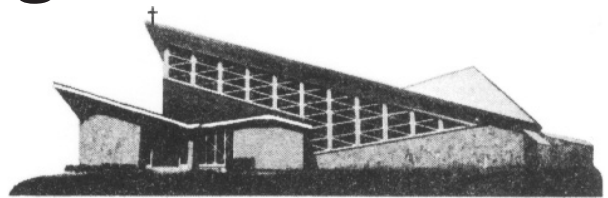


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Miss Susan Douglas	Lay Pastoral Asst.
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Mrs. Cathy Dykeman	Parish Home Catechism
Mr. Brendon Orian	Youth Ministry

Support Staff

Mr. Troy Sabao	Caretaker
Mr. Kevin Dashney	Director of Music
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.
 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.

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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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peace to all of you!

This Sunday we are celebrating World Mission. It is a Sunday in which we are called to realize how important it is our faith in our lives. God the Father has sent his Son Jesus Christ to live among us, to die for us and to rise for us. Through the Holy Spirit we are sharers and witnesses of his resurrection. What a gift to experience every day how much God loves us and how He intervenes greatly in our lives! Anytime that we face any struggles and difficulties, He is there to sustain us and to give us peace. How can we keep to ourselves this amazing grace from God? With so many people around us struggling because of the cases of COVID rising and with anxieties, we are encouraged to share our faith with those around us. It is enough that people can witness the peace that we have among the difficulties and they are going to realize that in God there is hope and consolation in store for them. It could be that we are shy or ashamed of sharing our faith, but we only need to be ourselves and people around us are going to be touched and transformed by the way we live.

Pope Francis Homily, 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time A

This Sunday's Gospel (Mt 22:15-21) presents to us a new face-to-face encounter between Jesus and his adversaries. The theme addressed is that of the tribute to Caesar: a "thorny" issue about whether or not it was lawful to pay taxes to the Roman Emperor, to whom Palestine was subject in Jesus' time. There were various positions. Thus, the question that the Pharisees posed to him — "Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" (v. 17) — was meant to ensnare the Teacher. In fact, depending on how he responded, he could have been accused of being either for or against Rome.

But in this case too, Jesus responds calmly and takes advantage of the malicious question in order to teach an important lesson, rising above the polemics and the alliance of his adversaries. He tells the Pharisees: "Show me the money for the tax". They present him a coin, and, observing the coin, Jesus asks: "Whose likeness and inscription is this?". The Pharisees can only answer: "Caesar's". Then Jesus concludes: "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's" (cf. vv. 19-21). On the one hand, suggesting they return to the emperor what belongs to him, Jesus declares that paying tax is not an act of idolatry, but a legal obligation to the earthly authority; on the other — and it is here that Jesus presents the "thrust" of his response: recalling the primacy of God, he asks them to render to Him that which is His due as the Lord of the life and history of mankind.

The reference to Caesar's image engraved on the coin says that it is right that they feel fully — with rights and duties — citizens of the State; but symbolically it makes them think about the other image that is imprinted on every man and woman: the image of God. He is the Lord of all, and we, who were created "in his image" belong to Him first and foremost. From the question posed to him by the Pharisees, Jesus draws a more radical and vital question for each of us, a question we can ask ourselves: *to whom do I belong?* To family, to the city, to friends, to work, to politics, to the State? Yes, of course. But first and foremost — Jesus reminds us — you belong to God. This is the fundamental belonging. It is He who has given you all that you are and have. And therefore, day by day, we can and must live our life in recognition of this fundamental belonging and in heartfelt gratitude toward our Father, who creates

each one of us individually, unrepeatable, but always according to the image of his beloved Son, Jesus. It is a wondrous mystery.

Christians are called to commit themselves concretely in the human and social spheres without comparing "God" and "Caesar"; comparing God and Caesar would be a fundamentalist approach. Christians are called to commit themselves concretely in earthly realities, but illuminating them with the light that comes from God. The primary entrustment to God and hope in him do not imply an escape from reality, but rather the diligent rendering to God that which belongs to him. This is why a believer looks to the future reality, that of God, so as to live earthly life to the fullest, and to meet its challenges with courage.

May the Virgin Mary help us to always live in conformity with the image of God that we bear within us, inside, also offering our contribution to the building of the earthly city.

(October 22, 2017).

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant and your Pastor
Fr. Mike Holmes, Associate Pastor

World Mission Sunday

Today is World Mission Sunday. Today, every Catholic community and parish throughout the world is involved in World Mission Sunday. It is a day that we show that all Catholics are missionary disciples who all have a role to play in the missionary activities of the church. It is a global effort to bring spiritual and material assistance to those who long for the love of Christ. Your kind support will help new churches to become strong and vital faith communities. Please continue to pray for all those who serve in mission countries and please be generous in your support of their work. Thank you in advance for any financial support that you can provide on this World Mission Sunday.

CWL INITIATIVE TO FIGHT FOR OUR LONG-TERM CARE RESIDENTS

We need to work together to provide quality of care and quality of life for long-term care residents. Please sign and complete the letter to Minister Fullerton and bring it back next weekend. CWL members will be collecting your completed letters before and after masses on October 17/18. We hope to make an impact on the Minister with all the signed letters!

Youth Ministry

The return of youth ministry is fast approaching. Our first Life Night is Thursday, October 22nd 7pm-8pm in the Parish Centre. The first Edge Night is Friday, October 30th 7pm-8pm in the Parish Centre.

Due to currently pandemic regulations pre-registration for both Life Teen and Edge is mandatory for attending the night so we can have proper numbers and contact tracing. Please contact Brendon Orian at sjewhitbyyouth@gmail.com for an electronic copy of this year's registration form. Masks

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will be mandatory for both Life Teen and Edge according to Durham Region bylaws. Proper sanitation and social distancing will be observed."



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sat. Oct 17 – 5:00pm

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req. by Elisa Bellotto & Family

Mon Oct 19 – 8:20am

+Donald McDougall

req. by Kathy Webb

Tues Oct 20 – 8:20am

+Giacomo Siciliano

req. by The Siciliano Family

Wed. Oct 21 – 7:00pm

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req. by

Thur. Oct 22 – 8:20am

+Susan & Harry Friel

req. by Alice Deehan

Fri. Oct 23 – 8:20am

Int. for Gail Tapscott

req. by Kathy Webb

Sat. Oct 24 – 5:00pm

In Thanksgiving for Lara Vallesterro

req. by The Vallesterro Family

Knights of Columbus- Special Olympics Bottle Drive – Oct 24/25

The St John the Evangelist Knights will be collecting cash and bottle donations for their Special Olympics Fundraiser after all masses the weekend of Oct 24th and 25th. Donations will be accepted in front of the Parish Centre

Attention High School Students!!!
Volunteer Community Service hours can be earned if you assist the parish with leaf raking on the parish centre grounds over the autumn months. Please contact troybay5@gmail.com

LECTIO DIVINA IS EACH TUESDAY EVENING IN THE PARISH CENTRE (LIMITED) OR ON ZOOM. CALL THE PARISH OFFICE FOR THE CODE. WE READY AND MEDITATE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS AND GOSPEL.



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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BOTTLE DRIVE

October 24/25

The St. John the Evangelist Knights of Columbus will be collecting cash and bottle donation for their **Special Olympics Fundraiser** after all masses next weekend.

Donations will be accepted in front of the Parish Centre.

Rescheduled Celebrations of the Sacraments

We have been given permission to reschedule First Eucharist and Confirmation celebrations (that were postponed in the spring) for children who were registered in our programs during the 2019-20 school year.

For more information please email Susan Douglas at sdouglas.lpa@gmail.com.

First Eucharist

These Masses will be taking place on selected Sundays over the next few months and we have notified all parents of this.

Confirmation

These Masses will be taking place on selected Thursday evenings (and one Sunday) over the next few months and we have notified all parents of this.

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