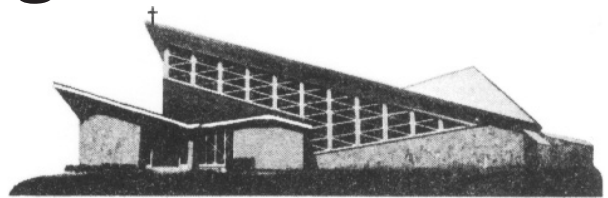


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Mr. Brendon Orian	Youth Ministry

Support Staff

Mr. Troy Sabao	Caretaker
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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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FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

Peace to all of you!

This Sunday we are celebrating the Solemnity of All Saints. We all are called to be Saints. However, what is a saint? What makes us saints? We perhaps think that it is unattainable, or something reserved only for perfect very good people. Yet, all of us are called to be saints. God wants to share with us his own life, He wants that we become like Him. What a gift to become like Him! He is going to make us holy. How? Even though we have our imperfections and weaknesses, if we are open to his grace, He will transform us and give us the capacity to love like He loves. So, everything depends not on us but on Him as long as we are open to Him. What a beautiful call that God has chosen us to experience His divine life in us! Let us be opened to Him and experience His amazing grace in our lives!

In the month of November, we also remember and pray for all our deceased relatives and friends who have passed away and hopefully are with the Lord sharing in His kingdom. It is a good thing to pray for them so that God may bring them faster into Heaven. However, it is a very good practice for us because it makes us conscious of what is really important in life: To be with Christ in Heaven and that everything else in life sooner or later will go away. Therefore, we can live lives fulfilled but knowing that one day we are going to die and that our real Home is heaven, to be with the Lord. These thoughts are meant to give us hope and not to scare us. We can already live lives to the full while we are on this earth and it will come to complete fulfilment in Heaven. What a blessing that awaits us!

Pope Francis Homily, All Saints

The Solemnity of All Saints is “our” celebration: not because we are good, but because the sanctity of God has touched our life. The Saints are not perfect models, but people *through whom God has passed*. We can compare them to the Church windows which allow light to enter in different shades of colour. The saints are our brothers and sisters who have welcomed the light of God in their heart and have passed it on to the world, each according to his or her own “hue”. But they were all transparent; they fought to remove the stains and the darkness of sin, so as to enable the gentle light of God to pass through. This is life’s purpose: to enable God’s light to pass through; it is the purpose of our life too.

Indeed, today in the Gospel, Jesus addresses his followers, all of us, telling us we are “Blessed” (Mt 5:3). It is the word with which he begins his sermon, which is the “Gospel”, Good News, because it is the path of happiness. Those who are with Jesus are blessed; they are happy. Happiness is not in having something or in becoming someone, no. True happiness is being with the Lord and living for love. Do you believe this? True happiness is not in having something or in becoming someone; true happiness is being with the Lord and living for love. Do you believe this? We must go forth, believing in this. So, the ingredients for a happy life are called *Beatitudes*: blessed are the simple, the humble who make room for God, who are able to weep for others and for their own mistakes, who remain meek, fight for justice, are merciful to all, safeguard purity of heart, always work for peace and abide in joy, do not hate and, even when suffering, respond to evil with good.

These are the Beatitudes. They do not require conspicuous gestures; they are not for supermen, but for those who live the

trials and toils of every day, for us. This is how the saints are: like everyone, they breathe air polluted by the evil there is in the world, but on the journey, they never lose sight of *Jesus’ roadmap*, that indicated in the Beatitudes, which is like the *map of Christian life*.

Today is the celebration of those who have reached the destination indicated by this map: not only the saints on the calendar, but many brothers and sisters “next door”, whom we may have met and known. Today is a *family celebration*, of many simple, hidden people who in reality help God to move the world forward. And there are so many of them today! There are so many of them! Thanks to these unknown brothers and sisters who help God to move the world forward, who live among us; let us salute them all with a nice round of applause!

First of all — the first Beatitude says — they are “poor in spirit” (Mt 5:3). What does this mean? That they do not live for success, power and money; they know that those who set aside treasure for themselves are not rich toward God (cf. Lk 12:21). Rather, they believe that the Lord is life’s treasure, and love for neighbour the only true source of gain. At times we are dissatisfied due to something we lack, or worried if we are not considered as we would like; let us remember that our Beatitude is not here, but in the Lord, and in love: only with him, only by loving do we live as blessed.

Lastly, I would like to quote another beatitude, which is not found in the Gospel but at the end of the Bible, and it speaks of the end of life: “Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord” (Rev 14:13). Tomorrow we will be called to accompany with prayer our deceased, so they may be forever joyful in the Lord. Let us remember our loved ones with gratitude and let us pray for them. May the Mother of God, Queen of the Saints and Gate of Heaven, intercede for our journey of holiness and for our loved ones who have gone before us and who have already departed for the heavenly Homeland.

(November 1, 2017).

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant and your Pastor

Fr. Mike Holmes, Associate Pastor

The Book of Life



The month of November is traditionally known as the month of the Holy Souls, having at its beginning the two great feasts - All Saints and All Souls. To commemorate your faithful departed family and friends, you are invited to submit a page for the “Book of Life.” This page should be 8 ½” by 11” and fit into a standard 3-ring binder. On it you may type or print the names of whomever you would like to have remembered in a special way at all our parish Masses during November. You may decorate your “Family Page” in whatever way you wish, as long as it fits the above requirements. This “Book of Life” will be left in the sanctuary during November to remind us to pray, at church and at home for our loved ones. Please note previous years of pages are included already.



CAMPAIGN COLLECTION
TO DATE \$127,715 GOAL \$145,000

Supporting long-term care during the pandemic

The Providence Healthcare's Houses of Providence is a Share-Life funded long-term care residence for seniors in Scarborough.

"It's been hard during Covid-19 since we're not happy to be inside all the time, but we understand the precautions that staff are taking," says Mary, a resident. "Providence staff have been absolutely wonderful and are doing a good job. I appreciate that all the staff are extremely careful with us, making sure we are safe. I thank them every time I see them for their hard work."

Next weekend is ShareLife Sunday. All donations are matched up to \$500,000, thanks to a generous donor.



CHRISTMAS GIVING 2020

THE SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL IS CHANGING THE WAY OUR NEIGHBOURS IN NEED RECEIVE SUPPORT THIS CHRISTMAS, DUE TO THE COVID RESTRICTIONS WE ARE FACING.

TO SAFELY ASSIST FAMILIES THIS YEAR, ONLY GIFT CARDS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO FAMILIES AND SENIORS. IN ORDER TO SUPPORT THIS ENDEAVOUR, WE ARE ASKING FOR CASH AND CHEQUE DONATIONS. NO GIFTS WILL BE REQUESTED. DONATIONS OF GIFT CARDS ARE ALSO HAPPILY ACCEPTED, HOWEVER THE SOCIETY PROVIDES TAX RECEIPTS FOR CASH AND CHEQUE DONATIONS.

THE COIN BANK CAMPAIGN IS POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT YEAR.

DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, PLEASE USE THE SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL ENVELOPES AVAILABLE AT THE BACK COUNTER IN THE CHURCH AND ATTACHED TO THE BULLETIN TODAY, TO MAKE YOUR DONATION. DISTRIBUTION OF THE GIFT CARDS TO THE FAMILIES WILL TAKE PLACE DURING THE SECOND WEEK OF DECEMBER, SO PLEASE MAKE YOUR DONATION EARLY!

PLEASE REMEMBER TO IDENTIFY YOURSELF ON THE FRONT OF THE ENVELOPE FOR TAX RECEIPT PURPOSES.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!

Long-Term Care Letter/Petition

Your CWL thanks you for your support of our long-term care homes letter/petition campaign by submitting your signed letter last weekend. We are pleased to advise that 322 letters were mailed to Minister Fullerton, Minister of Long-Term Care. All CCs on the letter will receive an email of the letter and how many letters were sent to Minister Fullerton. We sincerely hope that the Minister responds to each and every one of you (as long as your address was complete/email address legible.)

Knights of Columbus

An invitation from the Brothers of the St. John Evangelist Council 4895 to **join** the Knights of Columbus.

Our Membership drive will be held the weekend of December 5th and 6th. Members of the Knights will be on hand to meet and greet prospective new members on both December 5th after the 5 pm Mass and on Sunday December 6th after the 9 am and 11 am Masses and after the 2 pm Spanish Mass.

We welcome **all** prospective members (Men +18 years of age) to become part of the largest Catholic fraternity (1.9 million men) around the world.

You are supported by a Brotherhood built on the shared values of Unity, Charity and Fraternity. The Knights are unified in purpose and we put our Faith into action in the grace of the Holy Spirit. We assist the St. John's Community with Fellowship, Prayer and Practical support.

Knights give of their God given talent to support our community. We welcome all new members and please note that **your** participation is as much as you choose.

For more information about the Knights of Columbus, please contact Paul D'Aurelio pgap@sympatico.ca 905-665-3056



**The Shepherds' Trust Special Collection
November 14/15, 2020**

The mission of The Shepherds' Trust is to raise awareness and funds so that elderly priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. The fund supports the needs of retired clergy in the Archdiocese of Toronto who have served for many years. By supporting The Shepherds' Trust, retired priests are given the dignity of adequate pensions, health care and other assistance in their golden years.

For more information about The Shepherds' Trust please visit www.shepherdstrust.org.



Masses For The Week

Sat. Oct 31 – 5:00pm

+Anna, Gigi & Paolo
req. by Lucy Rinaldi

Mon Nov 2 –8:20am

NO INTENTIONS

Tues Nov 3 – 8:20am

+Ann Marie Kenny
req. by The Kenny & Catterall Families

Wed. Nov 4 – 7:00pm

+ALL SOULS

+Antonio & Rosina Bozzarello & Giovanni Bozzarello
req. by Natale & Anna Maria Ciardullo

+Michele Minnino
req. by His Wife & Family

+Shirley Barrett
req. by Her Family

Thur. Nov. 5 – 8:20am

+Deceased Members of the Doran Family
req. by Alice Deehan

Fri. Nov. 6 – 8:20am

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Sat. Nov. 7 – 5:00pm

+Werner Kuenzle
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