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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.

Youth Ministry

Sunday 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Sunday 2:00 p.m.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:20 a.m.

Wednesday (Rosary at 6:30 p.m.) 7:00 p.m. (OLPH Devotions)

EUCHARISTIC 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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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)



Greetings!

We are celebrating this Sunday the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. In this pandemic time in which we cannot receive the Eucharist on a regular basis every day or every week, we should emphasize even more the importance of the heavenly

nourishment. At every Eucharist we commemorate the Death and Resurrection of Christ. Christ has wanted that we partake of this life-giving event every time that we celebrate the Eucharist. The body of Christ allows us to participate in his Death by giving Him all our sins and He destroys them on the Cross. The blood of Christ brings us to receive the Resurrection in our lives. So, every time that we receive communion we pass from death to life, from our sinfulness to a new life of peace. Even though we cannot at this time partake of it physically, which is the proper thing to do, yet the Lord still gives us a share in his Death and Resurrection when we participate at the mass online and make the prayer of spiritual communion. We hope that soon we will be able to take communion again, participate fully and actively in His Death and Resurrection.

POPE FRANCIS ON THE FEAST OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST 2014:

In this Solemnity of Corpus Domini, the idea of memory comes up again and again. Moses says to the people: "You shall *remember* all the way which the Lord your God has led you.... Lest... you *forget* the Lord your God, who fed you in the wilderness with manna" (*Dt* 8:2, 14, 16). Jesus will tell us: "Do this *in memory* of me" (*1 Cor* 11:24). Saint Paul will tell his disciple: "Remember Jesus Christ" (*2 Tim* 2:8). The "living bread, come down from heaven" (*Jn* 6:51) is the *sacrament of memory*, reminding us, in a real and tangible way, of the story of God's love for us.

Today, to each of us, the word of God says, *Remember!* Remembrance of the Lord's deeds guided and strengthened his people's journey through the desert; remembering all that the Lord has done for us is the foundation of our own personal history of salvation. Remembrance is essential for faith, as water is for a plant. A plant without water cannot stay alive and bear fruit. Nor can faith, unless it drinks deeply of the memory of all that the Lord has done for us. "Remember Jesus Christ".

Remember. Memory is important, because it allows us to dwell in love, to be *mind-ful*, never forgetting who it is who loves us and whom we are called to love in return. Yet nowadays, this singular ability that the Lord has given us

is considerably weakened. Amid so much frantic activity, many people and events seem to pass in a whirl. We quickly turn the page, looking for novelty while unable to retain memories. Leaving our memories behind and living only for the moment, we risk remaining ever on the surface of things, constantly in flux, without going deeper, without the broader vision that reminds us who we are and where we are going. In this way, our life grows fragmented, and dulled within.

Yet today's Solemnity reminds us that in our fragmented lives, the Lord comes to meet us with a loving "fragility", which is the Eucharist. In the Bread of Life, the Lord comes to us, making himself a humble meal that lovingly heals our memory, wounded by life's frantic pace of life. The Eucharist is the memorial of God's love. There, "[Christ's] sufferings are remembered" (II Vespers, antiphon for the Magnificat) and we recall God's love for us, which gives us strength and support on our journey. This is why the Eucharistic commemoration does us so much good: it is not an abstract, cold and superficial memory, but a living remembrance that comforts us with God's love. A memory that is both recollection and imitation. The Eucharist is flavoured with Jesus' words and deeds, the taste of his Passion, the fragrance of his Spirit. When we receive it, our hearts are overcome with the certainty of Jesus' love. In saying this, I think in particular of you boys and girls, who recently received First Holy Communion, and are here today in great numbers.

The Eucharist gives us a *grateful* memory, because it makes us see that we are the Father's children, whom he loves and nourishes. It gives us a *free* memory, because Jesus' love and forgiveness heal the wounds of the past, soothe our remembrance of wrongs experienced and inflicted. It gives us a *patient* memory, because amid all our troubles we know that the Spirit of Jesus remains in us. The Eucharist encourages us: even on the roughest road, we are not alone; the Lord does not forget us and whenever we turn to him, he restores us with his love.

The Eucharist also reminds us that we are not isolated individuals, but *one body*. As the people in the desert gathered the manna that fell from heaven and shared it in their families (cf. *Ex* 16), so Jesus, the Bread come down from Heaven, calls us together to receive him and to share him with one another. The Eucharist is not a sacrament "for me"; it is the sacrament of the many, who form one body, God's holy and faithful people. Saint Paul reminded us of this: "Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread" (*1 Cor* 10:17). The Eucharist is the *sacrament of unity*. Whoever receives it cannot fail to be a builder of unity, because building unity has become part of his or her "spiritual DNA". May this *Bread of unity* heal our ambition

to lord it over others, to greedily hoard things for ourselves, to foment discord and criticism. May it awaken in us the joy of living in love, without rivalry, jealousy or mean-spirited gossip.

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, your servant and Pastor Fr. Mike Holmes, Associate Pastor Carlos Torres, Seminarian

Confession appointments are scheduled anytime upon request. Social distancing is respected as the confession takes place in the offices of Fr. Francisco and Fr. Mike. Please call (905) 668-3676.

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+Patrick Beckley
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https://stjohntheevangelistwh.archtoronto.org/
Go to News & Events and scroll down for the forms

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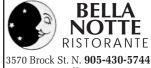
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