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Mass Intentions for Week

Tuesday, May 28th, 8:15 a.m.

Leland Leete

Requested by Maureen Leete

Wednesday, May 29th, 8:15 a.m.

Letebrehan Yosief

Requested by the Grayhurst Family

Thursday, May 30th, 8:15 a.m.

For the Deceased Members of the Aust Family

Requested by the Family

Friday, May 31st, 8:15 a.m.

Salvatore & Rosaria Buffa

Requested by the Family

FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR

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

Learn:

- **How to avoid problems:** in your Will, in the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection
- **How to create your own legacy**
- **About our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals**

3 WAYS TO REGISTER:

1. scan this QR code:

2. follow this QR link: qrco.de/WebJune08

3. send an email to:

Development@ArchToronto.org and write

“webinar June 8” in the title line +

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“IT ALL ADDS UP”

The National Zero Waste Council (2022) estimated that CANADIAN households wasted 2.3 million tonnes of edible food. lovefoodhatewaste.ca/about/food-waste/

Some food waste is unavoidable (bones, peelings, tea bags, shells); however, an estimated “50% of food wasted in TORONTO single-family households is avoidable”. Toronto households generate more than 99,000 tonnes of FOOD WASTE - an estimated \$1,300 per household. Wasted food squanders the resources used to grow, produce and distribute that food and produces unnecessary greenhouse gas emissions that directly contribute to climate change.

Strategies for reducing food waste, (and saving household money) include planning meals ahead, buying only what you will use, making good use of leftovers, neither over nor under cooking, and storing food correctly. Food waste is a significant issue in TORONTO and across Canada.

Learn more at <https://lovefoodhatewaste.ca/> (OR) www.toronto.ca/services-payments/recycling-organics-garbage/long-term-waste-strategy/waste-reduction/food-waste/

Join us for Coffee Sunday after the 11:00am Mass on Sunday, June 23rd. We will pray for sunshine and plan to gather outside on the Millwood landing. Should we encounter rain, we will move things indoors. Thanks to Pablo for offering to host once again!



**PARISH
SUPPORT**

Summer is upon us and in this neighbourhood, many are fortunate enough to be able to spend part or even all of their summer weekends out of town on holiday or at cottages.

Unfortunately, the expenses and needs of the Church cannot take the same holiday, and budgeting becomes quite difficult when weekly offerings dip so drastically.

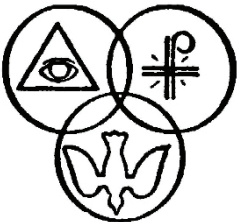
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If you would like more information about how to join our PAG program or how to give online, please contact the parish office. Enrollment forms can be found on the glass tables in the church. Thank you!

Deut 4:32-34, 39-40 Psalm 33

Rom 8:14-17 Matt 28:16-20

THE CIRCLE OF LOVE



"Why do we have to hear all this stuff about the Trinity?" Why can't we just be good to each other and go to church"? The Triune God is not some kind of brainy speculation by scholars. It is simply the way we experience God in this world.

Christian living is the Trinity in action – it is being good to each other and going to Church. *First*, long ago, human beings learned that there is only one God, and that he "found delight in the human race". Think of the many, many stories in the First Testament about God's pursuit of us, his labouring to make a loving and holy covenant with us. "I will be your God and you will be my people." Like marriage agreements! By turns, God became angry, hurt, delighted, spurned, glorified, ignored, praised and rejected. Yet he kept coming back and back to renew the covenant. Because God's love is steadfast. *Then* we discovered that God's nature has always had another component. God had not been alone or lonely, like a rock in the desert. His very nature had always been to relate to others, to "pour himself forth," and to receive back. The "Second Person," has been at one with "the First Person" for all eternity. This

Second Person was made flesh, called by us the Word. We saw him. Jesus laughed and cried and preached and turned over tables and cured people and was loyal to his friends even unto death. "Everything that the Father has is mine," he said. That's how we knew he was the Word and that the Word was God. Then came a *third revelation*. Jesus hints about it earlier in John's Gospel: "I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now." In other words, our small souls would burst with the greatness of God unless God gentled himself down and began to dwell within us, guiding our understanding. So Jesus promised to pour the Holy Spirit into us. The Spirit actually is God, Jesus tells us. "Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that he [God the Spirit] will take from what is mine and declare it to you". Do you get the logic? Everything the Father has belongs to the Word. Everything that Jesus the Word has belongs to the Spirit. Everything the Spirit has belongs to us **if we say yes to it**. The third part of God is the Spirit and the Spirit bestows us and the whole earth back upon the Father. This closes the circle! What liveliness, what transformation there is in God: speaking, reaching out, flowing forth, receiving back. God is like liquid motion, like a dynamism in which everything is changing always, yet remains always the same—because it is rooted in love, because it *is* love. We are invited into that unchanging circle of love, no matter what it brings, even in this most difficult world. Too theoretical? Allow me to put it more simply. Do you suffer? God invites you meld that pain into the Trinity's unending love. Do you lack hope? The Christ who rose from death is within you. Are you abandoned? Remember that the one God in three persons was abandoned too and embraces you with tender affection and asks you to melt into his arms. That is why we "hear all this stuff about the Trinity." Do you get it? Pray with it, think about it, ponder it in your heart. It is the stuff of deep, abiding love. Amen.

For the Church, that we may experience the length, breadth, and depth of God's love that has been poured out into our hearts so that we may be transformed and fully live as children of God...We pray...

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD AT THE 11:00AM MASS

Thank you to Fernanda and her team for leading the Children's Liturgy again this year!

The final Children's Liturgy before summer break will take place next Sunday, June 16th during the 11:00am Mass.

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