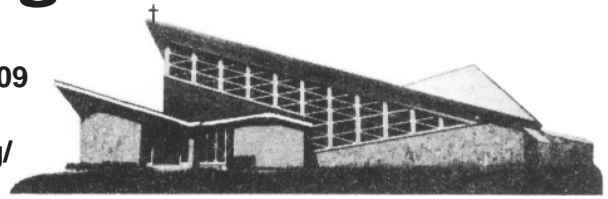


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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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 Sudays 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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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



From the Pastor's Desk

Peace to all of you!

This Sunday we celebrate the Fifth Sunday of Lent. The First Reading, from the book of the prophet Isaiah, gives us a hopeful message telling us that God is about to renew and transform his people. Even though the people of Israel were discouraged because they did not experience a transformation in their lives, God calls them to trust in Him, He will certainly bring about a renewal in their lives. We are also called to put our trust in the Lord since He is going to transform us and renew us no matter how desperate we feel. Let us lift our eyes to the Lord and rely in Him so that we can find peace and consolation in Him. The Second Reading, from the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians, offers us how St. Paul is focused and looks towards the future resurrection. Whatever he has done during his ministry, has always been with hope and going forward. We are all called to look with hope at the future, knowing that what God has in store for us is new life. It is easy to look back and to get discouraged in our lives, but God will help us to focus on the amazing gifts that the Lord is about to give us. Easter is approaching and the Lord wants that we wait with expectancy at the transformation that the Lord is going to do in our lives. The Gospel, from St. John, presents the episode of Jesus with the adulterous woman. This lady is caught committing a sin and the Pharisees want to condemn her, but Christ advocates for her and she is forgiven all her sins. In front of our sins, Christ is always ready to forgive us if we recognize what we have done and repent. It is amazing to have somebody who forgives us all the time and who restores our lives. Sometimes we feel ashamed of what we have done but let us not be afraid of coming to Jesus and receive his unconditional love! Today we have several priests coming to listen to our confessions at 7pm. Come and experience God's mercy!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant and your Pastor

Pope Francis' Homily on the Fifth Sunday of Lent (March 13, 2016)

The Gospel of this Fifth Sunday of Lent (cf. Jn 8:1-11) is so beautiful, I really enjoy reading and rereading it. It presents the episode of the adulterous woman,

highlighting the theme of the mercy of God, who never wants the sinner to die, but that the sinner convert and live. The scene unfolds on the Temple grounds. Imagine that there on the parvis of St Peter's Basilica, Jesus is teaching the people, when several scribes and Pharisees arrive, dragging before him a woman caught in adultery. That woman is thus placed between Jesus and the crowd (cf. v. 3), between the mercy of the Son of God and the violence and anger of her accusers. In fact, they did not come to the Teacher to ask his opinion — they were bad people — but to ensnare him. Indeed, were Jesus to follow the stringent law, approving that the woman be stoned, he would lose his reputation of meekness and goodness which so fascinated the people; however, were he to be merciful, he would be flouting the law, which he himself said he did not wish to abolish but fulfil (cf. Mt 5:17). This is the situation Jesus is placed in.

This wicked intention was hidden behind the question that they asked Jesus: "What do you say about her?" (Jn 8:5). Jesus did not respond; he kept silent and made a mysterious gesture: he "bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground" (v. 7). Perhaps he was drawing, some said that he wrote down the sins of the Pharisees... however, he was writing, as if he were elsewhere. In this way he helped everyone to calm down, not to act on the wave of impulsiveness, and to seek the justice of God. But those wicked men persisted and waited for him to answer. They seemed to thirst for blood. Then Jesus looked up and said: "Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her" (v. 7). This response confounded the accusers, disarming all of them in the true sense of the word: they all lay down their "weapons", that is, the stones ready to be thrown, both the visible ones against the woman and those concealed against Jesus. While the Lord continued to write on the ground, to draw, I don't know.... The accusers went away, one after the other, heads down, beginning with the eldest, most aware of not being without sin. How much good it does us to be aware that we too are sinners! When we speak ill of others — something we know well — how much good it will do us to have the courage to drop down the stones we have to throw at others, and to think a little about our own sins!

Only the woman and Jesus remained: misery and mercy. How often does this happen to us when we stop before the confessional, with shame, to show our misery and ask for forgiveness! "Woman, where are they?" (v. 10), Jesus said to her. This question is enough, and his merciful gaze, full of love, in order to let that person feel — perhaps for the first time — that she has dignity, that she is not her sin, she has personal dignity; that she can change her life, she can emerge from her slavery and walk on a new path.

Dear brothers and sisters, that woman represents all of us. We are sinners, meaning adulterers before God, betrayers of his fidelity. Her experience represents God's will for each of us: not our condemnation but our salvation through Jesus. He is the grace which saves from sin and from death. On the ground, in the dust of which every human being is made (Gen 2:7), he wrote God's sentence: "I want not that you die but that you live". God does not nail us to our sin, he does not identify us by the evil we have committed. We have a name, and God does not identify this name with the sin we have committed. He wants to free us, and wants that we too want it together with him. He wants us to be free to convert from evil to good, and this is possible — it is possible! — with his grace.

May the Virgin Mary help us to entrust ourselves completely to God's mercy, in order to become new creatures.

Banns for Ordination

Rev. Mr. Peter David LUKOW

is to be ordained to the Sacred Order of
Presbyter for the Diocese of
Peterborough on May 27, 2022 at

St. Peter-in-Chains Cathedral,
Peterborough, ON

Please remember him in your prayers.

Canon Law obliges Catholics to reveal
any impediment to sacred orders to the
Bishop or Pastor.

APRIL 3, 2022



This Lent, give from the heart
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Masses For The Week

Sat Apr 2 – 5pm

+Brian McMonagle

req. by Tiny Sorrichetti

Mon Apr 4 – 8:20am

+Arnaldo D'Aurelio

req. by Carl & Carolyn Crechiolo & Family

Tues Apr 5 – 8:20am

+Shirley Evans

req. by Catherine Ingram

Wed Apr 6 – 7:00pm

+Domenic Borg

req. by Rita & Saviour

+Deceased Members of the Bonello Family

req. by Rita & Saviour

+Olwen Watson

req. by Mary-Louise LaBarre & Ken Reilly

+Ed Roche

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+Rita McMahan

req. by Doreen Kapuscinski

Thurs Apr 7 – 8:20am

+Martin Doleweerd

req. by His Wife & Family

Fri Apr 8 – 7:00pm

+Deceased Members of the Harrington, Broderick & McClennan Families

req. by Joe & Joy



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

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.

Reconciliation Evening Service
Sunday April 3, 2022 at 7pm in the church

Several priests available

Knights of Columbus Meeting
Wed April 6, 2022 @8pm
Knights Hall 133 Brock St. N

New Ministry Members Needed!

Altar Servers needed, grades 3 and up.

Ministers of Communion for residents at Fairview Lodge and Taunton Mills after the 9am mass on Sundays. Teams are scheduled on a rotating basis.

We are also 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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

TOTUS TUUS July 3 - 8, 2022

Totus Tuus will be returning to the parish this summer and will run Sunday, July 3rd to Friday July 8th. The Evening Program runs Sunday through to Thursday and is for students entering Grades 7-12. The Day Program runs Monday to Friday and is for students entering Grades 1-6. Please save the date as more information will be coming in the following weeks. Anybody interested in learning more can contact

Breandán McCallister at

bmccallister@archtoronto.org."

ShareLife
ShareLife agencies serve everyone

Today's Gospel shares the parable of the woman accused of adultery, a message of Our Lord's great love, forgiveness and respect for all people.

Likewise, ShareLife agencies are there to support the most vulnerable and marginalized members of our communities. ShareLife-funded social service agencies have an 'open intake policy' and provide help based on need—not on religion, lifestyle, gender or ethnicity.

With last week's ShareLife collection, our parishioners have contributed \$13,032 toward our goal of \$137,000. Thank you for supporting ShareLife!

Durham Catholic District School Board
The Importance of Accurate Catholic Voter Lists

The upcoming year will be a busy one for Ontarian voters, with the Ontario Provincial Election and Municipal and School Board Elections happening just a few months apart.

The voice and vote of Catholic ratepayers is important to the future of our Catholic schools. To vote for Catholic trustees, our Catholic District School Board ratepayers must be registered as separate school supporters.

To make the process of verifying support easier for voters, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) has created voterlookup.ca.

Through voterlookup.ca, all Ontario residents can check to ensure that their information is accurately reflected on MPAC's Preliminary List of Electors for the municipal and school board elections.

Visit voterlookup.ca to confirm information and follow the easy steps published on the website to make any necessary updates and corrections. Only separate school supporters can vote for Catholic trustees.

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