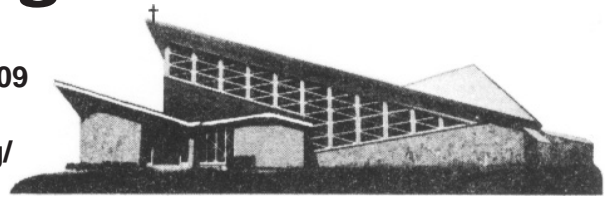


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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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.

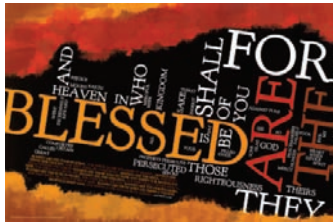
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BULLETIN DEADLINE — Monday 9:00 a.m. in writing or by e-mail.

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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Message from the Pastor
Peace to all of you!



This Sunday we celebrate the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The First Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah, portrays the image of the outcome of the person who trusts in God. With a beautiful imagery, he shows that the person who relies in God is like a tree besides flowing waters

which always give fruit no matter if there is heat and drought. However, a person who does not trust in God is like a dry shrub in the desert full of anxieties and worries. We are all encouraged to put our whole being in God's hands realizing that God takes care of us and provides for all our needs. If we rely in Him and receive strength from Him, we are going to experience an immense peace in all circumstances. The Second Reading, from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians, tells us how important the historical event of the Resurrection of Christ for the Christian faith is. If we believe in the Resurrection of Christ and we experience his power in our lives, there is hope to find peace in any kind of struggle and suffering. Moreover, there is possibility of receiving forgiveness of our sins and transformation of our hearts. The Resurrection of Christ is the cornerstone of our faith and the event that sustains all our hopes and expectations. The Gospel, from St. Luke, gives us a version of the Beatitudes. Luke presents to us four beatitudes and he pairs them with four curses. The road to a blessed life is promised by the Lord if we are opened to His graces. Whenever we are poor or weak, we are looking for life, we are sad or struggling, and we feel rejected; then the Lord can transform those problems into moments in which we can experience abundant life. On the other hand, when we rely in our strength and plans solely, we get frustrated and feel empty. Let us allow the Lord to guide our lives so that we can find happiness and fullness of life!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant and your Pastor

Pope Francis' Homily on the Sixth in Ordinary time (Feb 17, 2019)

Today's Gospel presents us Saint Luke's passage on the [Beatitudes](#) (cf. 6:17, 20-26). The text is arranged into four beatitudes and four admonitions denoted by the expression, "woe to you". With these assertive and sharp words, Jesus opens our eyes and lets us look with his gaze, beyond appearances, beyond the surface and teaches us to discern situations with faith.

Jesus proclaims the poor, the hungry, the suffering and the persecuted blessed, and he admonishes those who are rich, satisfied, who laugh and are praised by the people. The reason behind this paradoxical beatitude lies in the fact that God is close to those who suffer, and intercedes to free them from their bondage. Jesus sees this; he already sees the beatitude beyond its negative reality. And likewise, the "woe to you" addressed to those who are doing well today, has the purpose of "waking" them from the dangerous deceit of egotism, and opening them up to the logic of love, while they still have the time to do so.

The page from today's Gospel thus invites us to reflect on the profound sense of having faith, which consists in our trusting completely in the Lord. It is about demolishing worldly idols in order to open our hearts to the true and living God. He alone can give our life that fullness so deeply desired and yet difficult to attain. Brothers and sisters, indeed there are many in our day too who purport to be dispensers of happiness: they come and promise us swift success, great profits within our reach, magical solutions to every problem and so on. And here it is easy to slip unwittingly into sinning against the first Commandment: namely [idolatry](#),

substituting God with an idol. Idolatry and idols seem to be things from another age, but in reality they are of all ages! Even today. They describe certain contemporary attitudes better than many sociological studies do.

This is why Jesus opens our eyes to reality. We are called to happiness, to be blessed, and we become so as of now, to the measure in which we place ourselves on the side of God, of his Kingdom, on the side of what is not ephemeral but rather endures for eternal life. We are happy if we acknowledge we are needy before God — and this is very important: "Lord, I need you" — and if, like him and with him, we are close to the poor, the suffering and the hungry. We too are like this before God: we are poor, suffering, we are hungry before God. Although we possess worldly goods, we experience joy when we do not idolize or sell our souls out to them, but are able to share them with our brothers and sisters. Today the liturgy invites us once again to question ourselves about this and to be truthful in our heart.

Jesus' Beatitudes are a decisive message which urges us not to place our trust in material and fleeting things, not to seek happiness by following smoke vendors — who are often vendors of death — experts in illusion. We should not follow them because they are unable to give us hope. May the Lord help us open our eyes to acquire a more penetrating view of reality, to heal the chronic short-sightedness with which the worldly spirit infects us. With his paradoxical Word he stirs us and enables us to recognize what truly enriches us, satisfies us, gives us joy and dignity; in other words, what truly gives meaning and fullness to our lives. May the Virgin Mary help us listen to this Gospel passage with open hearts and minds so that it may bear fruit in our life and that we may become witnesses of the happiness that does not disappoint, that of God who never disappoints.

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 12 – 5pm

+Brian McMonagle

req. by John & Helen Ecker

**** Time Change** Mon Feb 14 – 8:00am**

+Samantha Goodwin

req. by Gail & Leanne Stewart

**** Time Change** Tues Feb 15 – 8:00am**

+Edgar Talabis

req. by His Wife & Family

Wed Feb 16 – 7:00pm

+Ted Kapuscinski

req. by Doreen & Family

+Shirley Barrett

req. by Her Family

Deceased Members of the Muscat Family

req. by Warren Coleman & Family

A Special Intention

req. by Gail Stewart

Int. for Nick & Joan Macina

req. by Mary Louise LaBarre & Ken Reilly & Family

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**** Time change** Thurs Feb 17 – 8:00am
+Deceased Mbrs of Broderick, Howard & Harrington Family
*req. by Joe & Joy***

****Time change** Fri Feb 18 – 8:00am
+Fred vanRoan
*req. by Peter & Aleida vanRoan***

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.

The bible study is almost full! Last minute chance to register for Seven Deadly Sins and Seven Lively Virtues by Bishop Robert Barron. We begin on Monday February 28th to Monday April 4th from 7pm to 8:30pm through Zoom. Please register with the parish office. Fee is \$20. Limited books available provided.

St. John Prayer Group will return Wednesday March 9th (changed from March 2) 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

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Looking Ahead



Family Day Holiday Monday
February 21st Mass is at 9:00am

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Friday February 25th at 7pm for 1 hour with confessions in the church
- 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
- Tuesday March 29th Day of Confessions – times to be confirmed

Schedule of Stations of the Cross begin at 6:30pm in English and 7:30pm in Spanish

Mar 4	Way of the Cross
Mar 11	Fulton Sheen's Way of the Cross
Mar 18	St. Alphonsus
Mar 25	Development & Peace
Apr 1	Mary's Way of the Cross
Apr 8	Family Centered

Happy Valentines Day

I said a Valentine prayer for you
and asked the Lord above
to fill your heart and bless your soul
With the precious gift of love.

I asked Him for sincere love
The kind that's meant to stay
Just like the generous love
You give to those you touch each day.

I prayed for love from family
And from every cherished friend
Then I asked the Lord to give you
His love that knows no end.

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