

# THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



Here is a “painful” reminder that can make some of you perhaps a bit uncomfortable, but as St. Paul recently reminded me: “Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction.” (2 Tim 4:2). So maybe it is just an invitation to get a spiritual tune-up before summer:

We live in a “you do you” world in which fewer and fewer people have the courage to stand up for anything they believe. And society has us thinking that this selfish mentality is a good thing. But we need to remember that our actions have serious consequences for us and for others. If we don’t take our baptismal call seriously, this will lead not only to the devaluing of human life but to a culture of death. Our faith must be the most important thing in our lives. This means that, when others look at our actions, they should see us as Catholics behaving as Catholics and following the tenets of the faith. Jesus told us, “Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.” If our actions don’t glorify God, who do they glorify? Ourselves? The devil? But there's a better God to worship than myself, or Satan. So when we partake in actions that cause others to believe erroneous teaching about the Catholic faith, we are committing the sin of scandal and possibly drawing people away from the faith by sowing the seeds of confusion or planting doubts. We see instances of this in all walks of life as some people idolize their own opinions at the expense of their Catholic faith. They choose to live as if Catholicism were a buffet where they can pick and choose what they want. They falsely call abortion “reproductive freedom,” they advocate for the “right” of people to “change” their sex at will, and then they proceed to receive the Body and Blood of Christ as if nothing happened. This scandalous behavior sends a message to the world that it’s okay to call yourself Catholic but to not actually follow the tenets of the faith. Let me give you a few examples:

1. The Catholic businessman who cheats his clients teaches others that it’s okay to use, abuse or misuse people.
2. A Catholic teacher living with her boyfriend sends the message to her students and others that cohabitation - living in sin - is acceptable to the Catholic Church.
3. The Catholic woman on birth control tells her friends that it’s okay to close herself off from God’s will when it comes to children.
4. The Catholic parent who fails to prioritize Sunday Mass teaches his family that God can be discarded when He’s not convenient.
5. A Catholic who votes for pro-abortion and pro-euthanasia politicians sends the message that unborn and our lives don’t have any value.

In light of this moral disaster, the Pope recently pointed out that those “weaknesses” so to speak, just keep piling up with no end in sight...and with no clear answer from him what to do in those cases. Personally, all this reminds me of 2 Tim 4:3-4 where St. Paul warns us, “For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.” People do not like to be confronted with their sin. Moreover, it is uncomfortable to be called to holiness, but if we are going to make true disciples, sometimes it will require us to speak hard truth. We must speak what people need to hear, not just what they want to hear. If you truly love your kids, you must sometimes correct and rebuke them. The same is true for our faith, for as G.K. Chesterton rightly noted what we need is not “a religion that is right where we are right” but “a religion that is right where we are wrong.”

**P.S. Just one more thing: I was once asked this critical question: Father, are you a pastor and prophet or just a pleaser? The answer was by no means automatic.**



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# MAY 26, 2024



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

## BUNDLE SUNDAY—JUNE 15-16

Please drop off item only on the weekend of June 15-16 before Mass begins.

### WE ONLY ACCEPT

**All Clothing**  
(Any Condition)  
**All Footwear**  
(Any Condition)  
**Bedding**  
(Any Condition)  
**Drapery/Towels**  
  
**Toys (New Only)**

### 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: [qrco.de/WebJune08](https://qrco.de/WebJune08)
3. send an email to: [Development@ArchToronto.org](mailto:Development@ArchToronto.org) and write "webinar June 8" in the title line + your name(s) in the body of the



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**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 28

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

### Wednesday, May 29

9 a.m. Intentions of Sierra Popescu.

### Thursday, May 30

9 a.m. Private Intentions.

### Friday, May 31

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of Aquilino Jr. Matus req. by Joriza.

### Saturday, June 1

4:30 p.m. Repose of the soul of Bob Cook req. by Joan Cook.

### Sunday, June 2

9 a.m. Intentions of all Parishioners.

11 a.m. Repose of the soul of Alvin Salvador req. by Caridad Salvador.



## COFFEE & TEA & SNACKS SOCIAL

The Social will resume  
**Wednesday, May 29, 2024**  
After the 9 a.m. Mass  
in the Parish Basement



## Come Pray 2000 Hail Mary

**Saturday, June 1, 2024**  
**6 a.m.—3 p.m.**

In the Church

Everyone is welcome

**DON'T GIVE UP ON WHAT GOD  
HAS CALLED YOU TO DO.  
THE END RESULT WILL BE WORTH THE PAIN.**

