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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday to Friday at 12.05 pm

Saturday at 9 am & 5 pm (Vigil)

Sunday at 9 am & 11 am

CONFESSIONS

Monday to Friday at 11.30 am

Saturday at 4.30 pm

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday 10 am to 4 pm

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Sunday Masses at 12.30 & 4.30 pm (in Tamil)

REFLECTION

*The Lord . . . proclaimed his name.
(Exodus 34:5)*

Have you ever wondered why the Church chooses some readings for its special feast days? Take today's feast, for example. It's dedicated to the Holy Trinity, but nowhere in these readings do we have a clear spelling out of this crucial doctrine of our faith.



In the first reading, for instance, Moses actually gets to see God and hear him proclaim his name: *Yahweh*. He also learns who this God is: "a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness" (Exodus 34:6). Beautiful

truths, but nothing about the Trinity.

Granted, the three Persons of the Trinity do appear in the second reading, but only in the form of a final blessing from the apostle Paul. And the focus seems to be on grace, love, and fellowship more than on the truths of three divine Persons in one God.

Then in today's Gospel, the apostle John tells us about *the way* God loves his people—through humility, sacrifice, and self-giving. He tells us of a God who "did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him" (John 3:17).

So why do we have these readings for this feast? Because at the heart of today's feast is not a solution to a mathematical puzzle of how God could be three in one. Rather, it's a divine mystery, that our God, who is a Trinity of divine Persons, loves us and longs to reveal himself to us. It's the promise that his revelation has the power to melt our hearts and heal our souls.

A God of mercy and kindness. A God of constant blessing. A God who saves and doesn't condemn. These are the Trinitarian truths he wants to reveal to you on this marvelous feast day. These are truths that can become the foundation for every aspect of your life. Let him proclaim his name to you.

PRAYER: "Lord, help me to live every day in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

What is the Most Holy Trinity?

Trinity Sunday is the first Sunday after Pentecost in the Western Christian liturgical calendar, and the Sunday of Pentecost in Eastern Christianity. **Trinity** Sunday celebrates the Christian doctrine of the **Trinity**, the three Persons of God: the Father, the Son, and the **Holy** Spirit.



What are the three parts of the Holy Trinity?

The traditional statement of the doctrine of the **Trinity** is this: There are **three** persons within the Godhead; Father, Son and **Holy** Spirit. These **three** persons have equal status and are equally divine.

Why is the Holy Trinity important?

Christians believe in one God and they believe that Jesus Christ was his son who died in order to bring humans salvation from sin. A **key** belief of all Christians is the belief in the **Trinity** – Father, Son and **Holy** Spirit, who were all present at the Creation of the world and who all take on different roles.

How to Teach Kids the Trinity with an Apple Object Lesson

1. An apple has three parts: the seeds, the flesh, and the skin. ...
2. The skin is like God the Father because He protects us.
3. The flesh is like God the Son because Jesus Christ took on human flesh.
4. The seeds are like God the Holy Spirit because He through His power, we grow in faith.
5. Each of the parts of an apple are different, but they are ALL apple.
6. So are the persons of God all different (Father, Son and Holy Spirit), yet they are ALL God.

How do you simplify the Trinity?

In the Christian religion, the **Trinity** is an idea used to **explain** that three different persons are called God: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit (who is sometimes called the Holy Ghost). **Trinity** states that these three all form the same God.

Update on COVID-19 Church Closures

The decision to close our parish churches on March 24, 2020, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic was a very difficult one and we recognize the tremendous spiritual sacrifice of the faithful during this time. We also want to do all that we can to minimize the potential spread of COVID-19 in our community.

We know that you have questions and are anxious to return to your local parish. This update will let you know where we are at present and what we've been doing to prepare for the days ahead.

Q. How is the Archdiocese of Toronto preparing for re-opening?

A. Four archdiocesan task forces have been addressing the following pandemic-related issues:

1. Re-opening of churches;
2. Re-opening of offices;
3. Financial implications and related issues; and
4. Best practices that can be implemented post-pandemic.

We are also working closely with the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario (ACBO) to offer dioceses and churches a consistent approach to re-opening across the province. All this work has been done in consultation with health and safety experts.

We've held virtual town halls with our clergy and staff, to keep them apprised of our plans along the way. Pastors have been communicating directly with the faithful in a variety of ways – through the parish website, by mail, text, phone and through social media.

Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, has provided regular updates to the faithful. These and other COVID-19 related resources can be accessed by visiting: www.archtoronto.org/covid19. You can subscribe to receive these updates if you're not already receiving them.

Q. Why not re-open the churches now?

A. *[visit the following link for more information]*
<https://immaculateheartofmarysc.archtoronto.org/news-events/news-archives/chancery-news/Update-on-Church-Closure-During-COVID-19>



will be offered as scheduled at the Masses celebrated daily by Fr. Charles.

All Mass Intentions which have already been booked and paid

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



CELEBRATING THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Mass will be celebrated every day, via livestream, at 7:30 a.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica at www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live. A daily televised Mass is also available through Salt & Light Catholic Media Foundation



(www.saltandlighttv.org) as well as through Vision TV and also online (www.DailyTVMass.com). This provides an additional opportunity to pray for those who are suffering as well as for our health care professionals tending the sick.

COVID19 SUPPORT OF PARISH OFFERTORIES

No doubt you are aware that our parish relies on the support of our parishioners to operate – parish salaries, programs and ongoing operating costs (heating, water, electricity, etc.) – are funded through the generosity of our parish community. It will be a challenge for our parish to maintain operations without the weekly offertory collection.



If you wish to continue supporting the parish financially, you can drop your envelope at the parish office [Monday to Friday from 10 am to noon] or mail it to us. For more ways to give, please visit the Archdiocesan website at: www.archtoronto.org/covid19/pages/support.aspx

Thank you for your contributions to our parish community. We pray daily that we will be able to gather together again in celebrating the Eucharist.

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