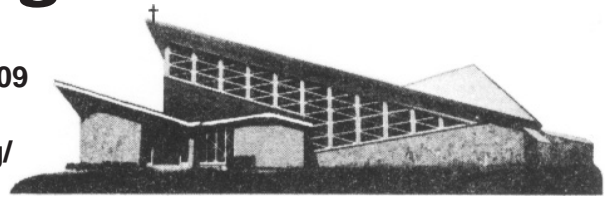


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 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Evening Reception
 Tues & Wed.
 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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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SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Message from the Pastor

Peace to all of you!

This Sunday we celebrate the Second Sunday of Lent. The First Reading, from the book of Genesis, presents the covenant that God made with Abram. He was doubting that God will give him a descendant who will live in the promised land. He thought that it was not possible, and he wanted proof to reassure him. God made a covenant with Abram reassuring him that God will indeed give him descendants and a land. As Abram did, we are called to trust and put our faith in what God can do for us even during difficult situations. We do not need to rely on our strength but in God's faithfulness and mercy. The Second Reading, from the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians, offers us the teaching on being faithful even during struggles. We all pass through hardships, and it is easy to get discouraged. However, it is essential that in those moments we rely in the Lord. In Him, we will find the strength to enter with peace in the difficult events of our daily lives. The Gospel, from St. Luke, presents the event of the Transfiguration of Christ on Mount Tabor. After Christ has predicted that He is going up to Jerusalem to suffer and to die, his disciples were afraid and lost faith. To reassure their faith, Christ transfigured Himself in front of the disciples so that they will believe that after the suffering and death, there is resurrection and new life. All of us experience at times, that during struggles it is easy not to see a way out and to realize that everything in front of us seems dark. However, Christ gives us hope saying to us that He has overcome death. He has entered our suffering, and He has opened a path of life for us. In Him, we can find hope and He gives us peace and strength to face without fear all of our sufferings. We should always remember that, when we pass thorough struggles, Christ will help us to go through them at peace. Let us give to the Lord our difficulties so that He may help us to carry them and find in Him fullness of peace!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant and your Pastor

Pope Francis' Homily on the First Sunday of Lent (March 10, 2019)

On this Second Sunday of Lent, the liturgy leads us to contemplate the event of the Transfiguration in which Jesus allows the disciples Peter, James and John a foretaste of the glory of the Resurrection: a glimpse of heaven on earth. Luke the Evangelist (cf. 9:28-36) reveals to us Jesus transfigured on the mountain, which is the place of light, a fascinating symbol of the unique experience reserved to the three disciples. They go up the mountain with the Master, they see him immersed in prayer and, at a certain point, "the appearance of his countenance was altered" (v. 29). Accustomed to seeing him daily in the simple appearance of his humanity, they are astonished as they face that new splendour that also envelops his entire body. And Moses and Elijah appear beside Jesus and speak with Him about his forthcoming "exodus", that is, of his Paschal death and Resurrection. It is a preview of Easter.

Then Peter exclaims: "Master, it is well that we are here" (v. 33). He wished that that moment of grace would never end!

The Transfiguration occurs at a precise moment in Christ's mission, that is, after he has confided to his disciples that he would have to "suffer many things, [...] be killed, and on the third day be raised" (v. 21). Jesus knows that they do not accept this reality — the reality of the Cross, the reality of Jesus' death —, and so he wants to prepare them to withstand the scandal of the passion and death on the Cross, so that they may know that this is the way through which the heavenly Father will lead his Son to glory; by raising him from the dead. And this will also be the way for the disciples: no one can reach eternal life if not by following Jesus, carrying their own cross in their earthly life. Each of us has his or her own cross. The Lord reveals to us the end of this journey which is the Resurrection, beauty: by carrying one's own cross.

Therefore, the Transfiguration of Christ shows us the Christian perspective of suffering. Suffering is not sadomasochism: it is a necessary but transitory passage. The point of arrival to which we are called is luminous like the face of Christ Transfigured: in him is salvation, beatitude, light and the boundless love of God. By revealing his glory in this way, Jesus ensures that the cross, the trials, the difficulties with which we struggle, are resolved and overcome in Easter. Thus this Lent, let us also go up the mountain with Jesus! But in what way? With prayer. Let us climb the mountain with prayer: silent prayer, heartfelt prayer, prayer that always seeks the Lord. Let us pause for some time in reflection, a little each day, let us fix our inner gaze on his countenance and let us allow his light to permeate us and shine in our life.

Indeed, Luke the Evangelist emphasizes the fact that Jesus was transfigured, "as he was praying" (v. 29). He was immersed in an intimate dialogue with the Father in which the Law and the Prophets — Moses and Elijah — also echoed; and as he adhered with his entire being to the Father's will of salvation, including the Cross, the glory of God flooded him, even shining on the outside. This is how it is, brothers and sisters: prayer in Christ and in the Holy Spirit transforms the person from the inside and can illuminate others and the surrounding world. How often have we found people who illuminate, who exude light from their eyes, who have that luminous gaze! They pray, and prayer does this: it makes us luminous with the light of the Holy Spirit.

Let us joyfully continue our Lenten journey. Let us make room for prayer and for the Word of God which the liturgy abundantly offers us these days. May the Virgin Mary teach us to abide with Christ even when we do not understand or comprehend him because only by abiding with him will we see his glory.

Capacity limits and restrictions have been lifted in the church. You are welcome to join us at any mass. No tickets or sign in are required. Please continue to wear a mask and hand sanitize. We look forward to seeing you!

Looking Ahead

Sat Mar 26

10am – 11am Altar Server Practice in church

Tues Mar 29 – Day of Confession

Sun Apr 3 – Evening of Reconciliation, several priests available

MARCH 13, 2022



Live the Gospel by supporting ShareLife ShareLife Sunday is March 27th. Our parish goal for this year's campaign is [insert goal amount]. This year, we are encouraging you to make your donation online via the parish website or at sharelife.org.

Monthly Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) is a convenient way to spread your ShareLife contribution throughout the year. Simply fill out the form on a ShareLife pew envelope, include a void cheque, and then give it to the parish office or drop it in the offertory basket at any time. Contact ShareLife at slife@archtoronto.org or 416-934-3411 if you have any questions.



Masses For The Week

Sat Mar 12 – 5pm

+Brian McMonagle

req. by Kathie Steffler & Linda Calder

Mon Mar 14 – 8:20am

+Fred vanRoos

req. by Peter & Aleida vanRoos

Tues Mar 15 – 8:20am

+Sharon Ladouceur

req. by Gail McMonagle

WEDNESDAY Mar 16 – 7:00pm

+Humberto Schenflede

req. by His Wife & Family

+Sharon Ladouceur

req. by Mary Louise LaBarre & Ken Reilly & Family

+Mary Burgess

req. by Mary Louise LaBarre & Ken Reilly & Family

+Agnes Michalski

req. by Maureen LaBarre

+Deceased Members of the Overall & McGuirk Families

req. by Rose McCloskey

Thurs Mar 17 – 8:20am

+Betty Bucking

req. by Shirley & Mark Harris

Fri Mar 18 – 7:00pm

+Sharon Ladouceur

req. by the Newman Family

Sat Mar 12 – 5pm

+Lynn Fry

req. by Chris & John Stafford

Tabernacle candle Intention for Gerard's birthday
March 13-19, 2022, req. by Mary

St. John Prayer Group

Mar 16 Part 1 A Catholic Mission, hosted by Fr. Fitzpatrick with a teaching on Faith & Trust by Fr. Ron Rolheizer

Mar 23 Part 2 A Catholic Mission – Remembering by Fr. Anthony Grittims

Mar 30 Women of the Bible

Apr 6 A Journey to Remember, The Way of the Cross



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

Mar 18

St. Alphonsus

Mar 25

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As violence spreads across Ukraine, we pray that world leaders may focus on the good of all people by advancing peace, rather than descending further into war. May God comfort the Ukrainian people who are suffering, distressed and grieving, and may he welcome the faithful departed into his kingdom.

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