

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION You Are What You Eat We celebrate today the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ – Corpus Christi. The Eucharist is the center of the Mass and of our entire Catholic faith. St. Padre Pio said that “it would be easier for the world to survive without the sun than to do without Holy Mass.” Let us spend some time reflecting on the Eucharist so that we can echo St. Padre Pio and come to a greater understanding of the beauty of the Mass. Let us first contemplate what took place 2000 years ago on Good Friday. Jesus’ death on the cross is what won for us our salvation. It was the event that defeated Satan and opened wide the gates of Heaven so that we who seek to follow Him can enter into that eternal rest. St. Thomas Aquinas says that “the celebration of Holy Mass is as valuable as the death of Jesus on the cross.” If we are able to understand just how extraordinary Jesus’ crucifixion was, so too, each and every Mass opens us up to abundant grace and healing. Moreover, the Mass allows us to receive the very body of Jesus and in doing so, become who we consume. We become another Christ in this world. As stewards, our goal is to imitate Jesus as closely as possible so that we can more fully share of our time and talents with our parish community. Therefore, let us run to Mass as often as we can for Jesus is waiting for us on the altar, waiting to transform us into better stewards for His Kingdom. Summary Jesus’ death on the cross is what defeated Satan and opened wide the gates of Heaven so that we who seek to follow Him can enter into that eternal rest. St. Thomas Aquinas says that “the celebration of Holy Mass is as valuable as the death of Jesus on the cross.” Therefore, we as stewards should run to Mass as often as we can because Jesus is waiting to pour out the same love, mercy and grace that he showed on the cross.

Taken from excerpts of the Archdiocese of Toronto website.

VOCATION REFLECTION God the Father, Creator; God the Son, Redeemer; God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier. When we go out to "make disciples of all nations", we have a lot to tell! God is present everywhere.

Would you be willing to proclaim the truth of God’s love and presence in your life as a priest, religious or deacon? If so, call **Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.**

A ROSE FOR DAD

To pay tribute to our fathers who are deceased, we will be recording their names in our Remembrance Book, beginning this weekend. Volunteers will be at the back of the church to assist with this task. Then on the weekend of Father's Day, which will be celebrated on June 15th/16th, roses will be put next to the Remembrance Book close to the altar. We kindly ask for an amount of \$5.00 to cover the cost of purchasing the flowers.

St. Therese of the Child Jesus Group will meet at 10:00 am on Monday, June 3rd in the St. Joseph's Room.

New members are welcome!



This coming Friday, **June 7th is the First Friday of the month.** Mass is at 9:15 followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by some time of adoration and benediction at 12:00 noon.

PARISH TRIP NEWS A quick reminder that our parish day trip is scheduled for Friday, June 7th. The day will include touring Martyr’s Shrine, Mass, Lunch at a local restaurant, visit St. Marie Among the Hurons. Please note that tickets for this trip are now sold out.

For those of you not joining us on the trip, you are welcome to join the morning Mass at St. Paul the Apostle Church, as Fr. Jimmy Zammit has offered to celebrate Mass on that day.



INTRODUCTION TO THE SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

The Feast of

Corpus Christi, or the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (as it is often called today), goes back to the 13th century, but it celebrates something far older: the institution of the Sacrament of Holy Communion at the Last Supper.

On September 8, 1264, Pope Urban IV issued the papal decree which established the Feast of Corpus Christi as a universal feast of the Church, to be celebrated on the Thursday following Trinity Sunday.

The celebration of the feast was extended to the universal Church centuries ago. During this time, a eucharistic procession took place where the Sacred Host was carried throughout the town. Hymns and litanies accompanied the procession and the faithful would venerate the Body of Christ as it passed by. However, in recent years, this practice has nearly disappeared. Some parishes still hold a brief procession around the outside of the church.

This Sunday, at 3:00 pm, we invite you to join us for a Holy Hour in the church. During this time, we will have a procession inside the church, stopping at four stations where a reading and prayer will be recited. Afterward, we welcome you to enjoy some coffee and pastries in the St. Joseph's Room.

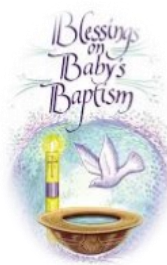
This Sunday, during the 12 noon Mass, the following children will be receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion:



Sloane Bonnici
Ayanna Camilleri
Liam Caruana
Emma Coney
Victoria Nesci
Carter Robinson
Kody Said

Congratulations to these children and their families. As a parish community, we accompany them with our prayers. May the love and joy of Jesus be always present in their hearts

A big thank you to our catechists Abigail Apalit and Julia Bocale who helped to prepare these children for this very important day in their lives.



This weekend we welcomed **Naomi Rita Kaufman, Violet Anne McCreedy and Gabriel Marco Schifano**, who joined our Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism.

We congratulate their families, and support them with our prayers, as they do their best to help their children grow into mature Christians

During this past month we had the funerals of Alfred Fenech, George Pulo and Paul Portelli.

As a community of faith, we keep them in our prayers so that God will give them eternal life with Him.

We also continue to pray for their families and loved ones, to find consolation and peace in their hearts.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.



This past month we witnessed the blessing of vows of two couples within our parish community. Congratulations to Marc & Deb Gové on their 40th Wedding Anniversary and Tony & Veronica Micallef on their 54th Wedding Anniversary. May God bless them always. Congratulations!!