

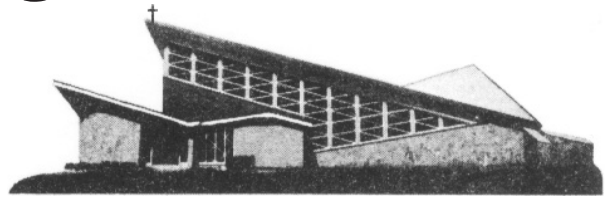
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 Mrs. Cathy Dykeman Parish Home Catechism
 Mr. Brendon Orian Youth Ministry

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 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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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



From the Pastor's Desk

The Peace of the Risen Christ be with you all!

We celebrate this Sunday the Fourth Sunday of Easter. Today is announced the Gospel of the Good Shepherd. In the midst of the present lockdown, more than ever we need to hear the comforting words of Jesus Christ as our Shepherd. What characteristic of a shepherd? He knows each of his sheep and is aware of what they need in each situation. Jesus Christ knows our struggles and he is aware of all of our worries and concerns. It seems that we are isolated and apart from each other. It is easy to give up and to think that nobody cares of us, we are alone. However, Christ is the one who comes to give us the courage, hope and spiritual nourishment that we need. All of us is encouraged to listen to the hopeful words of Jesus Christ who comes constantly to lift us up. If we at times feel lost or discouraged, let us trust in the Good Shepherd who comes to give abundant life and to comfort us. He is the only One who is going to help us at this difficult time. Let us allow Him to reach out to us because He is full of mercy and compassion.

During this time, we need to listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd and to be connected with each other. On Tuesdays at 7pm, we will meditate on the Sunday readings by zoom. If you wish to know the zoom link please call the parish office.

Starting Monday, May 3rd, from 7pm to 8:30pm, we are going to have a 6 week Bible Study online called Lectio Prayer. It is only \$20 and you are going to receive a lot. If you are interested, please call the parish office.

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

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant and your Pastor

Pope Francis *Regina Caeli*, Fourth Sunday of Easter

The Liturgy of this Fourth Sunday of Easter pursues the aim of helping us rediscover our identity as *disciples of the Risen Lord*. In the Acts of the Apostles, Peter openly declares that the healing of the cripple, which he carried out and which all of Jerusalem speaks about, took place in the name of Jesus, because “there is salvation in no one else” (4:12). There in that healed man is each one of us — that man is the shape of ourselves: we are all there within — there are our communities: each of us can be healed of the many forms of spiritual infirmity that we have — ambition, laziness, pride — if we agree, with confidence, to put our very existence into the hands of the Risen Lord. “By the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth”, affirms Peter,

“this man is standing before you well” (v. 10). But who is the Christ who heals? What does being healed by him consist in? What are we healed of? And by means of what attitudes?

The answer to all these questions can be found in today's Gospel, where Jesus says: “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep” (Jn 10:11). This self-introduction by Jesus cannot be reduced to an emotional suggestion, without any concrete effect! Jesus heals through his being a shepherd who lays down his life. Giving his life for us, Jesus says to each one: “Your life is worth so much to me, that to save it I give all of myself”. It is precisely this *offering of his life* that makes him the *Good Shepherd par excellence*, the One who heals, the One who allows us to live a beautiful and fruitful life.

The second part of the same Gospel passage tells us how Jesus can heal us and make our life joyful and fruitful: “I am the good shepherd”, Jesus says. “I know my own and my own know me, as the Father knows me and I know the Father” (vv. 14-15). Jesus does not speak of intellectual knowledge, no, but of a personal relationship, of predilection, of mutual tenderness, reflection of the same intimate loving relationship between him and the Father. This is the attitude through which a living relationship with Jesus is realized: *allowing ourselves to be known* by him. Not closing up within ourselves; but opening ourselves to the Lord, so that he may know us. He is attentive to each one of us; he knows the depths of our heart: he knows our merits and our defects, the projects we have carried out and the hopes that have gone unfulfilled. But he accepts us as we are, even with our sins, so as to heal us, to forgive us; he guides us with love, so that we can cross even impervious paths without losing the way. He accompanies us.

In turn, we are called *to know Jesus*. This implies an encounter with him, an encounter which spurs the desire to follow him, abandoning self-referential attitudes and setting out on new paths, indicated by Christ himself and open to vast horizons. When in our communities the desire to live the relationship with Jesus, to listen to his voice and to follow him faithfully cools down, it is inevitable that other ways of thinking and living that are not consistent with the Gospel will prevail. May Mary, our Mother, help us to develop an ever-stronger relationship with Jesus. Opening ourselves to Jesus, so that he may enter within us. A stronger relationship: He is Risen. In this way, we can follow him all our life. On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, may Mary intercede so that many may respond with generosity and perseverance to the Lord who calls us to leave everything for His Kingdom.

(April 22, 2018)

Knights of Columbus, St John the Evangelist Council, meetings are the 1st Wednesday of each month from Sept to June. Next Meeting is Wednesday May 5, 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 or call 416-508-9877



Masses For The Week

Sat Apr 24 – 5:00pm
Special Intention for Parishioner's Prayers
req. by America Vasconez

Mon Apr 26 – 9:00am
+Andrew Marioselva
req. by Christine Marioselva

Tues Apr 27 – 9:00am
+Sharron Sauvie
req. by The Lay Pastoral Visitation Ministry

Wed. Apr 28 – 9:00am
+Paul Afred Costar
req. by Lily & Terrence D'Cruze & Family

+Edith Power
req. by Clare Dashney & Family

Thur. Apr 29 – 9:00am
+Arnold Coyne
req. by Judy & Michael Jack

Fri. Apr 30 – 9:00am
+Alan Oerton
req. by Judy & Michael Jack

Sat May 1 – 5:00pm
+ Joe Balogh
req. by Fred & Jacqui Shady

Holy Communion Services with 8 people every 15 minutes, takes place each Saturday from 2pm to 4pm and each Sunday from 10:30 – 12 noon and 3pm to 4:30pm. Reserve your tickets through Eventbrite on our website. Click on Register for Mass.
<https://stjohntheevangelistwh.archtoronto.org/>



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.

Join us for Lectio Divina on Tuesdays at 7pm by Zoom! We read the upcoming Sunday readings and discuss how it pertains in our own lives. It's very spiritually enriching! Call the office for details on the meeting information.

Church Hours

Private Prayer during lockdown
Saturday and Sunday Closed
Weekdays 10am – 4pm, maximum 10 people
Sign in and sanitize your hands. Take a post-it note and leave it on the rail in front where you sat.

Office hours – Appointments only

Please call ahead for an essential appointment with the office.

Mass intentions can be arranged by phone and payment dropped off in the mailslot.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

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.

Sunday Offertory & Renovation Giving

<https://stjohntheevangelistwh.archtoronto.org/>

Envelopes can be mailed in or dropped off at the parish office mail slot at the bottom of the left side of the office door.

Pre-Authorized Giving is highly recommended! Forms are now on the new and improved website!

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