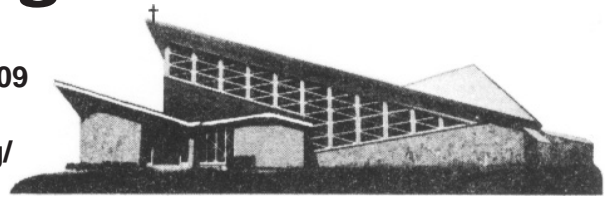


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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Mon & Fri - Closed Thursday
 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Evening Reception
 Tues & 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 — Two Sundays per month at 4:00 p.m. 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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From the Pastor's Desk

Message from the Pastor



Peace to all of you!

This Sunday we celebrate the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The First Reading, from the book of the prophet Isaiah, brings us the account of the call of the prophet Isaiah. As he was in the Temple, he saw God's glory and he was called to prophesy to the people of Israel. It is amazing to realize how eager he is to go and

announce God's message to whomever it will be sent. In our baptism, all of us as well, have been chosen to be witnesses of God's mercy to those around us. It is the Lord who sends us and gives us the grace to proclaim Him alive to those with whom we will meet. What a gift to share in this mission so that people may experience God's love in their lives! The Second Reading, from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians, gives us the creed of St. Paul. He announces what he himself has received and experienced. He proclaims the heart of the Christian faith, that Christ has died and risen for us. All of us are called to experience in our daily lives that Christ has truly died and is risen for us. If we are witnesses of Christ's immense power over death and sin, we are completely transformed and we will lead completely fulfilled lives. Moreover, we will be bringing this abundant life to those around us so that they can share in it. The Gospel, from St. Luke, gives us the account of the call of the apostle Peter to follow Christ. Peter is an expert fisherman, and he has been all night trying to catch something, but he has got nothing. At this moment of failure, Christ asks him to throw the nets again and he will catch fish. He trusts in Christ's word, and he gets an abundant catch. From that moment on, he follows Christ trusting in His mercy and not in his good deeds. We all need to experience that God's grace will do much more for us than our own wits alone. It is essential to have moments of failure and weakness and to realize how God abundantly provides for us and helps us to carry out things beyond our human power. Let us open our hearts to the One who has called us and who will do great things for us beyond our human limitations!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant and your Pastor

Pope Francis' Homily on the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Jan 31, 2016)

Today's Gospel tells how Jesus surprised Simon by climbing in his boat, and going out a little ways from the shore to teach the people. Then Jesus made another surprising

move by asking Simon to put out into the deep and lower his nets for a catch.

Simon (to whom Jesus would later give the name Peter) seems at first to offer an objection; but inspired by the presence of Jesus, and illuminated by His word, Simon does as he is asked. It is the response of faith, the response that that we too are called to give; and the attitude of openness that the Lord asks of all His disciples, especially insofar as they have duties of responsibility in the Church.

It is Simon's trusting obedience that prompts the miraculous catch of fish. When we come with generosity to His service, Jesus accomplishes great things in us.

This is how Jesus deals with each of us: He asks us to welcome Him into the boat of our life, to begin again with Him and set out on a new sea, that turns out to be full of surprises. Jesus' invitation gives new meaning to our existence. If we, like Peter, are sometimes surprised or hesitant at this call, Jesus encourages us. If we trust in Him God will free us from our sin, and open us up to new horizons, to collaborate in his mission.

The greatest miracle accomplished by Jesus for Simon and the other disappointed and tired fishermen, is not so much the nets filled with fish, but to have helped them to not fall victim to disappointment and discouragement in the face of setbacks. He opened the way for them to become heralds and witnesses of His word and of the Kingdom of God.

Parish Financial Update

I wish to inform all parishioners of some good news! Thanks to your generosity in the last two years, even though we have been dealing with a pandemic, and the generous offering of a deceased parishioner (\$126,000), we have paid off the Parking Lot Debt! We are going to carry out several projects in the next three years using the money that we collect from the Building Fund. God willing, this year we will replace the roof in the rectory (\$19,000), and in the summer we will put a new skin coating (\$19,000) on the church's entrance and rectory-offices to protect it from leaking. In the remaining two years, we will replace the Church's stain glass windows (\$150,000) and the windows in the rectory (\$30,000). We will also do some touch ups in the exterior and interior of the rectory (\$10,000). We will also renovate the kitchen in the rectory (\$65,000). We will inform you of the outcome of the projects. Thanks again for your generous financial and spiritual contribution to the parish!

CONFIRMATION

** UPDATE **

CONFIRMATION CLASSES (Feb. 5, 12 & 26, Mar. 5 & 26) ONLINE

Please note the time changes for morning masses from 8:20am to 8:00am beginning Tuesday February 8th to Tuesday February 22nd.

All Wednesday mass times will remain at 7:00pm



Masses For The Week

Sat Feb 5 – 5pm

+Bernardina Stefanin
req. by Maddalena Favit & Family

Mon Feb 7 – 8:20am

+Bridget Carolan
req. by Family & Friends

**** Time Change **** Tues Feb 8 – 8:00am

+Sam & Mary Doran
req. by Alice Deehan

Wed Feb 9 – 7:00pm

+Charles McAlinden
req. by John Lennon
+Charles McAlinden
req. by The Durham Celtic Supporters Club
+Deceased Mmbrs Harrington, Broderick & McClennan Fam.
req. by Joe & Joy
+Lemuel Lagapa Raterta
req. by Sammy & Leila Samson

**** Time change **** Thurs Feb 10 – 8:00am

In Thanksgiving
req. by Kathie Steffler

**** Time change **** Fri Feb 11 – 8:00am

In Thanksgiving
req. by Mary Yearwood

Pope Francis has designated a prayer to the Holy Family in 2022

Prayer to the Holy Family from Amoris Laetitia

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendor of true love; To you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too, may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer.

Amen

Lectio Divina

Monday evenings at 7pm via zoom. Please call the office for the meeting details on how to log in.

A new bible study will be on the Seven Deadly Sins by Bishop Robert Barron on Monday February 28th to Monday April 4th from 7pm to 8:30pm through Zoom (TBA). Please register with the parish office. Fee is \$20. Book provided.

St. John Prayer Group will return Wednesday March 2nd at 1pm in the Church.

Funeral Altar Servers

We are in need of more funeral altar servers. Please call the office if you are interested.

Catholic Family Services of Durham - Heart to Heart at Home

Saturday, February 26, 2022 – Virtual Event
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Looking Ahead

- Family Day Holiday Monday February 21st Mass is at 9:00am
- Parish Financial Report presented Sat Feb 26, Sun Feb 27 at all masses.
- Ash Wednesday Services on March 2nd @8:20am and @7:00pm
- Friday mass during Lent begins March 4th at 7:00pm
- Stations of the Cross time to be determined

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