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**THE INNER ABIDING**

By Lucinda M. Vardey

In today's gospel Jesus teaches us how a commitment to a loving relationship with the Trinity offers us the opportunity to experience the inner presence of God. This presence is made possible by the Divine embrace between him and the Father and the "Spirit of Truth." Through loving Jesus and practising his commandments of loving God and others we become, as it were, united with the workings of Divine Love.

Mystics in our Church have written about how the Trinity abiding within expresses itself. God's seed, already residing in their hearts (*ref: 1 John 3:9*) is awakened by a commitment to total surrendered love. Slowly - and sometimes painfully - the seed sprouts as it purifies and makes ready for the blossoms that bring forth fulfillment. Jesus assured that "Those who live in me and I in them will bear much fruit." (*John 15:5*)

The opening of our inner selves for the awakening of the indwelling Trinity is beyond description because it is only *felt* by experience. Jesus doesn't always predict outcomes but he does direct the entry points. John explains that we already know that Jesus "abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us" (*1 John 3:22*) the Spirit bestowed through the sacraments and ignited by our willingness to obey its directives.

To mature in a loving relationship with God can hardly happen through our own intentions, or even our efforts. The love that God awakens within us with the gifts of peace, joy and wisdom, are bestowed by the flow of the Holy Spirit. French Carmelite, Bl. Elizabeth of the Trinity came to her understanding of the experience of the love of God as something to be received. She wrote, "Let Yourself be Loved." This letting God's love happen by surrendering ourselves in total consecration starts the process of abiding. Therein we find "the heaven of our soul" which St. Thérèse of Lisieux described as "made to His image, the living temple of the adorable Trinity!"

**Readings for this Sunday:** *Acts 8,5-8, 14-17, 1 Peter 3.15-18, John 14.15-21*

**SUNDAY OFFERTORY**

Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>

\$4,459.17

**WEDNESDAY NIGHTS**

Our Wednesday night gatherings continue on May 28<sup>th</sup>. We will continue last week's topic on laity since there was much interest as well as material. **We will discuss the complimentary roles of the lay and the ordained and how this has changed in the last fifty years.** Please join us at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Please see our website for additional information.

**STORIES OF THE SAGES**

You may have viewed archives of St. Basil's architectural history on our website, but a parish community is far more than bricks and mortar- it's comprised of sages! Sages are people who gain wisdom through reflection and experience.

We want to uncover and celebrate your **photographs, stories, and testimonies** of life at St. Basil's in our *Stories of the Sages Project*. Email your photographs and/or written stories to [liturgy@stbasiltoronto.org](mailto:liturgy@stbasiltoronto.org). These stories may be as long or as short as you like, but we do hope to publish them in some way so that others may be inspired by you. We know you could celebrate your faith anywhere and we want to learn why you call St. Basil's home.

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION TWILIGHT**

**RETREAT** with Dom Laurence Freeman, O.S.B., on Health, Healing, Wholeness – and Holiness, Monday June 2, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

The retreat will be held in St. Michael's College Chapel, beneath St. Basil's Church – enter from courtyard on west side of the church. \$25 per person, payable at the door, no advance registration required. For any other information please contact Clem Sauvé at 416-921-0367.

**Next Sunday is the John Ford First Sunday Food Collection for the Daily Bread Food Bank. Your gifts of food or money will be gratefully accepted in the vestibule of the church at each Mass.**

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**Financial Summary: April 2014**

**Operating Fund**

	April	Year to Date
<b>Income</b>		
- Offertory (excl. PAG)	\$39,226	\$125,174
- PAG	\$5,940	\$24,035
- Total Offertory <sup>(1)</sup>	\$45,166	\$149,209
- Other Income	\$11,900	\$49,804
- Total	\$57,066	\$199,013
<b>Expenses</b>		
- Parish expenses	50,147	\$161,353
- Diocesan Assessment	21,407	21,407
- Total	\$71,554	\$182,760
Excess/(Shortfall) <sup>(2)</sup>	\$(14,488)	\$16,253

**Number of parishioners signed up for P.A.G.: 98**

**Notes:**

(1) Offertory at the end of April 2013 was \$120,944

(2) Our Excess at the end of April 2013 was \$8,661

**Special Collections in April:**

**ShareLife \$5,797.00**  
**HolyLand \$4,276.33**

**Restoration Fund**

	April	Year to Date
<b>Income</b>		
- Collection (excl. PAG)	\$2,794	\$11,699
- PAG	\$1,077	\$4,425
- Total	\$3,871	\$16,124
- Other (incl. donations)	\$2,997	\$11,918
- Total	\$6,868	\$28,042
<b>Expenses</b>		
- Expenses	\$5,554	\$85,588
Excess/(shortfall)	\$1,314	\$(57,546)

**QUOTABLE POPE FRANCIS:** Come, Holy Spirit! Help us to overcome our selfishness.



**May 25<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Sunday**

- 9:00 – Emilio & Carlotta Corte +,+
- 10:30 – Pro Populo
- 12:00 – Richard Kennedy (liv.)
- 4:30 – Matos and Martins families

**Monday – St. Philip Neri**

- 7:30 – Mary Larkin +
- 12:10 – Susanti Surjapranata +
- 5:10 – Tomo Vidovic +

**Tuesday**

- 7:30 – Shirley Janisse (liv.)
- 12:10 – Terry Mangan +
- 5:10 – Roger Fey +

**Wednesday**

- 7:30 – Louise Prassas (liv.)
- 12:10 – Protection of unborn children
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

**Thursday**

- 7:30 – Leonor Macalino +
- 12:10 – Ryszard Brzezinsui +
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

**Friday**

- 7:30 – Santiago Santos +
- 12:10 – Robert & Marlene Mackalski (liv.)
- 4:00 – Televised Daily Mass
- 5:10 – Televised Daily Mass

**Saturday – The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

- 5:00 – Maria and Manuel Naciel +,+

**PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially Eric Christensen, Hilary McCormack, Nada Dancy, Rev. Dan Chui CSB, Rev. Thomas Mailloux CSB, Janet Ritch, Margaret-Mary McKenzie, Helena Andruszszyn, Tessa Gayapersad, Hsieh Tang Pan Wong and Patrick MacMahon Maingot.**

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