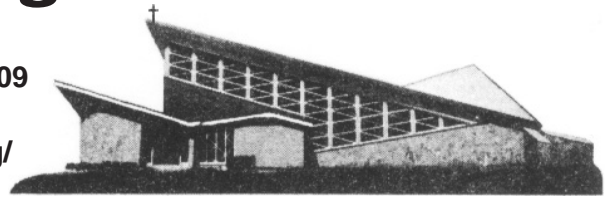


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## Pastoral Team

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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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## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

### Message from the Pastor

Peace to all of you!

This Sunday we celebrate the Third Sunday of Easter. The First Reading, from the Book of the Acts of Apostles, presents how the apostles went about with zeal preaching the Good News despite persecutions. We saw last week how the apostles were afraid and in closed doors, but after they received the power of the Holy Spirit, they were courageous witnesses of the Resurrection of Christ. Even though we all experience disappointment and discouragement, the Spirit of the Risen Christ always comes to encourage us and to give us hope. We need to rely in the power and grace of the Holy Spirit in our lives. The Second Reading, from the Book of Revelation, shows the image of a slaughtered Lamb who is alive and who has conquered death and sin. Jesus is the Lamb of God who through His Death and Resurrection has redeemed us and offers us salvation and new life. We all need to praise the Lord for His mercy and for giving us opportunity to share in the mystery of redemption. Let us welcome the redeeming blood of Christ in our lives so that we may find new life in Him. The Gospel, from St. John, gives us the account of the Appearance of the Risen Lord to his disciples at the Sea of Galilee. After the Resurrection, the apostles have gone back to their previous life as if nothing has changed for them. In that situation of discouragement, they encountered the Risen Christ, and they get a great catch of fish. They experience that the Risen can provide and to take them out of their hopelessness. Simon Peter is given the charge to shepherd the faithful in Christ's name. Let us all experience the power of the Risen Christ who can bring out life from our fears and discouragements!

During the month of May, we are starting the month of the Rosary. I encourage everyone to pray everyday the Rosary, especially as a family, and to find strength and peace in our daily lives. The Virgin Mary will bring us closer to Jesus and to put our hopes in Him!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant and your Pastor

### Pope Francis' Homily on the Divine Mercy Sunday (April 28, 2019)

The entire episode we have just heard, drawn from the final pages of the Gospels,

helps us immerse ourselves in this joy that the Lord asks us to spread. It does so by reminding us of three amazing things that are part of our lives as disciples: God calls, God surprises, God loves.

God calls. Everything takes place on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, where Jesus first called Peter. He had called him to leave behind his trade as a fisher in order to become a fisher of men (cf. Lk 5:4-11). Now, after all that had happened to him, after the experience of seeing the Master die and hearing news of his resurrection, Peter goes back to his former life. He tells the others disciples, "I am going fishing". And they follow suit: "We will go with you" (Jn 21:3). They seem to take a step backwards; Peter takes up the nets he had left behind for Jesus. The weight of suffering, disappointment, and of betrayal had become like a stone blocking the hearts of the disciples. They were still burdened with pain and guilt, and the good news of the resurrection had not taken root in their hearts.

The Lord knows what a strong temptation it is for us to return to the way things were before. In the Bible, Peter's nets, like the fleshpots of Egypt, are a symbol of a tempting nostalgia for the past, of wanting to take back what we had decided to leave behind. In the face of failure, hurt, or even the fact that at times things do not go the way we want, there always comes a subtle and dangerous temptation to become disheartened and to give up. This is the tomb psychology that tinges everything with dejection and leads us to indulge in a soothing sense of self-pity that, like a moth, eats away at all our hope. Then the worst thing that can happen to any community begins to appear – the grim pragmatism of a life in which everything appears to proceed normally, while in reality faith is wearing down and degenerating into small-mindedness (cf. Evangelii Gaudium, 83).

But it was at the very moment of Peter's failure that Jesus appears, starts over, patiently comes to him and calls him "Simon" (v. 15) – the name Peter received when he was first called. The Lord does not wait for perfect situations or frames of mind: he creates them. He does not expect to encounter people without problems, disappointments, without sins or limitations. He himself confronted sin and disappointment in order to encourage all men and women to persevere. Brothers and

sisters, the Lord never tires of calling us. His is the power of a Love that overturns every expectation and is always ready to start anew.

### **20<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraising Dinner Redemptorist Mater Missionary Seminary**

**Friday, June 10, 2022**

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### Masses For The Week

**Sat Apr 30 – 5:00pm**

**+Paula Otani**

*req. by Her Mom & Sisters*

**Mon May 2 – 8:20am**

**+Joan Macina**

*req. by Bernadette LaBarre Dumigan*

**Tues May 3 – 8:20am**

**+Michael Lawson**

*req. by His Family*

**Wed May 4 – 7:00pm**

**+Sharon Ladouceur**

*req. by Rose & Tony Tyms*

**+Arnaldo D'Aurelio**

*req. by Mary Louise LaBarre & Ken Reilly &  
Family*

**+ Stewart Hamilton**

*req. by Len Ladouceur*

**+Edith Power**

*req. by Clare Dashney*

**+Stewart Hamilton**

*req. by Mary Louise LaBarre & Ken Reilly &  
Family*

**Thurs May 5 – 8:20am**

**+The Baird Family**

*req. by Kathy Webb*

**Fri May 6 – 8:20am**

**+Mark Gibbons & +Kevin Sheerin**

*req. by Alice Deehan*

MAY 1, 2022

**First Friday Adoration 1 hour following mass**

Sat May 7 – 5:00pm

+Deceased Mbrs of the Harrington, Broderick & McClennan Families  
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**St. Vincent de Paul  
BUNDLE WEEKEND  
May 14/15 2022**

Our Bundle Weekend

Collection to serve neighbours in need living in the Durham community will be over the weekend of May 14/15 in our parish parking lot. We are collecting gently used/new clothing, linens, towels, bedding, textiles, drapery, shoes.

We CANNOT accept furniture, appliances, mattresses, used baby equipment, books, dishes, construction material or video tapes. **Please bring your items to the truck after mass Saturday at 5pm, Sunday 9am or 11am, 2pm. A member of the conference will assist you with your donation.** Thank you!

**ShareLife**

**This weekend is ShareLife Sunday**

“ShareLife is the way the rubber hits the road. This is how we validate the legitimacy and integrity of our Christian life: not by the words we speak, but by the love we share, in practical ways. That’s what we do with ShareLife.” – Cardinal Thomas Collins

Thus far we have raised \$37,191 toward our goal of \$137,000. Please give generously during the ShareLife Sunday collection or at [sharelife.org](http://sharelife.org).

**SENIOR’S RETREAT  
Thursday May 26, 2022  
10 am-3 pm**

Manresa Retreat House, Pickering  
With Father Henk van Meijel S.J.  
Registration After Masses  
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**Marygrove Camp** is a residential camp situated on Georgian Bay, near Penetang, Ontario. Open to eligible girls ages 5 – 13, Marygrove provides a week-long camping experience for girls who may not otherwise have the opportunity to enjoy a camping adventure. Sessions run July 8 until August 15<sup>th</sup>. Families who are experiencing financial or domestic hardship may contact the Society to determine their eligibility 905-430-6734.

**Camp Ozanam** is a residential camp situated at a Scouts Canada campsite in Stouffville, Ontario. Open to eligible boys ages 7 – 12, Camp Ozanam provides a week-long camping experience, for boys who may not otherwise have the opportunity to enjoy a camping adventure. Sessions run from July 20 until August 12<sup>th</sup>. Families who are experiencing financial or domestic hardship may contact the Society to determine their eligibility 905-430-6734.

**Both Marygrove and Ozanam require a valid Ontario Health Card and two vaccination shots for all campers. No exceptions!**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!  
TOTUS TUUS July 3 – 8, 2022**

Totus Tuus will be returning to the parish this summer and will run Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> to Friday July 8<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:bmccallister@archtoronto.org).

The Knights of Columbus next meeting is Wednesday May 4, 2022 at 8PM at the Knights of Columbus Hall at 133 Brock St North and on Zoom (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](mailto:bryan.childerhouse@rogers.com) or call 416-508-9877

**Feed the Hungry Program**

Our casserole program will resume on May 7/8.

Pans, lids and recipes with all the required information will be available on a table in front foyer of the church at all masses on the first full Saturday and Sunday of each month.

Here is how the program works:

1. Take a pan with labeled lid from the centre table in the church foyer.
2. Prepare the recipe, then freeze and return the frozen casserole the following Saturday to the parish centre parking lot between 1pm and 1:30 pm
3. Volunteers will be waiting to deliver your casseroles to Durham Outlook for the Needy who provide meals for the many patrons who come in to their Kitchen on a daily basis

Home Communion Ministry

We are desperately in need of new teams to serve Communion to the homebound in our parish. Teams of two are partnered and visit on scheduled Sundays after the 9am mass. Please call the office to inquire. (905) 668-3676



Bible Study  
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