

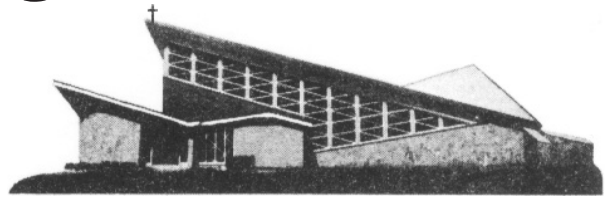
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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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Peace to all of you!

We celebrate this Sunday the first Sunday of Lent. Lent is a journey towards Easter. In the Sunday readings, the image of the desert appears. During Lent, we walked 40 days through the desert of our lives to Easter Sunday. The desert signifies the arid aspects of our experience that we find difficult to accept. In the wilderness, there is no food, no water, we can't rely on anything but in God. This season of Lent makes us aware that in our daily lives we pass through moments of struggles and problems and everything around us seems to fall. We are encouraged to put our trust and security in the Lord to find peace and solace. However, there are occasions in which we fail, and we are scared of what the future would bring. What do we do then? Jesus Christ has been tempted in the desert and has overcome victorious. In Him we can rely on when we are tempted, and we can find strength to overcome the temptations. Christ was tempted to transform the stones into loaves of bread. He refused it by saying that He is nourished by the Word of his Father. We are tempted to find security and comfort in material things, but God is inviting us to find it in Him. Jesus was tempted to show off so that people will believe in Him as the long-for Messiah. He overcame this trap by saying that we should not tempt the Lord. In our daily lives, we are tempted to grumble and murmur when things do not go our way, but we can trust in God so that through Him we can accept them wholeheartedly. Christ was also enticed to look for His own glory, but He was obedient to the will of his Father and found in Him fulfillment. We are called to find the nourishment and fulfillment of our lives in God. Let us have our eyes fixed in Christ during this time of Lent so that in Him we may find sustenance and strength to overcome our daily struggles. At the end of this Lenten journey, we will be resurrected with Christ.

Pope Francis Homily, First of Sunday of Lent

Last Wednesday, with the rite of Ashes, Lent began, and today is the First Sunday of this Liturgical Season which refers to the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert, after his Baptism in the River Jordan. St Mark writes in today's Gospel: "The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. And he was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered to him" (1:12-13). With these simple words the Evangelist describes the trials willingly faced by

Jesus before he began his messianic mission. It is a trial from which the Lord leaves victorious and which prepares him to proclaim the Gospel of the Kingdom of God. In these 40 days of solitude, he confronts Satan "body to body", He unmasks his temptations and conquers him. And through Him, we have all conquered, but we must protect this victory in our daily lives.

The Church reminds us of that mystery at the beginning of Lent, so that it may give us the perspective and the meaning of this Time, which is a time of combat. Lent is a time of combat! A spiritual combat against the spirit of evil (cf. Collective Prayer for Ash Wednesday). And while we cross the Lenten "desert", we keep our gaze fixed upon Easter, which is the definitive victory of Jesus against the Evil One, against sin and against death. This is the meaning of this First Sunday of Lent: to place ourselves decisively on the path of Jesus, the road that leads to life. To look at Jesus. Look at what Jesus has done and go with Him.

This path of Jesus passes through the desert. The desert is the place where the voice of God and the voice of the tempter can be heard. In the noise, in the confusion, this cannot be done; only superficial voices can be heard. Instead we can go deeper in the desert, where our destiny is truly played out, life or death. And how do we hear the voice of God? We hear it in his Word. For this reason, it is important to know Scripture, because otherwise we do not know how to react to the snares of the Evil One. And here I would like to return to my advice of reading the Gospel every day. Read the Gospel every day! Meditate on it for a little while, for 10 minutes. And also to carry it with you in your pocket or your purse.... But always have the Gospel at hand. The Lenten desert helps us to say 'no' to worldliness, to the "idols", it helps us to make courageous choices in accordance with the Gospel and to strengthen solidarity with the brothers.

Now let us enter into the desert without fear, because we are not alone: we are with Jesus, with the Father and with the Holy Spirit. In fact, as it was for Jesus, it is the Holy Spirit who guides us on the Lenten journey; that same Spirit that descended upon Jesus and that has been given to us in Baptism.

Lent, therefore is an appropriate time that should lead us to be ever more aware of how much the Holy Spirit, received in Baptism, has worked and can work in us. And at the end of the Lenten itinerary, at the Easter Vigil, we can renew with greater awareness the Baptismal covenant and the commitments that flow from it.

May the Blessed Virgin, model of docility to the Spirit, help

us to let ourselves be led by Him, who wishes to make each of us a "new creature".

(February 22, 2015).

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant and your Pastor

IMPORTANT CHANGE TO NOTE!

Fridays in Lent

In order to accommodate both English and Spanish Mass AND Stations of the Cross, the following changes will take place:

Friday Mass changes to 7:00pm in English.

Stations of the Cross will begin at 6:30pm in English, and at 7:30pm in Spanish.

6:30pm Stations – English

7:00pm Mass

7:30pm Stations - Spanish

Schedule of Stations of the Cross begin at 6:30pm

Feb 26 Way of the Cross

Mar 5 Pope Francis 2018

Mar 12 St. Alphonsus

Mar 19 Development & Peace

Mar 26 Mary's Way of the Cross

Apr 2 Family Centered

The Parish Tax Receipts will be mailed from the Archdiocese of Toronto.

You will receive it by the end of February.

St. Michael's College Scholarship

The Toronto Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada is offering a scholarship to St. Michael's College. This scholarship is open to any young woman who is of Catholic faith, who is completing her secondary school education, and who has indicated on her application to the University of Toronto that St. Michael's College is her first choice. The applicant must be entering the Faculty of Arts and Science in one of the following areas of study: Commerce, Computer Science, Humanities and Social Sciences or Sciences. The applications must be submitted by August 31, 2021. For further information, please contact your Chaplain Paola De Fonso, or your Guidance Counselor Shelley Cecchetto or Ben Dionne at All Saints Catholic Secondary School.



Masses For The Week

****PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGES FOR MASS****

Sat. Feb 20 – 5:00pm

+Giovanni Mastragioli

req. by Geni & Paul D'Aurelio

Mon Feb 22 - 8:20am

+Bridget Carolan

req. by the Kitchen Staff

Tues Feb 23 – 8:20am

+Bridget Carolan

req. by Catherine Ingram

Wed. Feb 24 – 7:00pm

+Mary King

req. by Caroline Goodwin & Family

In Thanksgiving

req. by Christiane Prior

+Bede Nagalingam

req. by Pavalam Ratnasingham

+Lawrence Nagalingam

req. by Pavalam Ratnasingham

Thur. Feb 25 – 8:20am

+Bridget Carolan

req. by Pat Catterall

Fri. Feb 26 – 7:00pm

Intentions for Gabby & Family

req. by Mary Yearwood

Sat. Feb 27 – 5:00pm

+Adele Ciceri

req. by Her family



Adoration and Confessions will return on Thursday February 25th at 7:30pm, and continue every other week, in the church.

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,
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And guides us in this path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
And defend us from every evil.**

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