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Gospel

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Learning to Truly Love Christ

In the Gospel this Sunday we're called to reflect on the rich and important exchange where Jesus asks Peter, "Do you love me?" Firstly, it is important to note the original translation of this passage. The first time Jesus asks Peter he uses the word "agape," which is an unconditional, self-sacrificial love. The same type of love that Jesus has for us. However, in Peter's response he uses the word "philia," which is the love between friends. Although philia is still beautiful, it isn't raised to the same heights of agape. This same exchange of agape and philia occurs the second time Jesus asks Peter.

However, when Jesus asks the third time, it is He who



uses the word philia, asking Peter if he can love Him as a friend. This is why it says Peter felt hurt, because it seemed like Jesus lowered the standard for the type of love Peter was called to. However, the beautiful reality is that Jesus instead understands and meets Peter at the level of love he's currently comfortable with. Yet Jesus doesn't desire Peter to remain at that level. He goes on to foretell the kind of death he would one day suffer, signifying that He would one day be able to love Jesus agape.

Jesus does the same in the lives of all of His stewards. He desires all of us to love Him unconditionally, yet He meets us where we currently are and helps us to slowly advance in love. Let us always seek to love Christ and His Church and pray this simple prayer, "Jesus I love you, help me to love you more each day."

Summary

When Jesus first asks Peter if he loves Him, he uses the term "agape," signifying an unconditional love, to which Peter replies, "philia," the love of friends. However, by the third time it is Jesus who asks Peter if he will love him philia, which, rather than an insult, is the beautiful reality that Jesus meets Peter where he currently is. So too in our lives, Jesus accepts the current level of love we're comfortable with, but like Peter, He slowly desires and leads us to embrace a deeper way of loving Him and the Church.

~ Stewardship Bulletin Reflection – Archdiocese of Toronto ~

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Monday, May 5th

12:05 pm In thanksgiving & in honour of St. Lawrence
requested by the Ferreira family

Tuesday, May 6th

12:05 pm † Manuela Asis
requested by A. Asis

Wednesday, May 7th

12:05 pm

Thursday, May 8th

9:45 am [School Mass]

12:05 pm In thanksgiving & for the intentions of
Nathaniel Sevilla on his 21st birthday
requested by the Sevilla family

Friday, May 9th

12:05 pm † Fr. Peter Tammearu on his birthday
remembrance
requested by the Sevilla family

Saturday, May 10th

9:00 am In thanksgiving & intentions of Marieta & Michael
Laranang on their birthday
requested by the Laranang family

5:00 pm In thanksgiving & intentions of Avigail Pagala on
her birthday
requested by the Sevilla family

Fourth Sunday of Easter, May 11th

9:00 am For the People of the Parish

11:00 am † Eulalie Rosetta Mapp
requested by her son, Anthony Mapp

Lenten Food Drive



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul wanted to extend our heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you who contributed to our Lenten Food Drive.

Because of your incredible generosity, we were able to provide food and essential items to many families and individuals in need this Lenten season. Your donations not only nourished bodies but also lifted spirits and reminded our community of the true meaning of Easter—hope, compassion, and new life. Thank you so much for your generosity and support!

NOVENA IN MEMORY OF POPE FRANCIS



The novena in memory of Pope Francis continues at noon followed by Mass at 12:05 pm. Schedule dates are as follows:

- ❖ Monday, May 5th
- ❖ Tuesday, May 6th
- ❖ Wednesday, May 7th
- ❖ Thursday, May 8th

Please join us!



ARCHDIOCESAN YEAR OF JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TO ROME WITH CARDINAL FRANK LEO

November 10 – 17, 2025

The Archdiocese of Toronto Jubilee 2025 Committee is organizing a week-long pilgrimage to Rome with Cardinal Frank Leo, taking place on November 10 – 17, 2025. The pilgrimage will include visits to Rome's major basilicas and Holy Door, daily Mass and a day trip to Assisi. Registration will take place online beginning Thursday, April 24 at 10:00 a.m. Space is limited. For full registration details, to view a detailed itinerary and learn more about this prayerful journey to Rome, visit: <https://bit.ly/ArchTORome2025>

Frequently Asked Questions on Plenary Indulgences during the JUBILEE YEAR

What is an indulgence?

An indulgence is the remission of temporal punishment due to sins already forgiven. Sin is both personal and social; it leaves a mark on the individual soul and has an effect on the lives of others. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation our sins are forgiven, and we are restored to a state of grace, but the aftermath of our sin remains. Indulgences work to remedy this both in this world and the next, for ourselves or those who have gone before us into eternal life. As a remission of temporal punishment, indulgences can be partial or plenary depending on whether part or all of the temporal punishment due to sin

has been remitted. Indulgences truly are an outpouring of God's abundant grace and mercy. For more information, see Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraphs 1471 – 1479.

What is the Jubilee Indulgence?

The Jubilee Indulgence is a plenary indulgence which thanks to the power of prayer, is intended in a particular way for those who have gone before us, so that they may obtain full mercy. It may also be sought for oneself. It is a way of discovering the unlimited nature of God's mercy. During a Jubilee Year, which normally happens every 25 years, all other indulgences previously granted remain in force and may be obtained by the faithful.

~to be continued ...



SAVE THE DATE FOR

A Day With Mary

May 31, 2025 at Villanova College, King City

REGISTER TODAY FOR "A Day With Mary"

This FREE outdoor event is taking place Saturday, May 31 on the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Villanova College in King City. During this Jubilee Holy Year, spend a day with our Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Hope and deepen your devotion to her through a keynote address by Dr. Josephine Lombardi, a number of inspiring witnessings and Holy Mass presided over by His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo. This family-friendly event will have music, food, fellowship, children's catechesis and activities – something for everyone. For more information and to register, visit <https://www.archtoronto.org/mary>

SVDP BUNDLE UP WEEKEND

May 3rd & 4th



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is pleased to accept clothing, shoes, bedding, towels, draperies and NEW toys for use in the Society's programs and services to help those in need. A truck will be in the parking lot before and after Mass to receive your donation **this weekend**. Please tie your donation bags for easier handling. Please note: the following **will NOT be accepted**: books, dishes, furniture, construction materials, video and audio cassettes.

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