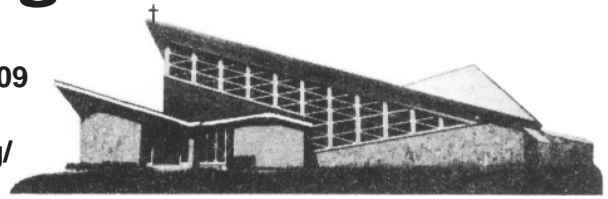


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## Pastoral Team

Rev. Francisco Fernandez Siles Pastor  
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## Support Staff

Mr. Francisco Perez Caretaker  
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 Mrs. Sue McGee Bookkeeper  
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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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Parish Prayer Group	Klara Bari	905-668-9579
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## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

### Message from the Pastor

Peace to all of you!

This Sunday we celebrate the Third Sunday of Lent. The First Reading, from the book of Exodus, presents the God's manifestation to Moses at the burning bush. God is concerned with the oppression of the Israelites in Egypt, and He is going to free them from slavery. God chooses Moses to be the instrument of God's liberating act. God is the One who acts powerfully in people's lives. The slavery in Egypt is an image of the slavery to sin. All throughout our lives, but especially during this time of Lent, God wants to free us from our sins. Moreover, He wants to transform our hearts so that we may receive a new life filled with His grace. He is the only One who can overcome our sins. The Second Reading, from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians, offers us how St. Paul uses the example of the journey of the people of Israel through the desert so that the community of believers learn from that experience. During the pilgrimage through the wilderness, the people complain against God, and they doubted Him even though they have experienced His marvels. We, as the Corinthians, are called to follow God's plan of salvation with an open and grateful heart. God wants what is good for us. The Gospel, from St. Luke, presents the teaching of Jesus on the need for repentance. When He is asked about why calamities happened at that time, Jesus answers that it is not because they needed to be punished, but it is a call for us to turn back to God. During calamities in the world and the reality of war, it is a call for us to take seriously our lives and open our hearts to the Lord. We do not do it out of fear, but we see how fragile our life is and how we need to put our security and trust in God. Jesus also offers us an image of God's patience with us. When our hearts are hardened, we do not produce fruits of mercy and love. God gives us an opportunity to repent and accept His grace so that our hearts may produce fruits of love in our lives. Let us open our hearts to God's tender mercy so that we can love as He has loved us!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant and your Pastor

### Pope Francis' Homily on the Third Sunday of Lent (March 24, 2019)

And this vinedresser's likeness manifests the mercy of God who leaves us time for conversion. We all need to convert ourselves, to take a step forward; and God's patience and mercy accompanies us in this. Despite the barrenness that marks our lives at times, God is patient and offers us the possibility to change and make progress on the path towards good. However, the deferment requested and received in expectation of the tree bearing fruit also indicates the urgency of conversion. The vinedresser tells the master: "Let it alone, sir, this year also" (v. 8). The

possibility of conversion is not unlimited; thus, it is necessary to seize it immediately; otherwise, it might be lost forever. This Lent, we can consider: what do I have to do to draw nearer to the Lord, to convert myself, to "cut out" those things that are not good? "No, no, I will wait for next Lent". But will I be alive next Lent? Today, let us each think: what must I do before this mercy of God who awaits me and who always forgives? What must I do? We can have great trust in God's mercy but without abusing it. We must not justify spiritual laziness but increase our commitment to respond promptly to this mercy with heartfelt sincerity.

During the time of Lent, the Lord invites us to convert. Each of us must feel addressed by this call, and correct something in our lives, in our way of thinking, of behaving and of living our relationships with others. At the same time, we must imitate the patience of God who trusts in everyone's ability to "rise again" and to continue the journey. God is Father and does not extinguish the weak flame, but rather, accompanies and cares for those who are weak so that they may gain strength and bring their contribution of love to the community. May the Virgin Mary help us to live these days of preparation for Easter as a time of spiritual renewal and trusting openness to the grace of God and his mercy.

#### **OFFERTORY ENVELOPES NOT IDENTIFIED**

***Are you holding envelope number 75 or 246? If so, please contact Vicki as soon as possible.  
(905) 668-3676.***



#### **Standing up to corporate power in Honduras**

The *People and Planet First* campaign is about helping communities stand up to corporate power.

In Honduras, as in much of the Global South, corporations often threaten and criminalize activists who speak up against their abuses.

The Lenca Indigenous leader Víctor Vásquez was imprisoned for fighting the corporate takeover of his people's ancestral territory. Development and Peace's partner, the Honduran Centre for the Promotion of Community Development (CEHPRODEC), helped free him from jail.

Another partner, Caritas Choluteca, trains and accompanies community leaders in advocating for policies that respect human rights and the environment. Recently, they got mayoral election candidates to undertake to declare the municipality of Orocuina a mining-free zone if elected. Read more about these people's victories in our Mini-magazine at [devp.org/lent/resources](http://devp.org/lent/resources)

## MARCH 20, 2022

For more information:

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### Masses For The Week

**Sat Mar 19 – 5pm**

**+Lynn Fry**

*req. by Chris & John Stafford*

**Mon Mar 21 – 8:20am**

**+Sharon Ladouceur**

*req. by Mark & Shirley Harris*

**Tues Mar 22 – 8:20am**

**+Andrew Marioselva**

*req. by Christine Marioselva*

**Wed Mar 23 – 7:00pm**

**+Brian McMonagle**

*req. by The Newman Family*

**+Sharon Ladouceur**

*req. by Doreen Kapuscinski*

**Int. for Owen Cairns**

*req. by Myra Brignole & Catherine Woodward*

**+Lito Torres**

*req. by The Torres Family*

**Int. for Ryan Thomson**

*req. by Kano Foundation Kids*

**Thurs Mar 24 – 8:20am**

**+Tim Feeney**

*req. by Gail McMonagle*

**Fri Mar 25 – 7:00pm**

**+Sharon Ladouceur**

*req. by St John the Evangelist Parish Staff*

**Sat Mar 26 – 5pm**

**+Brian Hamill**

*req. by Mary Kristiansen*



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

Mar 25	Mary's Way of the Cross
Apr 1	Development & Peace
Apr 8	Family Centered Way of the Cross

### PRAYER FOR PEACE

*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. We pray to the Lord.*



### Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Over the past two years during the pandemic, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul have been serving neighbours in need with gift cards by mail. Due to the generosity of our donors, we were able to increase the amounts given to offset the value of non-perishable food that we were unable to deliver as usual. Much of the non-perishable food was donated to other food banks and churches in the area still operating. As with the reopening, we will be returning to in person delivery of non-perishable food and gift cards beginning in May 2022. The SSVDP donation bin will now be available in the church foyer once again, gratefully accepting non-perishable food. Please check the expiry dates before making your donation. Items such as canned fruit and vegetables, peanut butter, cereal and canned meat and fish are especially in need at this time. Thank you for your generous support!

### St. John Prayer Group

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

### **New Ministry Members Needed!**

**Attention students grades 3 and up. We are in need of new altar servers. Training provided.**

**New Ministers are needed to bring communion to residents at Fairview Lodge and Taunton Mills after the 9am mass on Sundays. Teams are scheduled on a rotating basis.**

**We are looking for more adult funeral altar servers.**

**All of these ministries are important for the life of the parish. Call the office (905) 668-3676**

## **ShareLife**

**2022 Parish Goal \$137,000**

**We collected \$133,645 in the 2021 campaign.**

**Thank you for your support!**

Your helping hand is the answer. After two years of crisis, our communities need hope and healing. That hope can be found in you – the “hands and feet of Christ” making possible the life-changing work of ShareLife agencies.

Vulnerable people are turning to these agencies for support more than ever. And the problems are many, ranging from mental illness, to poverty, addiction and isolation.

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**March 27 is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.**

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