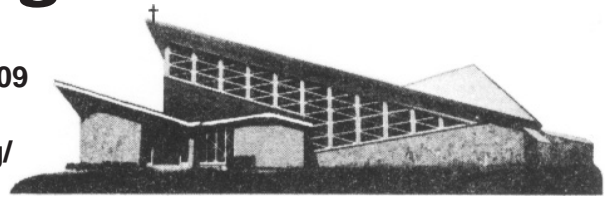


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## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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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## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Message from the Pastor

Peace to all of you!

This Sunday we celebrate the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. The First Reading, from the first book of Samuel, presents an episode on the life of David. King Saul is envious of how people loved David after his success over the Philistines. He felt that his throne was at risk and he started persecuting David. Instead of defending himself, David respects that King Saul has been chosen by God and doesn't retaliate. It is an example for us to teach us that forgiveness and compassion are the answer when somebody does not treat us right. The Second Reading, from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians, shows us a passage that has to do with the Resurrection of Christ. As He was raised from the dead, we are called to share in His Resurrection. There are times in which we experience struggles, temptation and sin, but Christ is freeing us so that we may lead a life of holiness and virtue. Throughout our lives, Christ is transforming us from a life in which we experience our impatience, anger, judgement and resentment to a life in which we are patient, compassionate, and merciful. This change of attitude in us is made possible by Christ's Resurrection. We receive a life-giving Spirit that makes us have life to the fullest, even to the point of forgiving and loving our adversaries. The Gospel, from St. Luke, continues with the Sermon on the Mount. Christ presents to us the measure of his unconditional love. It portrays an example of Christ's love for us when we do not deserve it and at times, we are angry at somebody. Christ wants to share this type of love with us so that we can love unconditionally anyone, especially those who have wronged us. It is something that only by God's grace, we can carry out in our lives. This is such a blessing and we experience an immense peace. On the contrary, when we retaliate or only love those who love us to a certain point, we experience a sense of emptiness. Let us open our hearts to the Lord and desire that He may fulfill this immense love in our daily lives!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant and your Pastor

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

This Sunday's Gospel passage (cf. Lk 6:27-38) concerns a central point that characterizes Christian life: love for enemies. Jesus' words are clear: "I say to you that hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you" (vv. 27-38). And this is not optional, it is a command. It is not for everyone, but for the disciples, whom Jesus calls "you that hear". He is well aware that loving enemies exceeds our possibilities, but this is why he became man: not to leave us as we are, but to transform us into men and women capable of a greater love, that of his Father and ours. This is the love that Jesus gives to those who 'hear him'. Thus it becomes possible! With him, thanks to his love, to his Spirit, we are able to love even those who do not love us, even those who do us harm. In this way, Jesus wants God's love to triumph over hatred and rancour in every heart. The logic of love, which culminates in Christ's Cross, is a Christian's badge and induces us to meet everyone with the heart of brothers and sisters. But how is it possible to overcome human instinct and the worldly law of retaliation? Jesus provides the answer in the same Gospel passage: "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful" (v. 36). Those who hear Jesus, who make an effort to follow him even at a cost, become children of God, and begin to truly resemble the Father who is in heaven. We become capable of things we never thought we could say or do, and of which we would have been rather ashamed, but which now give us joy and peace instead. We no longer need to be violent, with words

and gestures: we discover that we are capable of tenderness and goodness; and we sense that all of this comes not from ourselves but from him! And thus we do not brag about it but are grateful for it.

There is nothing greater and more fruitful than love: it bestows all dignity to the person, while, on the contrary, hatred and vengeance decrease it, marring the beauty of the creature made in God's image. This command, to respond to insult and wrongdoing with love, has created a new culture in the world: "a culture of mercy" — we need to learn this well! And properly practice this culture of mercy — which "can set in motion a real cultural revolution" (Apostolic Letter *Misericordia et Misera*, 20). It is the revolution of love, in which the protagonists are the martyrs of all times. And Jesus assures us that our behaviour, inspired by love for those who do us harm, will not be in vain. He tells us: "forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you" (vv. 37-38). This is beautiful. God will give us something beautiful if we are generous, merciful. We must forgive because God has forgiven us and always forgives us. If we do not forgive completely, we cannot expect to be forgiven completely. However, if our hearts are open to mercy, if we seal forgiveness with a brotherly embrace and secure the bonds of communion, we proclaim to the world that it is possible to overcome evil with good. At times it is easier for us to remember the harm they have done to us and not the good things; to the point that there are people who have this habit and it becomes a sickness. They are "collectors of injustice": they only remember the bad things done. And this is not a path. We must do the opposite, Jesus says. Remember the good things, and when someone comes with some gossip, and speaks ill of another, say: "Yes, perhaps ... but he has this good quality...". Turn the discussion around. This is the revolution of mercy.

May the Virgin Mary help us to let our heart be touched by this holy word of Jesus, burning like fire, that it may transform us and make us able to do good without reciprocation, doing good without reciprocation, witnessing everywhere to the victory of love.



Masses For The Week

**Sat Feb 19 – 5pm**

**+Joel Abaloyan**

*req. by Emerita Vallesterio & Family*

**\*\* Holiday Time Change\*\* Mon Feb 21 – 9:00am**

**+Kwei-Hsin Shu**

*req. by Sou Yen Shu*

**Tues Feb 22 – 8:20am**

**+Andrew Marioselva**

*req. by Christine Marioselva*

**Wed Feb 23 – 7:00pm**

**+Betty Bucking**

*req. by Her Family*

**+Mariano Rocha**

*req. by Herminia Moniz*

**+Belarmino Moniz**

*req. by Herminia Moniz*

**+Kerry John Cahill**

*req. by Bill & Estela Rios*

**+Sharon Ladouceur**

*req. by St. John the Evangelist Staff*

Thurs Feb 24 – 8:20am

+Margaret, John & Matilda McAteer  
*req. by Maire & Patrick Fitzpatrick*

Fri Feb 25 – 8:20am

+Susan & John Fitzpatrick  
*req. by Maire & Patrick Fitzpatrick*

Sat Feb 26 – 5pm

+Stephen Childerhouse  
*req. by Fred & Jacqui Shady*

***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

**BIBLE STUDY – LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER!**

**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 28<sup>th</sup> to Monday April 4<sup>th</sup> 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 9 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 21<sup>st</sup> Mass is at 9:00am

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Friday February 25<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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

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**DAY OF REFLECTION February 28th, 2022 with Fr. Robert Foliot, SJ "Choosing to be part of the Church."**

Schedule for the Day:

9:00 Registration - coffee & muffins

9:45 Welcome & Session # 1 in Chapel

10:30 Private prayer. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
11:00 Reconciliation Service. Private prayer. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

12:30 Lunch in our Dining Room

1:45 Session # 2 in Chapel 2:30 Mass. Depart

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