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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, May 28

9:00 a.m. +Ernesto Lorenzo
10:30 a.m. People of the Parish
12:15 p.m. Grandchildren of Caporusso Family (I)

Monday, May 29

No Morning Mass

Tuesday, May 30

8:00 a.m. +Antonio Doti

Wednesday, May 31

7:00 p.m. Helena Vaz

Thursday, June 01

8:00 a.m. +Myrtle Barse

Friday, June 02

7:00 p.m. +Laura Maria R. Machado

Saturday, June 03

9:00 a.m. +Jocelyn Kavanagh
4:30 p.m. Reynaldo C. Medina

Pentecost Sunday May 28, 2023



“Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.” Send forth workers into your vineyard. If God is calling you

to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life, contact **Rev. Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997;** email vocations@archtoronto.org or call **Rev. Glass** at 416-757-2806 or at olfatimasc@archtoronto.org for more information.

Next Week Readings

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity
For God so Loved the World

1st Reading: Exodus 34.4-b-6, 8-9

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 13.11-13

Gospel: John 3.16-18

Building a Community of Love

Latin Songs: can be found on Catholic Book of Worship (Pages 299 A, D, E, F, & G).

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

To confess the name of Christ boldly.

The Sacrament of Confirmation gives the baptized a special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the faith by word and action as true witnesses of Christ, to confess the name of Christ boldly, and never to be ashamed of the Cross. — Catechism of the Catholic Church.

This Sunday we are conferring the Sacrament of Confirmation. Every Sacrament is ‘an *outward sign of inward grace*.’ In the case of Confirmation the ‘outward sign’ is the anointing on the forehead with the Sacred Chrism, along with the words, “Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.” The ‘inner grace’ is the assistance of the Holy Spirit to live and proclaim the Gospel.

In the Rite of Confirmation we ask God to send his Holy Spirit on the Confirmandi (those to be Confirmed), and to “give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and fortitude, the spirit of knowledge and piety; fill them with the spirit of the fear of the Lord.”

These seven ‘gifts of the Holy Spirit’ — wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord — are defined as ‘permanent dispositions which make man docile in following the promptings of the Holy Spirit.’ They are like sails on a boat catching the wind; the ‘gifts’ make us responsive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. To live holy lives we need to expand and spread our spiritual sails and allow the Holy Spirit to empower us.

Although the gifts of the Holy Spirit are received in the Sacrament of Baptism, Confirmation endows those gifts with a new ‘mode’ particularly suited to the challenges that the confirmed will be facing at their stage of the life. They are making a solemn commitment to live as disciples of Christ and to proclaim the Gospel. That is a huge promise, a promise that is not easy to keep, especially in view of the many challenges that they will encounter in our current culture. In the Sacrament of Confirmation God promises all the graces that they will need to surmount those challenges.

The Sacrament of Confirmation can be understood as an ‘upgrade’ to the graces that are received in Baptism. When you upgrade your cellphone you acquire wonderful new features. However, if the battery runs down that phone will not work. Similarly, if your spiritual battery is dead the spiritual upgrade of Confirmation also does not work.

Jesus, in referring to the graces of the Holy Spirit, says: “The water that I will give will become in you a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” We must keep the channels of grace open at our end. We do this by daily prayer, regular Confession and the Eucharist *at least* every Sunday. St. Irenaeus says: “Just as the soul give life to the body, so the Holy Spirit gifts life to the soul — we are only truly alive when we are alive in the Holy Spirit.”



Confirmation Classes 2023



Congratulations! To the students that are newly confirmed in our parish community today. We thank Rwanthi and Danuta for preparing these candidates, also big thanks to the Lord's Flock who render their talent and services during the Mass. May the Holy Spirit remain with you and guide you always. *"And with that he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit' John 20:22*

CHILDREN'S LITURGY 2022-2023

The Children's Liturgy meetings continues this **Sunday May 28, 2023 at 10:30 am in the church hall. All children from 6 to 10 years old are welcome to participate.**



ShareLife Campaign 2023-Pentecost Sunday
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St. Michael Choir School is currently holding auditions for new students entering the school in September.

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Are you new in our parish?

You are most welcome to register your family with us. We are very grateful to new parishioners who have done so already, and to those who updated their records. We thank all for your constant help and support. Come and pick up a form from our office Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. or download a form from our website: www.olfatimasc.archtoronto.org or email us at olfatimasc@archtoronto.org.

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New Parishioners are encouraged to register and get their personal box of envelopes at the back of the church. Please don't forget to fill out the registration form so that at the end of the year your contributions will be acknowledged with a tax receipt. Thank you for your support throughout the year.

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for June 2023



-For The Abolition Of Torture
 We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

Please pray for the newly baptized in Christ:

**✠ Saxon Terrance Firth Graham
 & Hendrix Brian Martin Graham**

For in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. Galatians 3:26

Holy Spirit Prayer of St. Augustine

Breathe into me, Holy Spirit,
 that my thoughts may all be holy.

Move in me, Holy Spirit,
 that my work, too, may be holy.

Attract my heart, Holy Spirit,
 that I may love only what is holy.

Strengthen me, Holy Spirit,
 that I may defend all that is holy.

Protect me, Holy Spirit,
 that I may always be holy.

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