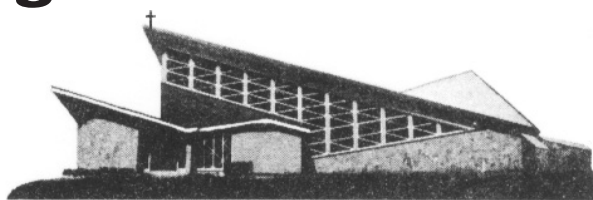


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Mrs. Vicki Morgan	Secretary
Mrs. Cathy Dykeman	Parish Home Catechism
Mr. Brendon Orian	Youth Ministry

Support Staff

Mr. Troy Sabaot	Caretaker
Mr. Kevin Dashney	Director of Music
Mrs. Sue McGee	Bookkeeper
Mrs. Gail Stewart	Cook/Housekeeper

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Mon & Fri - Closed Thursday
 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Evening Reception
 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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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peace to all of you!

We celebrate this Sunday the fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Time flies, we are already in February. On this weekend, we can recognize the healing power of Christ. Many people came to Jesus to find healing and compassion in front of their sicknesses. Some of us are physically ill, but all of us are spiritually sick. Our illness is that we fall into specific sins that make our lives miserable and unhappy. Today's Gospel presented to us is the mother-in-law of Simon Peter. She is sick in bed with a fever. When we have a fever, we feel so weak that we cannot do anything. We just feel that we need to lay down and rest. This is an image of what sin does in us. When we fall into any certain sin, we feel very weak with no strength. It seems that everything becomes heavy for us. Our job, our relationships with others, everything around us becomes heavy and burdensome. However, Christ comes in our midst to lift us up, to heal us, to raise us up. He heals us from our fever, from our weaknesses that is caused by our sins. He forgives us our sins and gives us the strength to enter into our everyday life with peace. Our lives then are not burdensome anymore, now we have the strength from God to find joy and peace in the midst of our struggles. Let us allow Christ to come to our hearts so that in Him, we find healing and consolation, especially in the moments that we feel like giving up. If any of you wants to find healing by coming to confession, I am available for you. You can call the parish office and book an appointment with me.

Pope Francis Homily, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

This is what Jesus' life was like: he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons" (Mk 1:39). Jesus who preaches and Jesus who heals. The whole day was like this: preaching to the people, teaching the Law, teaching the Gospel. And the people look for Him to listen to Him and also because He heals the sick. That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons.... And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons" (Mk 1:32, 34).

And we are before Jesus in this celebration: Jesus is the One who presides at this celebration. We are priests in the name of Jesus, but He is the President, He is the true Priest, who offers the sacrifice to the Father. We could ask ourselves whether we let Jesus preach to us. Each one of us: "Do I let Jesus preach to me, or I know know all? Do I [listen to Jesus](#) or do I prefer to listen to something else, perhaps people's gossip, or stories...". Listening to Jesus. Listening to Jesus' preaching. "How can I do this, Father? On which TV channel does Jesus speak?". [He speaks to you in the Gospel!](#) And this is an attitude that we still do not have: to go to seek the word of Jesus in the Gospel. To always carry a Gospel with us, a small one, or to have one at our fingertips. Five minutes, 10 minutes.

When I am travelling or when I have to wait..., I take the Gospel from my pocket, or from my bag and I read something; or at home. And Jesus speaks to me, Jesus preaches to me there. It is the Word of Jesus. And we have to get accustomed to this: to hear the Word of Jesus, to listen to the Word of Jesus in the Gospel. To read a passage, think a bit about what it says, what it is saying to me. If I don't feel it is speaking to me, I move to another. But to have this daily contact with the Gospel, to pray with the Gospel; because this way Jesus preaches to me, He says with the Gospel what He wants to tell me. I know people who always carry it and when they have a little time they open it, and this way they always find the right word for the moment they are living in. This is the first thing I wanted to say to you: let the Lord preach to you. Listen to the Lord. And Jesus heals: let yourselves be healed by Jesus. We all have [wounds](#), everyone: spiritual wounds, sins, hostility, jealousy; perhaps we don't say hello to someone: "Ah, he did this to me, I won't acknowledge him anymore". But this needs to be healed! "How do I do it?". Pray and ask that Jesus heal it". It's sad in a family when siblings don't speak to each other for a small matter; [something stupid](#)^{*1}, because the [devil](#) takes a small matter, [something stupid](#) and makes a world of it. Then hostilities go on, *and multiply* for many years, and that family is destroyed. Parents suffer because their children [don't speak to each](#) other, or one son's wife doesn't speak to the other, and thus, with [jealousy](#), [envy](#).... The devil sows this. *The devil is the "father of hate", the "father of lies" who seeks disunity. But God wants unity. If in your heart you feel jealousy, this is the beginning of war. Jealousies are not of God.*"¹ And the only One who casts out [demons](#) is Jesus. The only One who heals these matters is Jesus. For this reason I say to each one of you: let yourself be healed by Jesus. Each one knows where his wounds are. Each one of us has them; we don't have only one: two, three, four, 20. Each one knows! May Jesus [heal those wounds](#). But for this I must open my heart, in order that He may come. How do I open my heart? [By praying](#). "But Lord, I can't with those people over there. I hate them. They did this, this and this...". "Heal this wound, Lord". If we ask Jesus for this grace, He will do it. Let yourself be healed by Jesus. Let Jesus heal you. Let Jesus preach to you and let Him heal you. This way I can even preach to others, to teach the words of Jesus, because I let Him preach to me; and I can also help heal many wounds, the many wounds that there are. But first I have to do it: let Him preach to me and heal me.

When the bishop comes to make a visit to the parishes, we do many things. We can also make a nice proposal, a small one: the proposal to read a passage of the Gospel every day, a short passage, in order to let Jesus preach to me. And the other proposal: to pray that I let myself be healed of the wounds I have. Agreed? Shall we sign? Okay? Let's do it, because this will be good for everyone. Thank you.

FEBRUARY 7, 2021

(February 15, 2015).

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant and your Pastor

Holy Communion Services with 8 people every 15 minutes, takes place each Saturday from 3pm to 4:30pm and each Sunday from 3pm to 5pm, (except on Baptism Sundays) Reserve your tickets through Eventbrite on our website. *Click on Register for Mass.* <https://stjohntheevangelistwh.archtoronto.org/>

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if
You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Join Us for live stream mass on facebook.com/stjohnwhitby every Saturday at 5pm, or Sunday at 10am in English, 2pm in Spanish. Weekdays Monday through Friday at 9am, followed by the Rosary

Knights of Columbus, St John the Evangelist Council, meetings are the 1st Wednesday of each month from Sept to June. Next Meeting is Wednesday Feb 3, 2021 at 8PM on Zoom (details to follow by member email) 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

There is plenty of available space for booking Mass intentions. Please call the office ahead of time to arrange a Mass intention. Masses are \$20 and a card is provided upon request.



Masses For The Week

Sat. Feb 6 – 5:00pm

+Pietro Bredolo

req. by Elisa Bellotto & Family

Mon Feb 8 – 9:00am

+Jeyarani Johnpillai

req. by The Victor Family

Tues Feb 9 – 9:00am

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Wed. Feb 10 – 9:00am

+Attilio Cannella

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+Antonius G van Galen

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Thur. Feb 11 – 9:00am

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Fri. Feb 12 – 9:00am

+Paddy Johnson

req. by Bridget Rooney

Sat. Feb 13 – 5:00pm

+Ted Kapuscinski

req. by Doreen & Family

***Tabernacle Candle for Intentions of sick family members
Req. by Pat Milburn***

Call the office to book an appointment for confession with Fr. Francisco. Confessions are heard in the Altar Servers' Room socially distanced. (905) 668-3676

Church Hours

– Private Prayer during lockdown

Saturday and Sunday Closed

Weekdays 10am – 4pm, maximum 10 people

Please leave a post-it note on the place where you sat.

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To you God entrusted His only Son;

In you Mary placed her trust;

With you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,

Show yourself a father

And guides us in this path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,

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