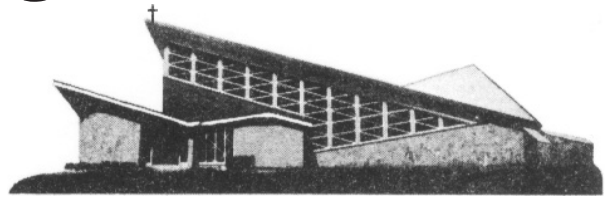


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Mrs. Cathy Dykeman	Parish Home Catechism
Mr. Brendon Orian	Youth Ministry

Support Staff

Mr. Troy Sabao	Caretaker
Mr. Kevin Dashney	Director of Music
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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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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peace to all of you!

The Sunday readings invite us to take hold of what it is really important in our lives. At this time, we can recognize that everything around us seems precarious and fragile. The economy is tumbling, our health is always at risk and the future is uncertain. In front of the upheaval that we are experiencing, where can we rely? Where can we look for security in our lives? Only in God we can find security and in Him only we can lean on. In Him we are going to find peace, consolation and hope knowing that He strengthens us and supports us. He is the God of life and He knows what we are going through and He is there to walk beside us to encourage us. We do not know what the future awaits for us but what it is certain is that God is present and active in our lives. He constantly loves us and supports us and He helps us to love the people around us. Let us lean on Him and find refuge in Him in the midst of our worries and anxieties! I am praying for all of you, please pray for Fr. Mike and myself so that we serve you and bring you closer to the One who loves you!

Pope Francis Homily, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time A

This Sunday, the Liturgy presents us with a brief, but very important Gospel passage (Mt 22:34-40). Matthew the Evangelist recounts that the Pharisees assemble in order to put Jesus to the test. One of them, a doctor of the Law, asks him this question: "Teacher, which one is the great commandment in the law?" (v. 36). It is an insidious question, because more than 600 precepts are mentioned in the Law of Moses. How should the *great commandment* be distinguished among these? But Jesus responds without hesitation: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind". And he adds: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (vv. 37, 39).

This response of Jesus is not to be taken for granted, because, among the numerous precepts of the Hebrew Law, the most important were the 10 Commandments, communicated directly by God to Moses, as the conditions of the Covenant with the people. But Jesus wants to make it understood that without love for God and for our neighbor there is no true fidelity to this Covenant with the Lord. You may do many good things, fulfil many precepts, many good things, but if you do not have love, this serves no purpose.

It is confirmed by another text in the Book of Exodus, the so-called "Covenant Code", where it is said that one cannot adhere to the Covenant with the Lord and mistreat those who enjoy his protection. And who are those who enjoy his protection? The Bible says: the widow, the orphan and the stranger, the migrant, that is, the most lonely and defenseless people (cf. Ex 22:20-21). In responding to those Pharisees who question him, Jesus

also tries to help them put their religiosity in order, to distinguish what truly matters from what is less important. Jesus says: "On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets" (Mt. 22:40). They are the most important, and the others depend on these two. And Jesus lived his life precisely in this way: preaching and practicing what truly matters and is essential, namely, love. Love gives impulse and fruitfulness to life and to the journey of life: without love, both life and faith remain sterile.

What Jesus proposes in this Gospel passage is a wonderful ideal, which corresponds to our heart's most authentic desire. Indeed, we were created to love and to be loved. God, who is Love, created us to make us participants in his life, to be loved by him and to love him, and with him, to love all other people. This is God's "dream" for mankind. And to accomplish it we need his grace; we need to receive within us the capacity to love which comes from God himself. Jesus offers himself to us in the Eucharist for this very reason. In it we receive Jesus in the utmost expression of his love, when he offered himself to the Father for our salvation.

May the Blessed Virgin help us to welcome into our life the "great commandment" of love of God and neighbor. Indeed, if we have experienced it ever since we were children, we will never cease converting ourselves to it and putting it into practice in the various situations in which we find ourselves.

(October 29, 2017).

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant and your Pastor

Fr. Mike Holmes, Associate Pastor



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OCTOBER 25, 2020

SACRAMENT PREPARATION PROGRAMS

2020 – 2021

FIRST RECONCILIATION
(Grade 2)

FIRST EUCHARIST
(Grade 2)

CONFIRMATION
(Grade 7)

Please contact the Parish Office if you missed the Registration Night on October 20 and would like to register your child for this year's program.

Registration will take place in the new year - more details will follow in the coming months.

It is mandatory that all children who do not attend Catholic school participate in the Parish Home Catechism Program.



Masses For The Week

Sat. Oct 24 – 5:00pm

In Thanksgiving Lara Valletero
req. by The Valletero Family

Mon Oct 26 – 8:20am

+Phillip Vaz
req. by Melvin D'Souza & Family

Tues Oct 27 – 8:20am

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req. by

Wed. Oct 28 – 7:00pm

+Tina Saturno
req. by Tony & Rosa Cannella
+Elpidio Peralta
req. by Maria Enrique
+Reg McEachen
req. by The McEachen Family
+Deceased Members of the Borg & Bonello Families
req. by Rita & Saviour Bonello
+Carrie Schranz
req. by Ed Schranz

Thur. Oct 29 – 8:20am

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Fri. Oct 30 – 8:20am

+Jim Dashney
req. by Clare Dashney & Family

Sat. Oct 31 – 5:00pm

+Anna, Gigi & Paolo
req. by Lucy Rinaldi

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

Knights of Columbus, St John the Evangelist Council, meetings are the 1st Wednesday of each month from Sept to June and newsletters are available for those members without email at the back of the church in the Knights folder, the weekend prior to our meeting. Next Meeting is Wednesday Nov 4th, 2020 at 8PM on Zoom (details to follow by member email) and at the Columbus Club Hall 133 Brock St North (based on current Ontario Pandemic safety procedures in place.) For further information assisting the St John's community and becoming a Knight through our online virtual application and exemplification process taking less than an hour, contact Grand Knight Bryan Childerhouse bryan.childerhouse@rogers.com or call 416-508-9877

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

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