

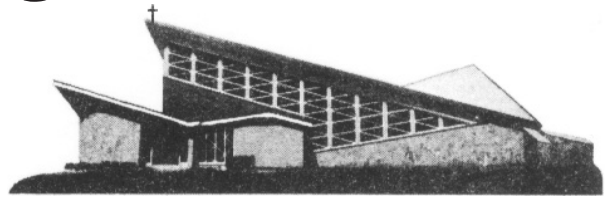
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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.

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From the Pastor's Desk

Peace to all of you!

We celebrate this Sunday the Fifth Sunday of Lent. We are approaching the most important time of the liturgical year. The Sunday readings prepare us to open our hearts to this very important time that is coming. In the first reading, of the book of the prophet Jeremiah, it tells us that God is going to do a New Covenant with us through Jesus Christ. Even though, we have been unfaithful and have fallen into sin, God wants to offer us life by giving us Jesus Christ. It is in Him that we find new life and transformation in our hearts. The Gospel announces to us that Jesus Christ has come with the mission of giving His life for our sake. His Passion and Death is our salvation. The grain of wheat that has fallen into the ground and has died is His body that has died for our sins. As the grain of wheat multiplies and produces fruit, so out of his Death, He has given us new life through the forgiveness of our sins. Christ is calling us to receive the forgiveness of our sins and the renewal of life that He brings us. We are invited to receive this forgiveness in the sacrament of Confession. I encouraged you to avail of the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the season of Lent so that we may experience God's mercy and we are well prepared to be transformed at Easter. This Sunday, March 21st at 7pm, we will have our Evening of Reconciliation with 5 priests available. On Tuesday, March 23rd, from 9:30 am to 11:30 am, 2pm to 4 pm, 7-8pm, we will have the Day of Confessions and I will be available to hear your confessions. Let us come to the Lord with our wounds and we will experience a renewal of our lives!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant and your Pastor

Pope Francis Homily, Fifth Sunday of Lent

Today's Gospel (cf. Jn 12:20-33) narrates an episode which took place in the last days of Jesus' life. The scene takes place in Jerusalem where he finds himself for the feast of the Jewish Passover. Several Greeks had also arrived there for this celebration. These men were driven by religious sentiment, attracted by the faith of the Jewish People and, having heard of this great prophet, they approach Philip, one of the 12 Apostles, and say to him: "we wish to see Jesus" (v. 21). John highlights this sentence, that is centred on the verb to see, which in the evangelical lexicon means to go beyond appearances in order to comprehend the mystery of a person. The verb John uses, "to see", means to reach the depths of the heart, to reach through sight, with understanding, the depths of a person's soul, within the person.

Jesus' reaction is surprising. He does not answer with a "yes" or with a "no" but says: "The hour has come for the Son of man to be glorified" (v. 23). These words which at first glance appear to ignore the question of those Greeks, in reality provide the true response because those who seek to know Jesus must look within the Cross where his glory is revealed; to look within the Cross. Today's Gospel invites us to turn our gaze to the Crucifix which is not an ornamental object or a clothing accessory — abused at times! Rather, it is a religious symbol to contemplate and to understand. Within the image of Jesus crucified is revealed the mystery of the death of the Son as a supreme act of love, the source of life and salvation for humanity of all ages. We have been healed in his

wounds.

I may think: "How do I look at the Crucifix? As a work of art, to see if it is beautiful or not? Or do I look within; do I penetrate Jesus' wounds unto the depths of his heart? Do I look at the mystery of God who was humiliated unto death, like a slave, like a criminal?". Do not forget this: look to the Crucifix, but look within it. There is a beautiful devotional way of praying one "Our Father" for each of the five wounds. When we pray that "Our Father", we are trying to enter within, through the wounds of Jesus, inside his very heart. And there we will learn the great wisdom of the mystery of Christ, the great wisdom of the Cross.

And in order to explain the meaning of his death and Resurrection, Jesus uses an image and says: "unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit" (v. 24). He wants to explain that his extreme fate — that is the Cross, death and Resurrection — is an act of fruitfulness — his wounds have healed us — a fruitfulness which will bear fruit for many. He thus compares himself to a grain of wheat which, rotting in the earth, generates new life. Jesus came to earth through the Incarnation, but this is not enough. He must also die to redeem man from the slavery of sin and to offer him a new life reconciled in love. I said "to redeem man": but to redeem me, you, all of us, each of us. He paid that price. This is the mystery of Christ. Go towards his wounds, enter, contemplate, see Jesus — but from within.

And this dynamism of the grain of wheat which was accomplished in Jesus must also take place within us, his disciples. We are called to take on the Paschal law of losing life in order to receive it renewed and eternal. And what does losing life mean? That is, what does it mean to be the grain of wheat? It means to think less about oneself, about personal interests and to know how to "see" and to meet the needs of our neighbours, especially the least of them. To joyfully carry out works of charity towards those who suffer in body and spirit is the most authentic way of living the Gospel. It is the necessary foundation upon which our communities can grow in reciprocal fraternity and welcome. I want to see Jesus, but from within. Penetrate his wounds and contemplate that love in his heart for you, for you, for you, for me, for everyone.

May the Virgin Mary who, from the manger in Bethlehem to the Cross on Calvary, has always kept her heart's gaze fixed on her Son, help us to meet and know him just as he desires so that we may live enlightened by Him and bring to the world fruits of justice and peace. (March 18, 2018).

CAN YOU HELP?

Ziad, one of our Syrian-sponsored newcomers, is looking for employment. Light-physical work, which is not customer-facing, would be ideal for Ziad. Please contact Lynne Childerhouse at 905.431.6582 or lchilderhouse@hotmail.com if you know of any job opportunities that would suit Ziad. Thank you to the parishioners of St. John the Evangelist for their continued support of our newcomer family.

Dates for First Eucharist Celebrations

The First Eucharist celebrations for children currently registered in our program will be taking place on selected Sundays over the next few months. We have notified all parents of this by email. For more information please email Susan Douglas at sdouglas.lpa@gmail.com.

Lenten Evening of Reconciliation Sunday March 21, 2021 @ 7pm

In the Church, several priests available, English & Spanish

Day of Confessions at St. John the Evangelist
Tuesday March 23, 2021
9:30 am to 11:30am, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm
For other parish confession times, go to
archtoronto.org/confession

Schedule of Stations of the Cross every Friday at 6:30pm
Mar 26 Mary's Way of the Cross
Apr 2 Family Centered



Masses For The Week

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

Sat. Mar 20 – 5:00pm
+Deceased Members of the Moniz & Rocha Families
req. by Herminia Moniz

Mon Mar 22 - 8:20am
Int. for Susan Rose
req. by Alice Deehan

Tues Mar 23 – 8:20am
+Catherine Stace Cleary
req. by Catherine Ingram

Wed. Mar 24 – 7:00pm
+Joe Balogh
req. by Corinne Mackay
+Domenic Borg
req. by Rita & Saviour Bonello
+Sheila Young
req. by Simone Parsons
Special Intentions for the Cline Family
req. by Mary Louise LaBarre & Ken Reilly & Family

Thur. Mar 25 – 8:20am ****Adoration at 7pm****
+Susan & John Fitzpatrick
req. by Patrick & Maire Fitzpatrick

Fri. Mar 26 – 7:00pm
+Walter Ratnasingham
req. by His Wife

Sat. Mar 27 – 5:00pm
+Giovanni Favit
req. by Maddalena Favit & Family
Tabernacle Candle Intention March 21 - 27, 2021
For Mary & Family

Knights of Columbus - Long Term Care Meeting Thursday March 25th 7PM-8PM

Alex Sgro, the Knights of Columbus Fraternal Benefits Agent, will be hosting an interesting discussion on Long Term Care Insurance on Thursday March 25 at 7pm. Those interested should email Bryan.Childerhouse@rogers.com and a link to the meeting will be sent out to you

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2021 Holy Week Celebrations TICKETS MANDATORY HOLY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY, EASTER VIGIL AND EASTER SUNDAY



Sat./Sun. Mar 28
Palm Sunday Masses (Saturday) 5pm,
(Sunday) 9am, 11am
(Sunday) 2:00pm Spanish

Mon. Mar 29
Mass 8:20am

Tues Mar 30
Mass 8:20am

Wed Mar 31
Mass 7pm

Thurs. Apr 1
First Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper 6:30pm
Second Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper 8:30pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass until 11pm



Fri. Apr. 2
Liturgia solemne de la pasión del Señor 12 pm
Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 3pm
Stations of the Cross, Presented by Parish Family 7pm



Sat Apr. 3
Easter Vigil 8pm
No 5pm Mass

Sun Apr 4
EASTER SUNDAY
9am, 11am
2:00pm Spanish

Mon Apr 5
EASTER MONDAY
Mass 9am, Office Closed

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. Amen

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