

PENTECOST SUNDAY



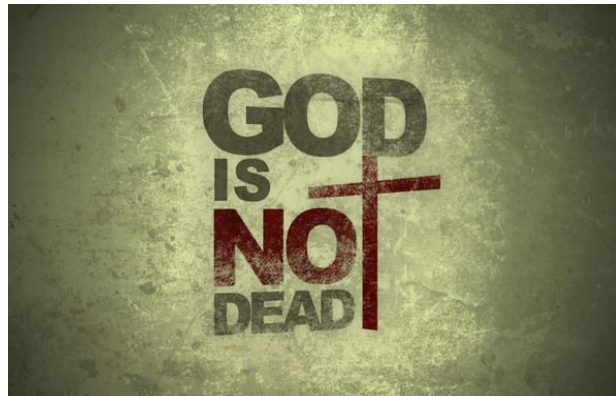
There is still so much disdain toward the gift of our faith in one God who created the world. I thought it would be worth quoting at length one very *tendentious account*, which demonstrates this contempt:

Man became the enemy of himself and his fellow creatures, because they persuaded him that his well-being here below was interdicted. Every time there was a question of his celestial tyrant, he no longer had any judgment, he no longer reasoned, he fell into a state of infancy or delirium, which submitted him to authority. Man was destined to this servitude as soon as he quitted the womb of his mother, and tyrannical opinion obliged him to wear his fetters during the rest of his days. A prey to the panic terrors with which they never ceased to inspire him, he appeared to have come upon the earth only to dream, to groan, to sigh, to injure himself, to deprive himself of all pleasures, to embitter his life, or disturb the felicity of others. Perpetually infected by the terrific chimeras which the delirium of the imagination presented to him without ceasing, he was abject, stupid, irrational, and he frequently became wicked, to honor the god whom they proposed to him for a model, or whom they told him to avenge. Such is the history of those effects which the name of God produces upon the earth.

It seems that those people really believe they are liberating human reason from the tyranny of superstition. Yet often the shackles of religion are merely exchanged for another kind of oppression: the weight of despair, for they cannot offer any explanation for the sweeter things of life: love, beauty, and meaning. Their determinism left them little choice but to infer that love was nothing but a sophisticated biological response to stimuli; that beauty has no objective existence; that meaning is an illusion men conjure to save themselves from the existential anguish of a pointless existence. But our life becomes profoundly darker and poorer when the beneficence of a Creator is denied. I like what the Brazilian poet Adelia Prado wrote in one of her poems about waiting for something or someone to come and make her whole:

*"I am beginning to despair
And can see only two choices:
Either go crazy or turn holy.
And when that someone or something finally does come:
How will I open the window, unless I'm crazy?
How will I close it, unless I'm holy?"*

P.S. "If God is dead, what is permitted?" is not a question calculated to make us sleep easily.



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MAY 19, 2024



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

Turning concern into action

Lord, help me to make time to serve You
In those who are most in need of encouragement and assistance.

St. Vincent de Paul

“Thank you for your contributions to the Poor Box after Mass.

FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR

From a Catholic Perspective

Saturday, June 8, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

The Archdiocese of Toronto & Catholic Cemeteries Estate Planning Team will discuss:

- **How to avoid problems:**
 - in your Will
 - in the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection—*Potential dangers and the ways to protect your loved ones and yourself will be illustrated in a few real-life stories.*
- **How to create your personal Catholic legacy**
- **About our Catholic traditions around wills, cremation, burials and funerals**

3 WAYS TO REGISTER:

1. scan this QR code:
2. follow this QR link: qrc0.de/WebJune08
3. send an email to: Development@ArchToronto.org and write “webinar June 8” in the title line + your name(s) in the body of the message.



WebJune08

Seeing With Heart - A Day of Reflection for Parents of LGBTQ Young Adults
Saturday, June 1, 2024: 9:00am - 4:00pm
Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre, 2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering

This day of reflection will provide parents with an opportunity to share their stories, listen to presentations from an experienced Catholic chaplain, reflect on the gifts and talents of their children, and participate in group discussions. The day ends with Mass.

We hope to provide a relaxed and supportive environment for parents to meet and interact with other parents, reflect and discuss concerns, learn about resources, strengthen their love, and grow closer to God.

Facilitator: Kelly Stephen - chaplain of Monsignor Paul Dwyer Catholic High School.
Fr. Bernie Carroll, S.J. - Superior of the Pickering Jesuit Community.

A suggested offering of \$65 per person. Includes lunch. For more information or to Register: Call Mike Hyland - 647-296-2499



MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, May 21

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of Justin Gutierrez req. by friend.

Wednesday, May 22

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of Charles Cerar req. by Frances Cerar.

Thursday, May 23

9 a.m. Private Intentions.

Friday, May 24

9 a.m. Intentions of Marion Gonzales.

Saturday, May 25

4:30 p.m. Intentions of all Parishioners.

Sunday, May 26

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of Adrian & Audrey Rezel.

11 a.m. Repose Silvestro DeLaurentis req. by the DeLaurentis family.



COFFEE & TEA & SNACKS SOCIAL

The Social will resume
Wednesday, May 22, 2024
After the 9 a.m. Mass
in the Parish Basement



ARE YOU MOVING? OR HAVE YOU MOVED ALREADY?

Please contact the parish office so your records can be updated.



“In the name of Jesus” means asking according to his heart and his will.

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