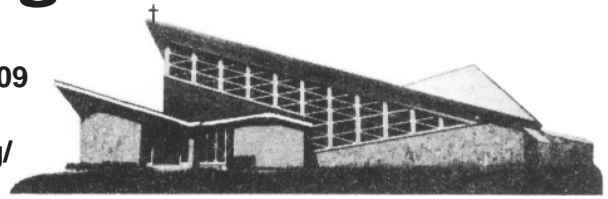


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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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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Message from the Pastor

Peace to all of you!

This Sunday we celebrate the Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The First Reading, from the book of Ecclesiasticus, presents a moral teaching on how to evaluate the purpose of an action. Whatever we say or do, we carry it out moved by the state of our heart. If we are at peace, our actions and words will be constructive and full of gratitude. On the other hand, if our hearts are not at peace, we harm the others by our words and actions. It is important to realize how important it is that I am at peace with God and with others and then my actions will bring good to others. The Second Reading, from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians, shows us the final portion of the teaching of Christ. The Risen Lord is victorious over sin and death and wants to share with us his victory. In Him, we can be transformed from attitudes and words that are sinful to ways of action that are holy and full of love. We need to be aware of our sinful attitudes, offer them to Christ and He offers us in return, a new life and a new living with love and peace. The Gospel from St. Luke continues with the Sermon on the Mount. Christ presents to us some teachings on the importance of having a proper and sound attitude. If we are aware of our faults and we experience God's mercy, then we are compassionate with others and peaceful. However, if we think that we are always right or we cannot accept our own mistakes, then we will be demanding with others and we will become angry with others' faults. Let us open our hearts to the Lord and recognize his mercy in front of our weaknesses so that we can be merciful with others in our daily lives!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant and your Pastor

Pope Francis' Homily on the Seventh in Ordinary time (March 3, 2019)

Today's Gospel passage presents brief parables with which Jesus seeks to indicate to his disciples the path to follow in order to live wisely. With the question: can a blind man lead a blind man?" (Lk 6:39), he wishes to emphasize that a leader cannot be blind, but must see clearly, that is, he must have wisdom in order to lead wisely, otherwise he risks causing damage to the people who are entrusted to him. Jesus thus calls attention to those who have educational responsibility or who govern: spiritual pastors, public authorities, legislators, teachers, parents, exhorting them to be aware of their delicate role and to always discern the right path on which to lead people.

And Jesus borrows a wise expression in order to designate himself as an example of teacher and leader to be followed: "A disciple is not above his teacher, but every one when he is fully taught will be like his teacher" (v. 40). It is a call to follow his example and his teaching in order to be sound and wise leaders. And this teaching is included above all in the Sermon on the Mount — which, in the past three Sundays the liturgy has offered us in the Gospel — indicating the attitude of meekness and of mercy in order to be honest, humble and just people. In today's passage we find another significant phrase, which exhorts us to be neither presumptuous nor hypocritical. It says: "Why do you see the

speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?" (v. 41). So often, as we all know, it is easy or convenient to see and condemn the flaws and sins of others, without being able to see our own with such clarity. We always hide our flaws; we even hide them from ourselves; while it is easy to see the flaws of others. The temptation is to be indulgent with ourselves — lenient with ourselves — and severe with others. It is always useful to help one's neighbour with wise advice, but while we observe and correct our neighbour's flaws, we must be aware that we too have flaws. If I believe I have none, I cannot condemn or correct others. We all have flaws: everyone. We must be aware of them, and, before condemning others, we must look within ourselves. In this way we can act in a credible way, with humility, witnessing to charity.

How can we understand if our view is clear or if it is obstructed by a log? And again Jesus tells us so: "no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit; for each tree is known by its own fruit" (vv. 43-44). The fruits are actions but also words. A tree's quality can also be understood from words. Indeed, those who are good draw good from their hearts and their mouths, and those who are bad draw bad, by practicing the most damaging exercise among us, which is grumbling, gossiping, speaking ill of others. This destroys. It destroys the family, destroys school, destroys the workplace, destroys the neighbourhood. Wars begin from the tongue. Let us consider a bit this lesson of Jesus and ask ourselves the question: do I speak ill of others? Do I always seek to tarnish others? Is it easier for me to see others' flaws than my own? And let us try to correct ourselves at least a little: it will do us all good.

Let us invoke Mary's support and intercession in order to follow the Lord on this journey.

WE ARE DELIGHTED TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO CONFIRMED THE END TO RESTRICTIONS IN CHURCHES ON SEATING CAPACITY AND SOCIAL DISTANCE SEATING AS OF TUESDAY, MARCH 1ST. We will no longer require tickets for attendance to mass. Seating ushers will remain for 2 weeks as parishioners gradually return to make everyone comfortable during this transition. Parishioners are still required to sanitize upon entering and to wear a mask at all times while in the church. Thank you for your cooperation during the past two years of restrictions and we look forward to seeing everyone back! ☐ God bless!

Knights of Columbus – Next Meeting

Knights of Columbus, St John the Evangelist Council, meetings are the 1st Wednesday of each month from Sept to June. Next Meeting is Wednesday March 2, 2022 at 8PM and will be both virtual on Zoom and in person at the Knights Hall at 133 Brock St North with masking and social distancing protocols in place details to follow by member email). For further information assisting the St John’s community and becoming a Knight through our online virtual application and exemplification process taking less than an hour, contact Grand Knight Bryan Childerhouse bryan.childerhouse@rogers.com or call 416-508-9877

LENT BEGINS WEDNESDAY MARCH 2ND
ASH WEDNESDAY

Mass with Ashes at 8:20am and 7:00pm

PENANCE IN LENT

Fridays in the Lenten Season are days of penance, when small sacrifices are encouraged. Abstaining from meat on Fridays has become a customary Lenten penance for Catholics. The Canadian Bishops have recommended that this penitential practice continue among the faithful, but also stated that other acts of penance may be substituted, such as special prayers or acts of service for others.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of obligatory fasting and abstinence from meat. “The law of fasting prescribes that only one meal be taken in a day; but it does not forbid taking some nourishment in the morning and evening” (*Letters & Legislation*, Archdiocese of Toronto). The law of fasting binds those from 18 to 59 years of age, while the law of abstinence from meat binds Catholics who are 14 years of age and older, but every person, regardless of age, can participate in fasting and abstaining from meat if they wish, as long as one’s health will allow it.

Parents and educators are reminded of their duty to introduce children gradually to the understanding and practice of penance, including fasting and abstinence, in the life of Catholics. Adult example will be the greatest influence in this matter (*Guidelines for Pastoral Liturgy, 1999-2000, CCCB*).



This Lent, let’s put people and planet first

This year, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada’s *People and Planet First* campaign calls you to support our sisters and brothers in the Global South in defending their rights and the planet. Do this by:

1. **Donating** To the ShareLife Campaign in your parish. Your generosity helps support over 85 projects in 27 countries around the world!
2. **Learning more by reading the Mini-magazine** and other resources available at devp.org/lent/resources.
3. **Signing the petition** for strong laws to control Canadian corporations’ behaviour abroad at devp.org/act.

For more information, contact Estela Rios at emr0001@hotmail.com or phone 905-430-7753



Masses For The Week

Sat Feb 26 – 5pm

+Stephen Childerhouse
req. by Fred & Jacqui Shady

Mon Feb 28 – 8:20am

+Molly & The Hughes Family
req. by Maire & Patrick Fitzpatrick

Tues Mar 1 – 8:20am

+Broderick, Howard & Harrington Members
req. by Joe & Joy

ASH WEDNESDAY Mar 2 – 8:20am & 7:00pm
NO INTENTIONS

Thurs Mar 3 – 8:20am

+Vivian & Seibert Ingram
req. by Catherine Ingram

****Time Change**Fri Mar 4 – 7:00pm**

+Pat Belej
req. by Ann Belej-Corrigan & Jim Corrigan

Sat Mar 5 – 5pm

+Teresa Smid
req. by John & Helen Ecker

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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