

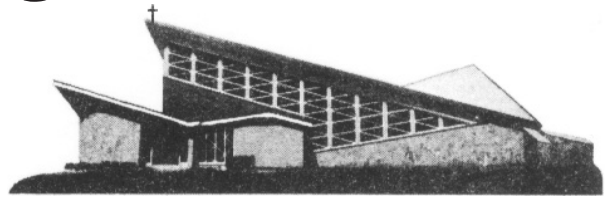
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Message from the Pastor

The Peace of the Risen Christ be with you all!

We celebrate this Sunday the Third Sunday of Easter. In the midst of the worrisome time, the Risen Lord comes to our lives to sustain us with his peace. Most of the time, we are looking for security and support in money, work, our house, friends, family, and health. However, we cannot do most of the above and it seems that even if we have, it does not take away our fear; it seems that everything fails. More than ever, we are called to put our security and our lives in the Risen Christ. Like the fearful and doubtful disciples, we may have times when we feel overwhelmed by our problems and struggles, and we seem to drown. The Risen Christ comes to us with mercy and shows us his wounds, his hands and his side. Moreover, He gives his unending peace and gives us proof that He is alive, that He has conquered death. We are also called to experience how the Risen Christ is alive and intervenes in our lives by transforming our worries into peace, our sadness into joy, our complaints into gratefulness. Yes, it is possible that when we feel weak and discouraged, He lifts us up and fills us with the strength that we need to face our everyday lives. In order to have a concrete and tangible experience of the Risen Christ in our lives, I really encourage you to come to the preaching of the Good News that will take place in our Church. If you have not come yet, you can still attend. We continue every Monday and Thursday at 7:30 pm at the Church. You do not need to register, just attend and experience the joy of the Resurrection in your lives!

May God continue to fill you with hope and peace during the Easter Season! Please keep praying for me!

*Fr. Francisco Fernandez,
Your servant and your Pastor*

Pope Francis Homily, Third Sunday of Easter

The disciples knew that Jesus had risen because Mary Magdalen had said so that morning; then Peter saw Him; then the disciples who had returned from Emmaus told of their encounter with the Risen Jesus. They knew it: He is risen and lives. But that truth had not entered the heart. That truth, yes, they knew it, but they were doubtful. They preferred to hold that truth in their mind, perhaps. It was less dangerous to hold a truth in one's mind than to keep it in one's heart. It is less dangerous.

They were all gathered and the Lord appeared. And at first they were afraid and believed that he was a spirit. But Jesus himself said to them: "look, touch me. See the wounds. A spirit has no body. See, it is I!". But why did they disbelieve? Why were they doubtful? There is a word in the Gospel which gives us the explanation: "they still disbelieved for joy, and wondered...". For joy they could not believe. That joy was so great! If this is the truth, it is

an immense joy! "Ah, I do not believe it. I cannot". They could not believe there was so much joy; the joy that leads to Christ.

This also happens to us when we are given good news. Before accepting it in our heart we say: "But is it true? But how do you know? Where did you hear it?". We do so in order to be sure,

because, if this is true, it is a great joy. This happens to us in our own small way; imagine the disciples! The joy was so great that it was better to say: "No, I do not believe it". But he was there! Yes, but they could not. They could not accept it; they could not let the truth they saw pass into their heart. And in the end, naturally, they believed. This is the "renewed youthfulness" that the Lord gives us. In the Collect prayer we said: "renewed youthfulness". We are accustomed to sin aging us.... Sin ages the heart, always. It makes your heart hard, old, weary. Sin makes the heart grow weary and we somewhat lose faith in the Risen Christ: "No, I do not think so.... This would be so much joy.... Yes, yes, he lives, but in Heaven, for his own affairs". But I am his affair! Each of us! But we are unable to make this connection.

In the [First] Letter the Apostle John says: "if any one does sin, we have an advocate with the Father". Do not be afraid; he forgives. He renews us. Sin ages us, but Jesus, Risen, living, renews us. This is the power of the Risen Jesus. When we approach the Sacrament of Penance it is in order to be renewed, to rejuvenate. And the Risen Jesus does this. It is the Risen Jesus who is in our midst today: he will be here on the altar; he is in the Word.... And he will be likewise on the altar: Risen! It is Christ, the Advocate, who wants to defend us when we have sinned, to rejuvenate us.

Brothers and sisters, let us ask for the grace to believe that Christ is alive, is Risen! This is our faith, and if we believe this, other things are secondary. This is our life; this is our true youthfulness. Christ's victory over death, Christ's victory over sin. Christ is alive. "Yes, yes, now I will receive Communion...". But when you receive Communion, are you certain that Christ is alive, there; he is Risen? "Yes, it is a piece of blessed bread...". No, it is Jesus! Christ is alive; he is Risen among us, and if we do not believe this we will never be good Christians. We cannot be.

But "they still disbelieved for joy, and wondered". Let us ask the Lord for the grace that joy not hinder us from believing, the grace to touch the Risen Jesus: to touch him in the encounter through prayer; in the encounter through the sacraments; in the encounter with his forgiveness which is the renewed youthfulness of the Church; in the encounter with the sick, when we go to visit them, with the imprisoned, with those who are most needy, with children, with the elderly. If we feel the wish to do something good, it is the Risen Jesus who spurs us to this. It is always joy, the joy that makes us youthful.

Let us ask for the grace to be a joyful community, because each of us is certain, has faith, has encountered Jesus Christ. (April 15, 2018)



This weekend is ShareLife Sunday!

"Vulnerable members of our community are relying on you and me to ensure ongoing access to the care they so desperately need. This is why it's crucial we meet our parish campaign goal of \$13.8 million. Our goal can be met, but only if we each do our part."

– Cardinal Thomas Collins

Our Parish goal is \$145,500.

Today is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.



Masses For The Week

Sat Apr 17 – 5:00pm

+Michael Brugel & Fr. Osmond D'Souza

req. by Millicent Bower & Family

Mon Apr 19 – 8:20am

+Deceased Members of the Coryat Family

req. by Mary Yearwood

Tues Apr 20 – 8:20am

+Bill Schroer & Beradina Baks

req. by Agnes Schroer

Wed. Apr 21 – 7:00pm

In Thanksgiving

req. by The Felipe Family

Thur. Apr 22 – 8:20am

+Jacques Prior

req. by Christiane Prior

Fri. Apr 23 – 8:20am

+Bridget Carolan

req. by Pat Milburn

Sat Apr 24 – 5:00pm

Special Intention for Parishioner's Prayers

req. by America Vasconez



GARDENING ANGELS

We are seeking more 'angels' to help tend the gardens surrounding the parish. The gardeners tend to specific gardens during the morning hours usually

once per week, plus extra watering over the hotter months. Please call the office (905) 668-3676.

Adoration Holy Hour will take place every other Friday at 7pm, in the church. All are welcome Confession is available.

Dates: April 16, 30, May 14, 28

Come to me

All you who labour and are overburdened and I will give you rest Mt 11,28



Where is your life going?

Do you suffer and don't understand why?

Do you feel lonely? Would you like to be happy?

Courage, Jesus Christ has all answers for you!

**Mondays and Thursdays at 7:30pm
In the Church**

Archdiocesan Week of Prayer for Vocations

April 19 – 24, 2021

During this week, Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director, Office of Vocations, has asked that we all take some time, as a community, to pray for vocations, to the priesthood, religious and consecrated life. AT this time, we also ask that you pray for our 6 soon-to-be priests along with all those who are discerning and who are currently in formation. For mor information, please contact your parish office, or email the Office of Vocations at vocations@archtoronto.org

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