First Reading is from the book of Deuteronomy. It presents Moses encouraging the people of Israel to acknowledge that God is the only One to whom we should give worship. They are witnesses of God's marvels for them by freeing them from the slavery in Egypt, accompanying them through the desert and giving them the Promised Land. Before they take possession of this land, Moses calls them to be faithful to the Lord so that they may find prosperity and peace throughout their lives. We also are called to realize how many good things the Lord has done in our life.. This helps us to grow in faith and to put our hope in a God who constantly acts in God's mercy. The Second Reading, from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans, gives us the teaching of St. Paul regarding the life of the Spirit. We are all called to be led by the Spirit in our lives. We can either be guided by the flesh, which ends in selfishness, anxiety, and sadness; or on the other hand, if we are led by the Spirit, we can love, are at peace and feel joyful and grateful. The Holy Spirit makes us confident to realize that God is our Father and He provides all we need for us. Even though we go through difficulties and trials, we have the certainty that God will help us go through them at peace. The Gospel, from St. Matthew, brings us the passage in which Christ sends His disciples to preach the Gospel to all nations. After the apostles have witnessed the power of Christ's Resurrection in their own lives, they are called to share it with everybody. By our baptism, we enter the life of the Trinity and throughout our lives this seed of faith grows and makes us be like Christ. Let us all be witnesses of Christ to all those around us by the way we live!

I want to congratulate Dan Humphries for his ordination as a permanent deacon. What a joy that he can serve our parish community. May God guide and bless his ministry of service and that God through him may touch many people's lives.

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant and your Pastor

Pope Francis Homily for Most Holy Trinity B (May 30, 2021)

On this feast day in which we celebrate God: the mystery of the one God. And this God is the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Three persons, but God is one! The Father is God; the Son is God; the

Spirit is God. But they are not three gods: it is one God in three Persons. It is a mystery that Jesus Christ revealed to us: the Holy Trinity. Today we pause to celebrate this mystery, because the Persons are not adjectives of God, no. They are real, diverse, different Persons; they are not — as that philosopher used to say — 'emanations of God', no, no! They are Persons. There is the Father to whom I pray with the Our Father; there is the Son, who gave me redemption, justification; there is the Holy Spirit who abides in us and inhabits the Church. And this speaks to our heart because we find it encompassed in that expression of Saint John which summarizes all of Revelation: "God is love" (1 Jn 4:8-16). The Father is love; the Son is love; the Holy Spirit is love. And inasmuch as he is love, God, while being one alone, is not solitude but communion, among the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Because love is essentially a gift of self, and in its original and infinite reality it is the Father who gives himself by generating his Son, who in turn gives himself to the Father, and their mutual love is the Holy Spirit, the bond of their unity. It is not easy to understand, but we can live this mystery, all of us, we can live it a great deal.

This mystery of the Trinity was revealed to us by Jesus himself. He showed us the face of God as merciful Father; he presented Himself, true man, as the Son of God and Word of the Father, the Saviour who gives his life for us; and he spoke of the Holy Spirit who proceeds from the Father and the Son, the Spirit of Truth, the Paraclete Spirit — we spoke last Sunday about this word, 'Paraclete' — meaning Consoler and Advocate. And when Jesus appeared to the Apostles after the Resurrection, Jesus invited them to evangelize "all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Mt 28:19).

Today's celebration, therefore, makes us contemplate this marvelous mystery of love and of light from which we come and toward which our earthly journey is guided. In the message of the Gospel and in every form of Christian mission, one cannot overlook this unity among us to which Jesus calls, following the unity of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: one cannot overlook this unity. The beauty of the Gospel asks to be lived — unity — and witnessed in the harmony among us, who are so diverse! And this unity, I dare say, is essential to Christians: it is not an attitude, a manner of speaking, no; it is essential, because it is the unity that arises from love, from the mercy of God, from the justification of Jesus Christ and from the presence of the Holy Spirit in our hearts.

Mary Most Holy, in her simplicity and humility, reflects the Beauty of the Triune God, because she fully welcomed Jesus into her life. May she sustain our faith; may she make us worshippers of God and servants of our brothers and sisters.



To all Confirmation Candidates of our Parish schools receiving the seal of The Holy Spirit on May 26th and June 1st. May you continue to be guided throughout your life by the gifts you have received.

Ordination for Deacon Dan Humphries

Saturday, May 25th at 10am,
St. Michael's Cathedral

All are welcome to join us after the 9am and 11am masses in the parish centre to congratulate Dan and join us for cake and coffee!



Masses For The Week

Sat May 25 – 5:00pm

+Janez Donko

req. by His Wife & Family

Mon May 27 – 8:20am

Int. for Jana Colville

req. by Jana & Family

Tues May 28 – 8:20am

Int. for Chris & Karen Ferry & Family

req. by Tricia & Don Robertson

Wed May 29 – 7:00pm

+Carol Fernandes

req. by Eleuterio & Family

+Margaret Longauer

req. by Pat Catterall

Int. for Dan Humphries

req. by Gail Stewart

Thur May 30– 8:20am

+Sheila Larkin

req. by Pat McDonald

Fri May 31 – 8:20am

+Hannah & Francis Deehan

req. by Alice Deehan

MAY 26, 2024

Totus Tuus Summer Camp!

DAY CAMP (for students going into grade 1-6 in the fall) - \$80 for the week

Monday, July 8th to Friday, July 14th,
9:00 AM - 2:30 PM

EVENING PROGRAM (for students going into grade 7-12 in the fall) - \$40 for the week

Sunday, July 7th to Thursday, July 11th,
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

The deadline to register for the camp is June 14th, 2024. The deadline to apply to volunteer is May 31st, 2024.

For more information about registration or to volunteer, contact Cassandra at cass.sullivan@archtoronto.org or visit our parish website.

Knights of Columbus, St John the Evangelist Council, meetings are the 1st Wednesday of each month from Sept to June. Next Meeting is Wednesday June 5, 2024 at 8PM at the Knights Hall at 133 Brock St North. For further information assisting the St John's community and becoming a Knight please contact Membership Director Bryan Childerhouse bryan.childerhouse@rogers.com or call 416-508-9877



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St. John the Evangelist's Social Committee invites you to

**Taste of the Parish on Saturday, 8th June 2024
From 11 am to 3 pm.**

Join us on the Church grounds for fun, food and games for the whole family! Come and share in culinary delights from around the world.

Food contributions from your country of origin are welcome. Sign up sheets are available in the Foyer after all Masses.

BYOLC: Bring your own lawn chair

**CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION
Sunday, June 2, 2024**
We will process outside at the end of 9am Mass in the parking lot and 11am mass around the block of Giffard, Dundas & Wellington Streets.

CHALICE SPONSORSHIP WEEKEND May 25/26, 2024

Chalice Canada is the largest child sponsorship program in Canada. Sponsorship through Chalice enables parishioners to help families struggling with poverty with communities that lack the essentials, including food, medicine, and clean water. Your monthly sponsorship changes all that. Parish volunteers from Chalice will be promoting sponsorships on Saturday May 25th and Sunday May 26th after all masses. Information pamphlets with children in need of sponsoring will be on display in the foyer. You are invited to tour the display and have any questions answered to assist you.

R.C.I.A

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) provides instruction and spiritual formation to anyone 16 years of age and older who are not baptized, or baptized in another Christian community, who would like to become a member of the Catholic Church. Catholic adults who have not yet celebrated their First Eucharist or the Sacrament of Confirmation may also take part. RCIA Sessions take place on Thursday evenings from 7pm to 9pm in the Parish Centre beginning soon. Interested participants should contact Fr. Francisco at the Parish Office **as soon as possible** to register: (905) 668-3676.

Thank You Volunteer Appreciation Night Thursday, May 30, 2024

at 7:00pm, Parish Centre

Fr. Francisco would like to thank all in Ministry by invitation to join us for **wine & cheese and friendly fellowship**. Please RSVP to the parish office by email vmorgan@archtoronto.org.

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