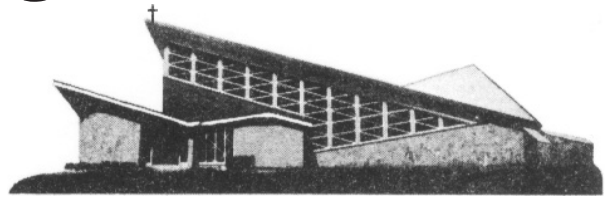


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## Pastoral Team

Rev. Francisco Fernandez Siles	Pastor
Rev. Michael Holmes	Associate Pastor
Rev. Mr. Raymond Del Castilho	Permanent Deacon
Miss Susan Douglas	Lay Pastoral Asst.
Mrs. Vicki Morgan	Secretary
Mrs. Cathy Dykeman	Parish Home Catechism
Mr. Brendon Orian	Youth Ministry

## Support Staff

Mr. Troy Sabaot	Caretaker
Mr. Kevin Dashney	Director of Music
Mr. Bill Rios	System Support & Webmaster
Mrs. Sue McGee	Bookkeeper
Mrs. Gail Stewart	Cook/Housekeeper

## 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.

<b>SUNDAY LITURGY</b> —	Saturday	5:00 p.m.
	Sunday	9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
<b>SPANISH MASS</b> —	Sunday	2:00 p.m.
<b>WEEKDAY MASSES</b> —	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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First Reconciliation & First Eucharist Preparation	Susan Douglas	905-668-3676
Confirmation Preparation	Susan Douglas	905-668-3676
Parish Home Catechism Program	Cathy Dykeman	905-668-0724

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## TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Welcome back to all of you!

It has been three long months of self-isolation and it has been very painful for all of us to have the Church closed. However, the most distressing feeling has been to be deprived of receiving the Body of Christ. God has still been working in our lives and has accompanied us with his peace and consolation. We have been connected through online masses, bible studies and Lectio Divina. Finally, the time has come to open the Churches, to meet each other and to RECEIVE COMMUNION. For us, it would be uplifting to celebrate masses with all of you present. Therefore, we personally WELCOME YOU and we are happy to see you back at Church. It will be nice to see people again JOYFUL and HUNGRY FOR CHRIST. We have prepared ourselves to ensure that the Church is a place safe following the protocols of the Health Ministry. Even though the capacity is limited to 30% and having into account the social distance, we can accommodate 130 people. We encourage you to come and to enjoy meeting with Christ and with each other again. Those who, for any reason, do not yet feel comfortable coming, or are seniors or have any health issue, we continue to pray for you and we will still broadcast the 9 am mass so that you can participate from home. Even though it has been an arid period, God has been with us and He has helped us to appreciate the immense of our faith and of receiving communion. Let us not forget how God has accompanied us all this time so that we can trust in Him in time of difficulties.

### **POPE FRANCIS ON THE 12<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME A (JUNE 25, 2017):**

In today's Gospel (cf. Mt 10:26-33) the Lord Jesus, after having called and sent the disciples on mission, teaches them and prepares them to face the trials and persecutions they will have to endure. Going on mission is not like tourism, and Jesus cautions them: "you will find persecutions". So he exhorts them: "have no fear of them; for nothing is covered that will not be revealed.... What I tell you in the dark, utter in the light.... And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul" (vv. 26-28). They can only kill the body; they do not have the power to kill souls: do not

fear this. Jesus' dispatch [of the disciples] on mission does not guarantee their success, just as it does not protect them from failure and suffering. They have to take into account both the possibility of rejection and that of persecution. This is somewhat frightening but it is the truth.

The disciple is called to conform his life to Christ who was persecuted by men, knew rejection, abandonment and death on the cross. There is no Christian mission marked by tranquility! Difficulties and tribulations are part of the work of evangelization and we are called to find in them the opportunity to test the authenticity of our faith and of our relationship with Jesus. We must consider these difficulties as the opportunity to be even more missionary and to grow in that trust toward God, our Father who does not abandon his children during the storm. Amid the difficulties of Christian witness in the world, we are not forgotten but always assisted by the attentive concern of the Father. For this reason, in today's Gospel, a good three times Jesus reassures the disciples, saying: "Do not fear!".

Even in our day, brothers and sisters, persecution against Christians is present. We pray for our brothers and sisters who are persecuted and we praise God because, in spite of this, they continue to bear witness to their faith with courage and faithfulness. Their example helps us to not hesitate in taking the position in favour of Christ, bearing witness bravely in everyday situations, even in apparently peaceful contexts. In effect, a form of trial can also be the absence of hostility and tribulation. Besides [sending us out] as "sheep in the midst of wolves", the Lord even in our times sends us out as sentinels in the midst of people who do not want to be woken from their worldly lethargy which ignores the Gospel's words of Truth, building for themselves their own ephemeral truths. And if we go to or live in these contexts, and we proclaim the Words of the Gospel, this is bothersome and they will look at us unkindly.

But in all this, the Lord continues to tell us, as he did to the disciples of his time: "Do not fear!". Let us not forget these words: always, when we experience any tribulation, any persecution, anything that causes us to suffer, let us listen to the voice of Jesus in our hearts:

JUNE 21, 2020

“Do not fear! Do not fear! Go Forth! I am with you!”. Do not fear those who mock you and mistreat you and do not fear those who ignore you or respect you “to your face, but fight the Gospel “behind your back”. There are so many who smile to our face, but fight the Gospel behind our backs. We all know them. Jesus does not leave us all alone, because we are precious to him. That is why he does not leave us all alone. Each one of us is precious to Jesus and he accompanies us.

May the Virgin Mary, example of humility and courageous adherence to the Word of God, help us to understand that success does not count in the witness of faith, but rather faithfulness, faithfulness to Christ, recognizing in any circumstance even the most problematic, the inestimable gift of being his missionary disciples.

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, your servant and your Pastor

Fr. Mike Holmes, Associate Pastor

Carlos Torres, Seminarian

## WELCOME BACK TO MASS!

- Masks or face coverings are strongly recommended.
- The main entrance and handicap entrance will be open 30 minutes prior to the start of Mass. No entry prior will be permitted.
- Sanitize your hands upon entry.
- Please maintain physical distancing at all times. Stay 2 metres (or 6 feet) away from others.
- Please follow the direction provided by ushers/volunteers for seating.

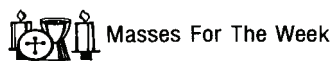
*Confession appointments are scheduled anytime upon request. Social distancing is respected as the confession takes place in the offices of Fr. Francisco and Fr. Mike. Please call (905) 668-3676.*

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO SANITIZE AFTER ALL MASSES**

[sje.whitby@sympatico.ca](mailto:sje.whitby@sympatico.ca), 905-668-3676

**MORE HELP MAKES LIGHT WORK! THANK YOU 😊**

*Tabernacle Candle Intention June 21 – 27, 2020 for Gabby & Amy, requested by Mary Yearwood*



**Sat. Jun 20 – 5:00pm**

**+Patrick Beckley**

*req. by Pat & Vicki Morgan & Family*

**Mon Jun 22 – 8:20am**

**+Paolina Princiotta**

*req. by Filippo Princiotta*

**Tues Jun 23 – 8:20am**

**+Ann Marie Kenny**

*req. by Pat Catterall & Family*

**Wed. Jun 24 – 7:00pm**

**In Thanksgiving & safety of all Seniors**

*req. by The Catholic Women's League*

**+James Ward**

*req. by Louise & Family*

**+Deceased Mbrs of the Bazarin & Edgecombe Families**

*req. by Colin & Ida*

**Thur. Jun 25 – 8:20am**

**+Jacques Prior**

*req. by His Wife & Family*

**Fri. Jun 26 – 8:20am**

**+Giovanni Bozzarello**

*req. by Anna & Natale Ciardullo*

**Sat. Jun 27 – 5:00pm**

**+Deceased Mbrs of the Bazarin & Edgecombe Families**

*req. by Ida & Colin*

**Lectio Divina is held Tuesdays at 7pm on Zoom!  
We reflect on the Sunday Gospel and readings.**

### Candle Prayer Intentions

***There will be no contact with the candle stands at this time.*** Father(s) Francisco and Mike will gladly light a candle with your requested prayer intention at the designated candlestands.

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