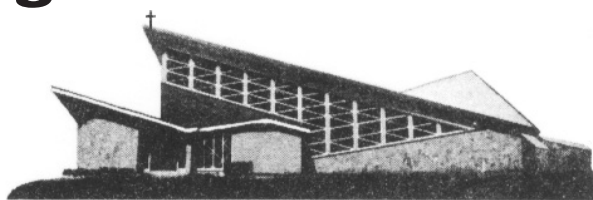


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Mr. Brendon Orian	Youth Ministry

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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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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



From the Pastor's Desk

The Peace of the Risen Christ be with you all!

We celebrate this Sunday the Sixth Sunday of Easter. Today we continue the reading of the Gospel of John, which presents Jesus as the Vine. We are called to remain attached to Jesus in order to have peace and joy in our lives. Moreover, as the fruit of the vine are the grapes, the fruit that we are supposed to bear is to love one another as Christ has loved us. It is true that it is difficult to love others unconditionally, especially during this time in which we spend more time together. It is easy to be aware of our shortcomings in a relationship with those that we live. Jesus encourages us to realize that if we are attached to Him and we receive from Him mercy and love through His word and the sacraments, then it will help us to love the others beyond our limits. On a daily basis, we try to love others with our own strength and good wishes. Most of the time, we lose patience, or we get annoyed. However, Jesus wants to give us the Holy Spirit so that we can love others beyond our limits, and we can experience a life that is fulfilled and full of peace. God has chosen us through Christ so that we may bear a fruit that lasts for ever: to love as Christ has loved us, love always and no matter what other people do to us. This love is possible, exists, the Risen Christ has gained it for us and we can experience it and through it, find fullness of life.



God bless all the mothers of our parish. May God continue to fill you with peace and consolation. Thanks for your example of unconditional love to us!

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. I encourage you also to receive communion on the weekends by reserving your ticket for Communion services on Saturdays from 2pm to 4pm, Sundays from 10:30 am to noon, and 3pm to 4:30pm. You can reserve your ticket by going to our website starting Thursday mornings at 10am. I also encourage you to follow the mass online every day at 9am and Saturdays at 5pm and Sundays at 9am and 2pm in Spanish. We are going to get a lot out of it. 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*, Sixth Sunday of Easter

Today's Gospel — John Chapter 15 — brings us back to the Last Supper, when we hear Jesus' new commandment. He says: "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you" (v. 12). Thinking of his imminent sacrifice on the cross, He adds: "Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you" (v. 13-14). These words, said at the Last Supper, summarize Jesus' full message. Actually, they summarize all that He did: Jesus gave His life for His friends. Friends who did not understand Him, in fact they abandoned, betrayed and denied Him at the crucial moment. This tells us that He loves us, even though we don't deserve His love. Jesus loves us in this way!

Thus Jesus shows us the path to follow Him: the path of love. His commandment is not a simple teaching which is always abstract or foreign to life. Christ's commandment is new because He realized it first, He gave His flesh and thus the law of love is written upon the heart of man (cf. Jer 31:33). And how is it written? It is written with the fire of the Holy Spirit. With this Spirit that Jesus gives us, we too can take this path! It is a real path, a path that leads us to come out of ourselves and go towards others. Jesus showed us that the love of God is realized in love for our neighbour. Both go hand-in-hand. The pages of the Gospel are full of this love: adults and children, educated and uneducated, rich and poor, just and sinners all were welcomed into the heart of Christ.

Therefore, this Word of God calls us to love one another, even if we do not always understand each other, and do not always get along... it is then that Christian love is seen. A love which manifests even if there are differences of opinion or character. Love is greater than these differences! This is the love that Jesus taught us. It is a new love because Jesus and his Spirit renewed it. It is a redeeming love, free from selfishness. A love which gives our hearts joy, as Jesus himself said: "These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full" (Jn 15:11).

It is precisely Christ's love that the Holy Spirit pours into our hearts to make everyday wonders in the Church and in the world. There are many small and great actions which obey the Lord's commandment: "Love one another as I have loved you" (cf. Jn 15:12). Small everyday actions, actions of closeness to an elderly person, to a child, to a sick person, to a lonely person, those in difficulty, without a home, without work, an immigrant, a refugee.... Thanks to the strength of the Word of Christ, each one of us can make ourselves the brother or sister of those whom we encounter. Actions of closeness, actions which manifest the love that Christ taught us.

MAY 9, 2021

May our Most Holy Mother help us in this, so that in each of our daily lives love of God and love of neighbour may be ever united.

(May 10, 2015)



Masses For The Week

Sat May 8 – 5:00pm

+Ana Krajinovic
req. by Kaya Batinic

Mon May 10 – 9:00am

+John Lentz
req. by Herminia Moniz & Minnie Chillingworth

Tues May 11 – 9:00am

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Wed. May 12 – 9:00am

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Thur. May 13 – 9:00am

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req. by

Fri. May 14 – 9:00am

+Ida Thomas
req. by Liam & Florence Venner

Sat May 15 – 5:00pm

+Sam Saturno
req. by Tony & Rosa Saturno

Tabernacle Candle May 9 – 15, 2021
Intentions for Mary & Giselle

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/>

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.

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.

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

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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.

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– Cardinal Thomas Collins

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Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary
Sunday May 16, 2021 @5pm**

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

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