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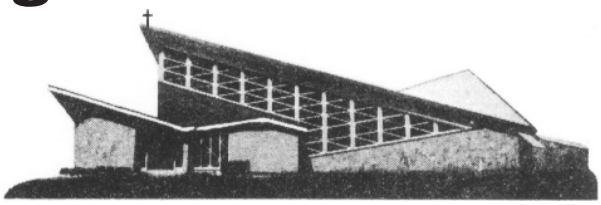

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Mrs. Vicki Morgan	Secretary	Mrs. Gail Stewart	Cook/Housekeeper
Mrs. Cathy Dykeman	Parish Home Catechism		
Mr. Brendon Orian	Youth Ministry		

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)

EUCHARISTIC 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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Development & Peace (CCODP)	Estela Rios	905-430-7753
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Catholic Cemeteries		905-668-8912
Catholic Family Services	Oshawa 905-725-3513 Ajax	905-428-1984
Rose of Durham (Young Parent Support Services)	1-800-241-3534 or	905-432-3622

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

From the Pastor's Desk

Peace to all of you!

We celebrate this Sunday the Third Sunday of Lent. The season of Lent is a time of purification and renewal. In order to be transformed, we need to be aware first, with God's help, of our sins and failings. At times, we are scared, and we do not like to see our weaknesses. We would like to be strong people always doing the right thing. However, the reality is that we are weak people who fall and sin sometimes. Let us look at ourselves as Christ looks at us: with a gaze of compassion, understanding that we are wounded people in need of healing and mercy. When we realize and come to terms with our sins and failings, we approach Jesus with a humble and repentant heart, and we receive forgiveness and healing. In the today's Gospel, we read the passage of Jesus cleaning up the Temple of Jerusalem. He has done it as a sign that He has come to purify our hearts from sin in order to bring us to new life in Him. In the first Reading, we are given the account of the Ten Commandments. We have the impression that these are rules that we must follow in order that God may be pleased with us. However, these words are called the words of life. They are the image of what God can do for us if we listen to His voice and we allow Him to transform our hearts. Let us focus on how much God is offering instead than on our own failings. God is offering a new life full of peace and compassion with others.

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant and your Pastor

Pope Francis Homily, Third Sunday of Lent

Today's Gospel presents the episode of the expulsion of the merchants from the temple (Jn 2:13-25). Jesus made "a whip of cords, he drove them all, with the sheep and oxen, out of the temple" (Jn 2:15), the money, everything. Such a gesture gave rise to strong impressions in the people and in the disciples. It clearly appeared as a prophetic gesture, so much so that some of those present asked Jesus: "What sign have you to show us for doing this?" (v. 18), who are you to do these things? Show us a sign that you have authority to do them. They were seeking a divine and prodigious sign that would confirm that Jesus was sent by God. And He responded: "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up" (v. 19). They replied: "It has taken 46 years to build this temple, and you will raise it up in three days?" (v. 20). They did not understand that the Lord was referring to the living temple of his body, that would be destroyed in the death on the Cross, but would be raised on the third day. Thus, in three days. "When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that He had said this; and they believed the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken" (v. 22).

In effect, this gesture of Jesus and His prophetic message are fully understood in the light of his Paschal Mystery. We have here, according to the evangelist John, the first proclamation of the death and resurrection of Christ: His body, destroyed on the Cross by the violence of sin, will become in the Resurrection the universal meeting place between God and mankind. And the Risen Christ is Himself the universal meeting place — for everyone! — between God and mankind. For this reason, his humanity is the true temple where God is revealed, speaks, is encountered; and the true worshippers, the true worshippers of God are not only the guardians of the material temple, the keepers of power and of religious knowledge, [but] they are those who worship God "in spirit and truth" (Jn 4:23).

In this time of Lent we are preparing for the celebration of Easter, when we will renew the promises of our Baptism. Let us walk in the world as Jesus did, and let us make our whole existence a sign of our love for our brothers, especially the weakest and poorest, let us build for God a temple of our lives. And so we make it "encounterable" for those who we find along our journey. If we are witnesses of the Living Christ, so many people will encounter Jesus in us, in our witness. But we ask — and each one of us can ask ourselves — does the Lord feel at home in my life? Do we allow Him to "cleanse" our hearts and to drive out the idols, those attitudes of cupidity, jealousy, worldliness, envy, hatred, those habits of gossiping and tearing down others. Do I allow Him to cleanse all the behaviours that are against God, against our neighbour, and against ourselves, as we heard today in the first Reading? Each one can answer for him/herself, in the silence of his/her heart: "Do I allow Jesus to make my heart a little cleaner?" "Oh Father, I fear the rod!" But Jesus never strikes. Jesus cleanses with tenderness, mercy, love. Mercy is the His way of cleansing. Let us, each of us, let us allow the Lord to enter with His mercy — not with the whip, no, with His mercy — to cleanse our hearts. With us, Jesus' whip is His mercy. Let us open to Him the gates so that He will make us a little purer.

Every Eucharist that we celebrate with faith makes us grow as a living temple of the Lord, thanks to the communion with His crucified and risen Body. Jesus recognizes what is in each of us, and knows well our most ardent desires: that of being inhabited by Him, only by Him. Let us allow Him to enter into our lives, into our families, into our hearts. May Mary most holy, the privileged dwelling place of the Son of God, accompany us and sustain us on the Lenten journey, so that we might be able to rediscover the beauty of the encounter with Christ, the only One who frees us and saves us.

(March 8, 2015).

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 12 St. Alphonsus
Mar 19 Development & Peace
Mar 26 Mary's Way of the Cross
Apr 2 Family Centered

Masses For The Week

PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGES FOR MASS*

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

Mon Mar 8 - 8:20am
+Bridget Carolan
req. by The Hannon Family

Tues Mar 9 – 8:20am
In Thanksgiving for Prayers for Margaret Davidson
req. by The Hannon Family

Wed. Mar 10 – 7:00pm
+Bridget Carolan
req. by Mary-Louise LaBarre

+Debbie Beegan
req. by Mary-Louise LaBarrre & Ken Reilly & Family

+Michael Bridgeman
req. by Pat Catterall

+Lisa Hiorth
req. by The Newman Family

Int. for Renée Atkinson
req. by Brian & Geri Duff

Thur. Mar 11 – 8:20am
+Rosa Maria Marchese
req. by The Brydon Family

Fri. Mar 12 – 7:00pm
+Franca Lombardi
req. by The Brydon Family

Sat. Mar 13 – 5:00pm
+Shirley Barrett
req. by Her Family

Adoration and Confessions will take place on Thursday March 11th at 7pm, 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,
Show yourself a father
And guide us in this path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
And defend us from every evil.

Knights of Columbus, St John the Evangelist Council, meetings are the 1st Wednesday of each month from Sept to June on Zoom (details to follow by member email). The next meeting is Wednesday April 7th at 8:00pm. 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

Online Bereavement Introductory Program

Program Objective
The *Online Bereavement Introductory Program* offers both women and men a learning environment which is safe, welcoming and non-judgmental. The program provides 4 weeks of psycho-education, which assists and accompanies the bereaved in exploring grief, experiencing healing and renewing faith. The program resources include PowerPoint, audio/video media and time will be allocated for questions and group discussion.

Program Goals
- Understanding the fundamentals of grief and mourning
- Explaining the transitional dynamics of loss
- Developing skills for emotional management and practical care
- Renewing faith and rediscovery of personal spirituality

Program Access
The ideal candidate is ready and able to participate in a group setting. Each candidate will be screened prior, to being considered for admittance into the program.
Start date & time: Wednesday March 17, 2021 @ 7:00 pm
Total cost: no charge
Contact: For more information and to register please contact:
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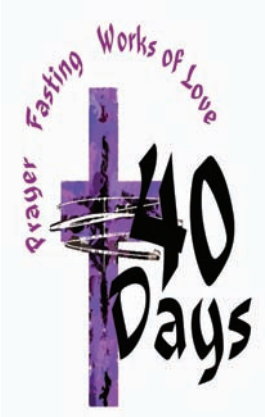

O Christ, Son of God, for our sake you fasted forty days and allowed yourself to be tempted. Protect us so that we may not be led astray by any temptation. Since man does not live by bread alone, nourish our souls with the heavenly food of your Word; through your mercy, O our God, you are blessed and live and govern all things, now and forever. Amen.

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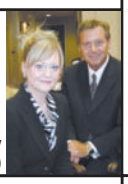
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