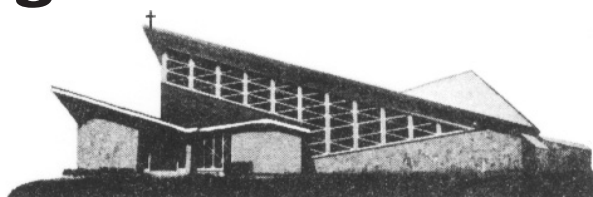


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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday
 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Evening Reception
 Tues., Wed., Thurs.
 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

SUNDAY LITURGY — Saturday 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
SPANISH MASS — Sunday 2:00 p.m.
WEEKDAY MASSES — Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:20 a.m.
 Wednesday (Rosary at 6:30 p.m.) 7:00 p.m. (OLPH Devotions)

EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR

On first Friday of each month following morning mass.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION — Saturday 4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. By appointment any time.

PARISH REGISTRATION — All parishioners especially those who live outside our parish boundaries are expected to complete a Parish Registration form and use Sunday Offertory Envelopes. This will greatly assist the Parish Team when parishioners request sacraments, funerals or letters of reference.

N.B. — When parishioners move you are asked to notify the parish office.

INFANT BAPTISMS — It is highly recommended that parents contact the parish office at least two months in advance of the birth of their child. Parents are obliged to participate in our baptismal preparation program. Baptisms generally take place one Sunday per month at 3:30 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE — The Archdiocese of Toronto requires that you contact your parish priest at least one year in advance of the planned date of your wedding and that you participate in a marriage preparation course.

PARISH HOME CATECHISM PROGRAM — Children attending public, private or alternative school are required to participate in this program from grade 1 - 7 in order to prepare to receive the sacraments.

VISITATION OF THE SICK — Please notify the Rectory when a member of your family is in the hospital.

BULLETIN DEADLINE — Monday 9:00 a.m. in writing or by e-mail.

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Greetings to all of you!

After nine weeks of isolation and confinement, maybe some of us feel at times discouraged and anxious. We may think when is it all going to end? how is it going to be? When are we going to be able to come to Church and receive communion again? When are we going to be able to embrace and hug our loved ones? It is hard to live day by day with all this uncertainty and insecurity because we all like to make plans and to control our lives. In the midst of this difficult situation, we can find strength and support in the Risen Christ. He is the one who walks ahead of us and He constantly offers us life in abundance. When we feel weak and ready to give up, He pulls up and give us the strength to continue. Let us hold his merciful hand that gives us every single day the strength to continue in our journey through life. In Him we can find solace and we are given the possibility to live all this difficult time at peace with the certainty that God acts and constantly helps us. Let us allow the Lord to come and walk with us to find support and strength!

Pope Francis' Regina Caeli of 10 May 2020

He centered his catechesis on the Gospel passage of the day (Jn 14: 1-12) in which, he said, we hear the beginning of Jesus' so-called "Farewell discourse" when, at the end of the Last Supper and just before the start of the Passion, Jesus reassures the disciples saying "Do not let your hearts be troubled".

The Lord is saying these same words to us, he said, "But how can we make sure that our hearts are not troubled?"

'Believe in me'

The Pope explained that God indicates two "remedies", the first being "Believe in me".

It would seem, he said, rather theoretical, abstract advice. Instead, Jesus wants to tell us something precise.

"He knows that, in life, the worst anxiety, anguish, is born of the sensation of not being able to cope, of feeling alone and without points of reference when faced with events," the Pope continued highlighting that we cannot overcome this anguish alone, "when one difficulty is added to another."

Thus, he said, Jesus asks us to *have faith in Him*, knowing that He is always at our side and entrusting ourselves to Him.

'My Father's house has many rooms'

The second "remedy" for a troubled heart, the Pope continued, is expressed in Jesus' words: "My Father's house has many rooms... I am going there to prepare a place for you".

This is what Jesus did for us, he said, "He reserved a place in Heaven for us. He took our humanity upon Himself (...) to Heaven where there is a place reserved for everyone."

The Pope said we do not live "aimlessly and without a destination. We are awaited, we are precious."

He invited the faithful not to forget that here on earth we are passing though, but our true dwelling place is in Heaven.

"We are made for Heaven, for eternal life, to live forever," he said, and "this *forever* will be entirely in joy, in full communion with God and with others, without any more tears, resentments, divisions and troubles."

'I am the Way'

The Pope concluded his reflection pointing the way on "how to reach Heaven."

He said Jesus's decisive phrase is: "I am the Way", meaning that the way to go up to Heaven is Jesus: to have a living relationship with Him, to imitate Him in love, to follow in His footsteps."

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Christians, he said, must ask themselves if they are on paths that do not lead to Heaven, such as the paths of power, of worldliness, of self-affirmation.

And he invited them to follow Jesus's way which is "the way of humble love, of prayer, of meekness, of trust."

"It is not the way of my *self-centeredness*, it is the way of *Jesus, Who is the center of my life*. It is to go ahead every day saying: "Jesus, what do You think of this choice I made? What would You do in this situation, with these people?"

Let us ask Jesus, he said for the directions to get to Heaven, and may Our Lady help us to follow Him.

God bless you,

Fr. Francisco Fernandez , Faithful Servant and Pastor

Fr. Mike Holmes, Associate Pastor

Carlos Torres, Seminarian

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[facebook.com/stjohnwhitby](https://www.facebook.com/stjohnwhitby) every Sunday at 9am in English, 11am in Spanish.
Weekdays Monday through Friday at 9am.

REMINDER!

Tuesday evening Lectio Divina at 7pm on Zoom!
We reflect on the Sunday Gospel and readings.

Tabernacle Candle Intention June 17 to June 23, 2020
"For Mary's Grandson", requested by Mary Yearwood



Mon May 18 –9:00am

+Janet Chyc
req. by Clare Dashney

Tues May 19 – 9:00am

Intention for Trees Bakker
req. by The Vanroon Family

Wed. May 20 – 9:00am

+ Debbie Beegan
req. by Mary-Louise LaBarre & Ken Reilly
+ Debbie Beegan
req. by Maureen LaBarre
+Ernie Popovich
req. by Mary-Louise LaBarre & Ken Reilly
+ Jess Cabrias
req. by The Staff of St. John the Evangelist School
+ Ernest Patience
req. by The McKeown Family

Thur. May 21 – 9:00am

+Deidre Al-Derraji
req. by Noreen & Bobby Hayden

Fri. May 22 – 9:00am

+Bobby Graham
req. by His Family



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KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH OUR FLOCK!

If you know of a senior, or someone who could benefit from a friendly phone call, or contact from Fr. Francisco, Fr. Mike, or our Lay Pastoral Ministry, please call the parish office today! 905-668-3676

Totus Tuus – CANCELLED

Candle Prayer Intentions

Some parishioners are requesting candle prayer intentions. Father(s) Francisco and Mike will gladly light a candle with your requested prayer intention. The 5-day candles are \$5.00 per candle and the 15-hour votives are \$2.00 per candle. The Sanctuary candle is \$10. Please drop off your candle donation(s), with an enclosed note for your prayer intention, and the specific candle stand you wish to light a candle from, and Father Francisco or Father Mike will gladly light the candle and pray with your intention.

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