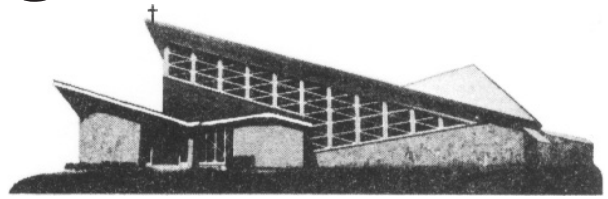


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## Pastoral Team

Rev. Francisco Fernandez Siles Pastor  
 Rev. Michael Holmes Associate Pastor  
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 Mrs. Cathy Dykeman Parish Home Catechism  
 Mr. Brendon Orian Youth Ministry

## Support Staff

Mr. Troy Sabaot Caretaker  
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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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## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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The peace of Christ to all you!

Slowly more parishioners are coming back to mass. It is great to realize how much we need to come as a community to listen to the word of God and to receive communion. It is moving for me to see so many people are touched to have again this deep encounter with Christ. It is true that it is difficult and inconvenient to follow all the procedures that we are practising at mass. However, let us recognize that even with all these limits, we are getting a lot out of the celebration of the Eucharist. I will encourage you to keep attending mass with an open heart because Christ wants to nourish us and satisfy our deepest desires. Please invite other parishioners to come back to the Church; we miss them, and we would like to see them back again. We are currently using the Eventbrite app to register those who attend mass; however, if you feel that is difficult or do not understand how to do it, please just show up and we are happy to welcome you. Christ wants to be during these months of summer our refreshment and sustenance.

### **POPE FRANCIS ON THE 14<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME A (JULY 9, 2017):**

In today's Gospel, Jesus says: "Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Mt 11:28). The Lord does not reserve this phrase for certain friends of his, no; he addresses it to "all" those who are weary and overwhelmed by life. And who could feel excluded from this invitation? The Lord knows how arduous life can be. He knows that many things weary the heart: disappointments and wounds of the past, burdens to carry and wrongs to bear in the present, uncertainties and worries about the future.

In the face of all this, Jesus' first word is an invitation, a call to move and respond: "Come". The mistake, when things go wrong, is to stay where we are, lying there. It seems obvious, but how difficult it is to respond and open ourselves! It is not easy. In dark times it feels natural to keep to ourselves, to ruminate over how unfair life is, over how ungrateful others are, how mean the world is, and so on. We all know it. We have had this awful experience a few times. But in this way, locked up inside ourselves, we see everything as grim. Then we even grow accustomed to sadness, which becomes like home: that sadness overcomes us; this sadness is a terrible

thing. Jesus, however, wants to pull us out of this "quicksand" and thus says to each one: "Come! — Who? — You, you, you". The way out is in connecting, in extending a hand and lifting our gaze to those who truly love us.

In fact it is not enough to come out of ourselves; it is important to know where to go. Because many aims are illusory: they promise comfort and distract just a little; they guarantee peace and offer amusement, then leave us with the loneliness there was before; they are "fireworks". Therefore Jesus indicates where to go: "Come *to me*". And many times, in the face of a burden of life or a situation that saddens us, we try to talk about it with someone who listens to us, with a friend, with an expert.... This is a great thing to do, but let us not forget Jesus. Let us not forget to open ourselves to him and to recount our life to him, to entrust people and situations to him. Perhaps there are "areas" of our life that we have never opened up to him and which have remained dark, because they have never seen the Lord's light. Each of us has our own story. And if someone has this dark area, seek out Jesus; go to a missionary of mercy; go to a priest; go.... But go to Jesus, and tell Jesus about this. Today he says to each one: "Take courage; do not give in to life's burdens; do not close yourself off in the face of fears and sins. Come to me!".

He awaits us; he always awaits us. Not to magically resolve problems, but to strengthen us amid our problems. Jesus does not lift the burdens from our life, but the anguish from our heart; he does not take away our cross, but carries it with us. And with him every burden becomes light (cf. v. 30), because he is the comfort we seek.

When Jesus enters life, peace arrives, the kind that remains even in trials, in suffering. Let us go to Jesus; let us give him our time; let us encounter him each day in prayer, in a trusting and personal dialogue; let us become familiar with his Word; let us fearlessly rediscover his forgiveness; let us eat of his Bread of Life: we will feel loved; we will feel comforted by him.

It is he himself who asks it of us, almost insists on it. He repeats it again at the end of today's Gospel: "learn from me, and you will find rest for your life" (cf. v. 29). And thus, let us learn to go to Jesus and, in the summer months, as we seek a little rest from what wearies the body, let us not forget to find true

comfort in the Lord. May the Virgin Mary our Mother, who always takes care of us when we are weary and overwhelmed, help us and accompany us to Jesus.

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, your servant and your Pastor

Fr. Mike Holmes, Associate Pastor  
Carlos Torres, Seminarian

#### Rectory Office Hours (Temporary)

At this time of re-opening, our office will be available for appointment visits and walk-in visits on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am to 4pm. If you are not well, please DO NOT come to the office. You will be expected to sanitize your hands and sign-in with your name and phone number.

#### **ATTENTION PARISHIONERS!**

Our email will be changing to [stjohnwhitby@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnwhitby@gmail.com) in the coming months.

#### ARE YOU MOVING THIS SUMMER?



*Please contact the parish office so that we may update our records!*  
**905-668-3676.**

**Now that we have returned to Mass in the church, the Sunday 9am Mass will continue to be recorded and then posted onto YouTube, as well as facebook live.**

**<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcurVzr1Wq6GK2uRFKmd8OQ> for Fr. Francisco's direct channel to download the Mass. Subscribe to the channel for new Mass downloads.**

## **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.

*Tabernacle Candle Intention for Yasmeen & Judy  
July 5 – 11, 2020, requested by their grandmother.*



**Sat. Jul 4– 5:00pm**

**+Mason Evans**

*req. by The Scott Family*

**Mon Jul 6 –8:20am**

**+Lisa McBride**

*req. by Her Mother and Family*

**Tues Jul 7 – 8:20am**

**+Albert Schranz**

*req. by Don & Cathy Huppe*

**Wed. Jul 8 –**

**+Michael Brugel**

*req. by His Family*

**Thur. Jul 9 – 8:20am**

**+Paul Dunn**

*req. by Liam & Florence Venner*

**Fri. Jul 10 – 8:20am**

**+Ernest & Annie Grills**

*req. by Peter Owens*

**Sat. Jul 11– 5:00pm**

**+Lado Cot**

*req. by The Stebih – Zor Family*

**Lectio Divina is changing to Mondays at 7pm on Zoom for the month of July.  
We reflect on the Sunday Gospel and readings.**

#### Prayer Group

An invitation to all our parishioners to come and join us at St John's Prayer Group which will be held in the Church (because of social distancing not in the Parish Hall.) We will begin on Wed July the 15<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 2pm. There will be no singing but songs will be played with Scripture reading for praise and worship before the Blessed Sacrament. Masks are still required and all are welcome, see you there, God bless you all.



#### Summer Prayer for Families

God, Our Father, loving and merciful, bring together and keep all families in perfect unity of love and mutual support

Instill in each member the spirit of understanding and affection for each other. Keep quarrels and bitterness far from them, and for their occasional failures instill forgiveness and peace.

May the mutual love and affection of parents set a good example.

Instill in children self-respect that they may respect others and grow in mature independence.

May the mutual affection and respect of families be a sign of Christian life here and hereafter, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

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