



St. Leo The Great

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OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday & Thursday 8 am to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Monday, Wednesday & Friday by appointment only.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday at 8:30 a.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – Friday 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. (followed by 8:30 a.m. Mass)

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday 4:30 p.m. Youth Mass

Sunday 9:00 a.m. (with Children's Liturgy JK, SK, Grade 1 & 2) & 11:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays 3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. or anytime by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please download the Baptism Information Kit and Registration Form from the parish website, www.stleothegreat.ca

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. Please call the Parish Office.

PARISH REGISTRATION:

All families attending St. Leo's are requested to register with the parish.

Registration forms are available in the vestibule of the church.

LOCAL HOSPITALS AND EMERGENCY PASTORAL VISITATION

If you or someone in your family is in the Oshawa, Whitby or Port Perry Hospitals and would like to have a priest (for serious reasons) visit the person who is sick for Anointing of the Sick, Last Rites, Confession or Communion, please note that there is a full-time Catholic Priest assigned to these three hospitals at various times of the week. Simply ask hospital staff to inquire as to whether *Hospital Chaplain* is present in the hospital (or when he will be). If the Hospital Chaplain is not available and there is an emergency requiring a Catholic priest, please call St. Leo the Great Parish at 905-655-3286 and when prompted, press "8" and leave your message. Fr. Mounir will receive your message (if he is available) and return your call. If there is no emergency but you would like to speak to Fr. Mounir, please call the parish office and leave a message with the parish secretary at 905-655-3286 ext. 1001.

THANK YOU

Thank you from the pastor on behalf of all of us to all our groups and all volunteers for the great success and event this past Sunday: KofC, CWL, St. Vincent de Paul, Catholic Moms for making our Welcome Home BBQ a success and pleasant. We also thank the organizers and their leaders for doing a great job.

Coming Yard Sale

We are hoping to have a yard sale at our parish. If you have an item to donate keep it stored until further details and dates. It is possible that not all house items fit this project. Stay posted. Thank you.

Candle Stand sponsor and dedication:

if you are interested in sponsoring and dedicating a stand please let us know to assist you in this.

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Friday from 9 am to noon.

Church open for private prayer

Monday – Thursday from 8 am to noon and 1 to 4 pm
Friday from 8 am to noon

Sunday Mass Obligation

On March 13, 2020, Cardinal Collins issued a communication to the faithful of this archdiocese indicating that it was necessary to cancel public celebrations of the Eucharist on the coming Sunday, stating: "For this weekend and any other which may be required, I grant the faithful dispensation from their Sunday obligation".

Given that most of the health and safety restrictions in our parishes are no longer in place and the faithful are able to attend the celebration of the Eucharist once again, the basis for the dispensation from the Sunday obligation has dissipated and is no longer in effect.

The Church does not obligate people to do the impossible. If individuals, based on their conscience, cannot attend Mass for a grave reason, including a great vulnerability to COVID-19 or because they are self-isolating to limit the spread of illness, then they are excused from their Sunday obligation, as the law of the Church allows.

After two years of COVID-19 restrictions, many have been deprived of the opportunity to attend Mass and to receive the most Holy Eucharist and all of us have missed the opportunity to experience community, including members of our parishes. As we come to the celebration of Pentecost this weekend, we invite and encourage the faithful to return to the practice of attending Mass in-person.

YOUTH NIGHTS

We will be wrapping up our movie nights for the summer break with a games and pizza night on Tuesday, June 21 at 6:30-8:00. All youth are welcome to join us. Enter through Carson St.

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MASS INTENTIONS —OF THE WEEK—

Saturday, June 11th

4:30 p.m. † Tony Tamburro

Sunday, June 12th

9:00 a.m. † Francesco Caruso

11:00 a.m. † Mariane & John Johnson

Tuesday, June 14th

8:30 a.m. † Innocenzo & Vincenzina Mammone

† Attilio & Maria Tuzi

Wednesday, June 15th

7:00 p.m. Special Intention

† Jovencio Ibanez

Intntions of Olga Horazak

Thursday, June 16th

8:30 a.m. Intentions of Anna Maria & Benedetto Tuzi
& Veronica & Chris Duarte

Friday, June 17th

8:30 a.m. † Patrick Sullivan

Intentions of Olga

Intentions of Markian

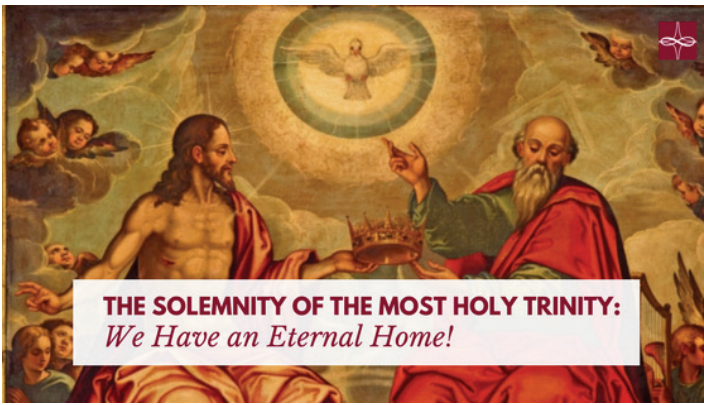
Saturday, June 18th

4:30 p.m. † Rodrigo Nieto & Jose Reyes

Sunday, June 19th

9:00 a.m. † Lloyd Buggie

11:00 a.m. † Francesco & Tomasina Parente



by Carolyn Leatherman

Each year on the first Sunday after Pentecost we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, also known as Trinity Sunday. Although it wasn't until 1334 that [Pope John XXII officially established](#) the feast for universal observance in the Western Church, the mystery of the Holy Trinity has been the pulse of the Church's life since the very beginning. The Trinity is "the central mystery of Christian faith and life...[and is] the source of all the other mysteries of faith" ([CCC 234](#)). The whole of the Church's life flows from the central belief that the one true God exists as three divine Persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Since the very beginning of time, God has gradually revealed and communicated the truth of who he is as Trinitarian through what he has done in salvation history (see [CCC 53-67](#)). Although God gradually revealed himself throughout different stages of the Old Testament period of salvation history, mankind had no way of knowing the full truth of God's inner life of the Trinity before the time of Christ, since this mystery of our faith is "inaccessible to human reason alone...before the Incarnation of God's Son and the sending of the Holy Spirit" ([CCC 237](#)).

In his encyclical [Spe Salvi](#), Pope Benedict XVI poses a challenging question: "So now we must ask explicitly: is the Christian faith also for us today a life-changing and life-sustaining hope...which shapes our life in a new way, or is it just 'information'" ([Spe Salvi 10](#)) that doesn't change us? Furthermore, what difference does this central mystery of our faith make in our daily lives?

Trinity Sunday is an invitation to remember that "[being] Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction" ([Deus Caritas Est 1](#)). In revealing himself as Trinitarian, God hasn't merely shared impersonal facts *about* himself; rather, God has shared *himself* with us, and has invited us into his own inner life and communion of love, which alone is the origin,

goal, and meaning of our life. As we read in the Catechism, "By sending his only Son and the Spirit of Love in the fullness of time, God has revealed his innermost secret: God himself is an eternal exchange of love, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and he has destined us to share in that exchange" ([CCC 221](#)). On Trinity Sunday, the Church proclaims the truth about God—that God is love ([1 John 4:8](#))—and the truth about us: we are made for this love. We eternally belong to God—we have an eternal home!

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity leads us more deeply into this reality [by saying that](#) "The Trinity—this is our dwelling, our 'home,' the Father's house that we must never leave." When speaking with his disciples before his Passion, Jesus directed the gaze of their hearts towards this truth: "In my Father's house there are many rooms...and when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also" ([John 14:2-3](#)). Jesus continued to reveal more of the Father's loving plan: "I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you...If a man loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him" ([John 14:18, 23](#)). Jesus reveals to his disciples the Father's breathtaking desire. He desires not only that we be at home in him when we get to heaven in the future, but he desires us to be at home in him now—and so, he comes to us, he makes his home among us (c.f., [John 1:14](#)) in order to make his home *in* us. Thus, with the Feast of Pentecost and the sending of the Holy Spirit, God fulfills his promise to never leave us orphans. This is why the Church celebrates Trinity Sunday the week after Pentecost: On Pentecost, "the Holy Trinity is fully revealed" ([CCC 732](#)).

"I will not leave you orphans!" If Jesus has promised to never leave us orphans, then that means we have a permanent home—we eternally belong to the Father as children of his heavenly household! This is the mystery into which the Church invites us more deeply on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. Yet this truth is also the very gift that that we are invited to share with all whom God entrusts to us in our daily lives: "Love one another as I have loved you" ([John 15:12](#)). Every human heart longs for its eternal home. Today, we invite the Trinity to be more at home in our hearts in order to make them a more welcoming home for others—that through our smile, our gentleness, our availability of heart, everyone whom the Father entrusts to us may experience the Love that is their eternal home.

Question for Reflection: Today, will we allow our hearts to be touched and changed by the reality into which Trinity Sunday invites us more deeply?




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