

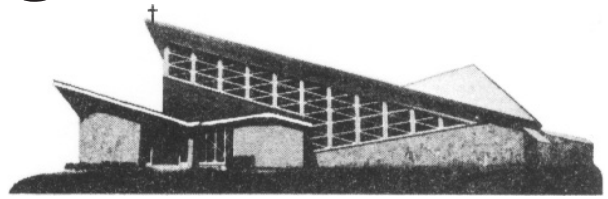
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Message from the Pastor

The Peace of the Risen Christ be with you all!

We celebrate this Sunday the Fifth Sunday of Easter. Today is announced the Gospel of Vinedresser and the vine. Jesus is the Vine, and we are the branches. It is a very beautiful image that represents very well how are our spiritual life is meant to be. As the branches cannot survive unless they are attached to the vine, so we cannot have life unless we are attached to Jesus Christ. We need to abide constantly in Jesus Christ in order to be at peace. However, in front of the present situation in which we do not have access to mass, it is easy to feel discouraged and to detached ourselves from the vine thinking that are left to our own. The consequence is that we get dry, our lives become arid and heavy. We lose hope and we start getting grumpy, impatient and disheartened. Thanks to be to God that Jesus Christ comes looking for us and He attaches us back to Him so that in Him we may find hope and peace again. I really encourage you to keep praying, to keep watching the masses online so that we may experience that Christ continues to sustain us and to give us a life that is fulfilled. At times, we just put up with our lives, but God wants to give us much more. Our lives are not heavy but in him we find rest and strength. Our lives are amazing, a blessing. Let us experience how much God loves us and how our lives are fruitful with Him. The fruit of the vine is sweet and abundant and God wants that we bear fruit with a life full of peace, mercy and patience.

During this time, we need to be attached to the Vine 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. If you need to avail of the sacrament of Confession and experience the life-giving mercy of Jesus Christ, please call the parish office to make an appointment.

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*, Fifth Sunday of Easter

Today's Gospel shows us Jesus during the Last Supper, in the moment He knows His death is close at hand. His 'hour' has come. For it is the last time He is with His disciples, and now He wants to impress firmly a fundamental truth in their minds: even when He will no longer be physically present in the midst of them, they will still be able to remain united to Him in a new way, and thus bear much fruit. Everyone can be united to Jesus in a new way. If, on the contrary, one should lose this unity with Him, this union with Him, would become sterile, or rather, harmful to the community. And to express this reality, this new way of being united to Him, Jesus uses the image of the vine and the branches: Just "as a branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches" (Jn 15:4-5). With this image He teaches us how to abide with Him, to be united to Him, even though He is not physically present.

Jesus is the vine, and through Him — like the sap in the tree — the very love of God, the Holy Spirit is passed to the branches.

Look: we are the branches, and through this parable, Jesus wants us to understand the importance of remaining united to him. The branches are not self-sufficient, but depend totally on the vine, in which the source of their life is found. So it is with us Christians. Grafted by Baptism in Christ, we have freely received the gift of new life from Him; and thanks to the Church we are able to remain in vital communion with Christ. We must remain faithful to Baptism, and grow in intimacy with the Lord through prayer, listening and docility to His Word — read the Gospel —, participation in the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist and Reconciliation.

When one is intimately united to Jesus, he enjoys the gifts of the Holy Spirit, which are — as St Paul tells us — "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control" (Gal 5:22). These are the gifts that we receive if we remain united in Jesus; and therefore a person who is so united in Him does so much good for neighbour and society, is a Christian person. In fact, one is recognized as a true Christian by this attitude, as a tree is recognized by its fruit. The fruits of this profound union with Christ are wonderful: our whole person is transformed by the grace of the Spirit: soul, understanding, will, affections, and even body, because we are united body and soul. We receive a new way of being, the life of Christ becomes our own: we are able to think like Him, to act like Him, to see the world and the things in it with the eyes of Jesus. And so we are able to love our brothers, beginning with the poorest and those who suffer the most, as He did and love them with His heart, and so bear fruits of goodness, of charity, and of peace in the world.

Each one of us is a branch of the one vine; and all of us together are called to bear the fruits of this common membership in Christ and in the Church. Let us entrust ourselves to the intercession of the Virgin Mary, so that we might be able to be living branches in the Church and witness to our faith in a consistent manner — consistency of one's own life and thought, of life and faith — knowing that all of us, according to our particular vocations, participate in the one saving mission of Christ.

(May 3, 2015)



Masses For The Week

Sat May 1 – 5:00pm

+Joe Balogh

req. by Fred & Jacqui Shady

Mon May 3 – 9:00am

+Lado Cot

req. by The Stebih Family

Tues May 4 – 9:00am

+Karen Delore

req. by Noah Zor

Wed. May 5 – 9:00am

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req. by

Thur. May 6 – 9:00am

+Margaret Herrera

req. by Dave & Mary Chown

Fri. May 7 – 9:00am

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req. by

First Friday May 7, Adoration will follow after
mass online for 30 minutes

Sat May 8 – 5:00pm

+Ana Krajinovic

req. by Kaya Batinic

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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– **Tanya Pereira, Vita Centre**

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Virtual Fundraising Dinner
Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary
Sunday May 16, 2021 @5pm

Next Fundraising Virtual Event

This year as well, we will not be able to gather physically for the Fundraising Dinner. It will be replaced by a virtual event. It will happen on **Sunday, the 16th of May 2021, at 5:00 p.m.** We cordially invite you to connect with us for a wonderful opportunity to hear a word from the rector, the seminarians, to enjoy some music and entertainment and know the seminary through a virtual tour.

You will soon be able to find the link to the event on our website: www.rmmstoronto.org

To donate online, please go to the link below (also accessible directly from the Semi-nary website):

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