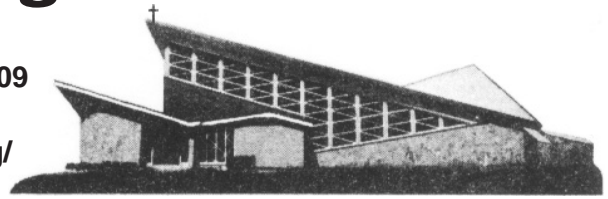


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 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Evening Reception
 Tues & Wed.
 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Message from the Pastor

Peace to all of you!

This Sunday we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Easter. In the First Reading, from the Book of the Acts of Apostles presents how Paul and Barnabas went about preaching the Good News to the people. Since they were Jews, they went first to the synagogues. However, the Jewish officials rejected their teachings, and it is then, that they started preaching to the Gentiles. They welcomed with an open heart the word of salvation that was proclaimed to them. We are also privileged to come every Sunday to mass and to listen to the Good News of our salvation. This word of life certainly can bring peace and hope to our everyday lives. The Second Reading, from the Book of Revelation, shows the image of a great multitude of people who are called to share in the new life that the Lamb of God has conquered for them. Through the Blood of Christ, their lives have been transformed and they receive fullness of life. At every Eucharist, we are called to share in the Death and Resurrection of Christ. At every mass we have the wonderful gift of being renewed and transformed in the Lord. Let us be grateful for this wonderful sacrament by which we are constantly strengthened. The Gospel from St. John, gives us the last part of the Discourse on the Good Shepherd. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who guides us and bring us to fulness of life. We need to listen to His voice and in Him we will find consolation, peace, and courage. Sometimes, it is not easy to listen to his voice, especially when we face struggles, and discouragement. Hopelessness seems to kick in, however, Christ always comes with mercy to lift us up and to give us hope. Let us have an attentive listening to the merciful Word of God who gives us abundant life!



I would like to thank and congratulate all the mothers of the parish for all that you continually do for your children. Our parish and society are much better thanks to your constant and faithful love. May God bless you and fill you with His peace!

This Sunday is also **Vocations Sunday**. Let us ask the Lord that He may inspire young people to follow Him as priests, deacons, religious, and consecrated people. Let us also ask the Lord that young people would like to get married in the Church and invite Christ into their relationship!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant and your Pastor

Pope Francis' Homily on the Fourth Sunday of Easter (May 12, 2019)

In today's Gospel passage (cf. Jn 10:27-30) Jesus is presented to us as *the true Shepherd* of the People of God. He speaks about the relationship that binds him to the sheep of the flock, namely, to his disciples, and he emphasizes the fact that it is a relationship of mutual recognition. "My sheep" — he says — "hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me; and I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish" (vv. 27-28). In carefully reading this phrase, we see that Jesus' work is explained in several actions: *Jesus speaks*; *Jesus knows*; *Jesus gives eternal life*; *Jesus safeguards*.

The Good Shepherd — Jesus — is attentive to each one of us; he seeks us and loves us, addresses his Word to us, knowing the

depths of our heart, our desires and our hopes, as well as our failures and disappointments. He accepts us and loves us as we are, with our merits and our faults. He "gives eternal life" to each one of us: that is, he offers us the opportunity to live a full life, without end. Moreover, he safeguards us and leads us lovingly, helping us to cross impervious paths and the sometimes dangerous roads that appear in life.

The verbs and actions that describe the way in which Jesus, the Good Shepherd, interacts with us correspond to the verbs that relate to the sheep, namely us: "*hear my voice*", "*follow me*". They are actions that show how we must correspond to the tender and caring attitudes of the Lord. Indeed, hearing and recognizing his voice, implies intimacy with him, which is strengthened in prayer, in the heart-to-heart encounter with the divine Master and Shepherd of our souls. This intimacy with Jesus, this openness, speaking with Jesus, reinforces in us the desire to follow him, by emerging from the labyrinth of errant ways, abandoning selfish behaviour in order to set out on new paths of fraternity and of self-giving, in imitation of him.

Let us not forget that Jesus is the only Shepherd who speaks to us, knows us, gives us eternal life and safeguards us. We are the only flock and we only have to strive to hear his voice, while he lovingly examines the sincerity of our hearts. And from this constant intimacy with our Shepherd, from this colloquy with him, springs the joy of following him, allowing ourselves to be led to the fullness of eternal life.

Let us now turn to Mary, Mother of Christ the Good Shepherd. May she, who readily responded to God's call, help in particular those who are called to the priesthood and to consecrated life to joyfully and willingly accept Christ's call to be his more direct coworkers in proclaiming the Gospel and at the service of the Kingdom of God in this age of ours.

20th Annual Fundraising Dinner Redemptorist Mater Missionary Seminary Friday, June 10, 2022

Antipasto Bar & cocktails from 6p.m.;
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The event includes entertainment and open bar
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Masses For The Week

Sat May 7 – 5:00pm

**+Deceased Mbrs of the Harrington, Broderick & McClennan
Families**
req. by Joe & Joy

Mon May 9 – 8:20am

+Phyllis Margaret Fitz-Charles Netto
req. by Her Family

MAY 8, 2022

Tues May 10 – 8:20am

+Helen MacDonald
req. by Bill & Estela Rios

Wed May 11 – 7:00pm

+Stewart Hamilton
req. by Nicky Scott & Family
+Girle Ryan
req. by Patricia Ferrari & Family
+Sharon Ladouceur
req. by Dave & Mary Chown

Thurs May 12 – 8:20am

+Hannah & Francis Doran
req. by Their Family

Fri May 13 – 8:20am

+Rosa Olmedo
req. by America Vasconez

Sat May 7 – 5:00pm

+Deceased Mbrs of the Struna Family
req. by Anne & Peter Struna & Family

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Thursday May 26, 2022
10 am-3 pm

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Special Collection
Pope's Pastoral Works
May 21/22, 2022

A disastrous flood or earthquake strikes a nation at the other end of the world. Immediately many countries rush in food, medicine, blankets, money and trained people. Prominent among such aid is the financial help offered by the Holy Father to people in need. The annual Pope's Pastoral Works collection makes these funds available for distribution. In the name of Catholics everywhere, he displays Christ's love and compassion for those who suffer.



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!**

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 15th. 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 12th. 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!

Special Collection for Marygrove Camp June 11/12

The Marygrove camp collection supports girls from less fortunate families to attend a week-long summer camp. Your support is greatly appreciated!

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.

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