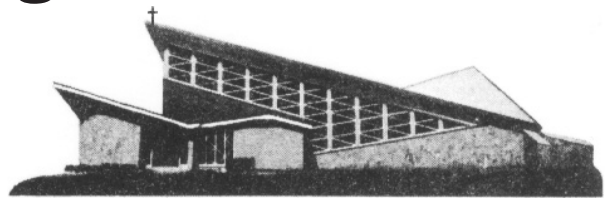


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## Pastoral Team

Rev. Francisco Fernandez Siles	Pastor
Rev. Mr. Raymond Del Castilho	Permanent Deacon
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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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## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Peace to all of you!

We celebrate this Sunday the Second Sunday of Lent. In this journey of Lent towards Easter, we are reminded that we are walking towards the Resurrection. Along the path of the Lenten wilderness, among the obstacles and the daily struggles, God gives us hope by offering us the icon of the Transfiguration. Even though our lives are tainted with difficulties and troubles, we are going to experience a renewal, a resurrection. It is easy that when we face problems, we feel hopeless and we find difficult to find any reason to hope. We often get discouraged and we tend to give up. This Sunday, it is offered to us the account of the Transfiguration of Jesus. In the midst of the struggles, Jesus Christ shows us that He is with us and that the suffering is not going to be endless and is not going to crush us anymore. Christ shows Himself resplendent so that we can rely in Him and trust in Him knowing that after the struggle, there is the light of Resurrection. We do not need to feel distressed in the midst of problems thinking that we are drowning, but God is there to support us and give us hope. Even through the struggle, we can remain standing and at peace. After the storm of trial has passed, we will contemplate the sun of new life. This is what Lent is all about: to experience the presence of Christ in our lives so that we can be sustained by Him and find in Him a new life.

### Pope Francis Homily, Second Sunday of Lent

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning.

Last Sunday the Liturgy presented Jesus tempted by Satan in the desert, but victorious over temptation. In the light of this Gospel, we are again made aware of our condition as sinners, but also of the victory over evil for those who undertake the journey of conversion and, like Jesus, want to do the Father's will. In this second Sunday of Lent, the Church points out to us the end of this journey of conversion, namely participation in the glory of Christ, which shines on the face of the obedient Servant, who died and rose for us.

The Gospel page recounts the event of the Transfiguration, which takes place at the height of Jesus' public ministry. He is on his way to Jerusalem, where the prophecies of the "Servant of God" and his redemptive sacrifice are to be fulfilled. The crowds did not understand this: presented with a Messiah who contrasted with their earthly expectations, they abandoned Him. They thought the Messiah would be the liberator from Roman domination, the emancipator of the homeland, and they do not like Jesus' perspective and so they leave Him. Neither do the Apostles understand the words with which Jesus proclaims the outcome of his mission in the glorious passion, they do not understand! Jesus thus chooses to give to Peter, James and John a

foretaste of his glory, which He will have after the Resurrection, in order to confirm them in faith and encourage them to follow Him on the trying path, on the Way of the Cross. Thus, on a high mountain, immersed in prayer, He is transfigured before them: his face and his entire person irradiate a blinding light. The three disciples are frightened, as a cloud envelops them and the Father's voice sounds from above, as at the Baptism on the Jordan: "This is my beloved Son; listen to him" (Mk 9:7). Jesus is the Son-made-Servant, sent into the world to save us all through the Cross, fulfilling the plan of salvation. His full adherence to God's will renders his humanity transparent to the glory of God, who is love.

Jesus thus reveals Himself as the perfect icon of the Father, the radiance of his glory. He is the fulfilment of revelation; that is why beside Him appear transfigured, Moses and Elijah appear; they represent the Law and the Prophets, so as to signify that everything finishes and begins in Jesus, in his passion and in his glory.

Their instructions for the disciples and for us is this: "Listen to Him!". Listen to Jesus. He is the Saviour: follow Him. To listen to Christ, in fact, entails taking up the logic of his Pascal Mystery, setting out on the journey with Him to make of oneself a gift of love to others, in docile obedience to the will of God, with an attitude of detachment from worldly things and of interior freedom. One must, in other words, be willing to "lose one's very life" (cf. Mk 8:35), by giving it up so that all men might be saved: thus, we will meet in eternal happiness. The path to Jesus always leads us to happiness, don't forget it! Jesus' way always leads us to happiness. There will always be a cross, trials in the middle, but at the end we are always led to happiness. Jesus does not deceive us, He promised us happiness and will give it to us if we follow His ways.

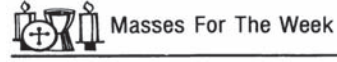
With Peter, James and John we too climb the Mount of the Transfiguration today and stop in contemplation of the face of Jesus to retrieve the message and translate it into our lives; for we too can be transfigured by Love. In reality, love is capable of transfiguring everything. Love transfigures all! Do you believe this?

(March 1, 2015).

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant and your Pastor

***The Parish Tax Receipts will be mailed from the Archdiocese of Toronto. It is expected to be delivered to you by the end of February.***

**Knights of Columbus, St John the Evangelist Council, meetings are the 1st Wednesday of each month from Sept to June. Next Meeting is Wednesday March 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](mailto:bryan.childerhouse@rogers.com) or call 416-508-9877**



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

- Sat. Feb 27 – 5:00pm  
**+Adele Ciceri**  
*req. by Her family*
- Mon Mar 1 - 8:20am  
**+Elmer John Cleary**  
*req. by Catherine Ingram*
- Tues Mar 2 – 8:20am  
**+Antonius & Aleida Van Galen**  
*req. by Peter Vanroom*

- Wed. Mar 3 – 7:00pm  
**+Ron Heaton**  
*req. by Pat Catterall*  
**In Thanksgiving for Parishioner's Prayers**  
*req. by America Vasconez*  
**+Jeyarani Johnpillai**  
*req. by Her Family*  
**+Joe Balogh**  
*req. by His Family*  
**+Vera Moyer**  
*req. by The Bogdan Family*

- Thur. Mar 4 – 8:20am  
**+Pat Belej**  
*req. by Jim Corrigan & Ann Belej-Corrigan*

- Fri. Mar 5 – 7:00pm  
**+Shirley Barrett**  
*req. by Her Family*

- Sat. Mar 6 – 5:00pm  
**+Teresa Smid**  
*req. by John & Helen Ecker & Family*

**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

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

**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.



*Join us for Adoration and Confessions on Thursday March 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm and every other week following, 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,**  
**Show yourself a father**  
**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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