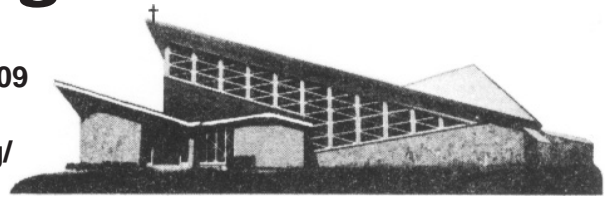


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## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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 EASTER

### Message from the Pastor

Peace to all of you!

This Sunday we celebrate the Fifth Sunday of Easter. The First Reading, from the Book of the Acts of Apostles, presents how Paul and Barnabas proclaimed the Good News of salvation through different cities. They went around encouraging the communities to be faithful and steadfast in their faith. Through God's grace, more and more people believed in the preaching of the apostles and opened their hearts to the Lord. It is essential for us that we listen to the Good News of the Death and Resurrection of Christ on a regular basis. It will fill us with hope, courage, and strength during our struggles. The Second Reading, from the Book of Revelation, shows the image of the New Jerusalem to which all have been called to share. Through the Death and Resurrection of Christ, we have now access to Heaven, we are all sharers of the heavenly life. God will dwell among us, and we will make us participants of the victory over sin and death. We can already experience the first fruits of heaven in our lives when we live in unity and when we experience how God delivers from our sins. How abundant and rich is the life to which God calls us to share. The Gospel, from St. John, gives us a discourse of Jesus during the Last Supper. Jesus Christ offers His life for us out of love for us. Christ loves us unconditionally and when we receive His love, we can love others in the same way that He has loved us. What a gift that, with God's grace, we are given the possibility to love others without measure. All of us realize that our love is limited, that we can love until a certain point. However, Christ gives us the chance to love unconditionally, with no limit. This is something that will fill us with abundant life and will also fill the others with peace and joy. Let us open our hearts to the love of Christ so that He may bring us to love others unconditionally!

***Let us offer our prayers to the Lord for the new four priests of our Archdiocese: Fr. Alex D'Silva, Fr. Eduardo Lopez Lopez, Fr. Adam Pantaleo, and Fr. Fraser McLaren***

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant and your Pastor

### Pope Francis' Homily on the Fifth Sunday of Easter (May 19, 2019)

Today's Gospel takes us to the upper room for us hear some the words that Jesus spoke to his disciples in His "Farewell Address" before his passion. After washing the feet of the Twelve, He tells them: "I give you a new commandment: "Love one another, you must love one another just as I have loved you", (Jn 13.34). But in what sense is Jesus calling this commandment new? Because we know that already in the Old Testament God had commanded his people to love their neighbour as they loved themselves (cf. Lev 19.18). Jesus himself, when asked about the greatest commandment of the law, replied that the first is to love God with all their heart and the second to love one's neighbour as oneself (cf. Mt -39 22.38).

So, what is the novelty of this commandment that Jesus entrusts to his disciples? Why call it a new commandment? The old commandment of love has become new because it has been completed with this addition: "as I have loved you", "love one another as I have loved you." The novelty lies in the love of Jesus Christ, the love with which He gave up his life for us. This is about God's universal love, which is without conditions and without limits, which finds its apex on the cross. In that moment of extreme abasement of self, and abandonment to the Father, the Son of God has shown and given to the world the fullness of love. Thinking back to the passion and Christ's agony, the disciples understood the meaning of those words: "as I have loved you, so you too must love one another."

Jesus loved us first, He loved us in spite of our frailties, our limitations and our human weaknesses. It was He who ensured that we might become worthy of his love that knows no limits and never ends. Giving us the new commandment, He asks us to love one another not only with our love, but with His love, that the Holy Spirit instills in our hearts if we invoke him with faith. In this way – and only then – can we love each other not only as we love ourselves, but as He loves us, that is immensely more. God loves us far more than we love ourselves. And so, we can spread the seed of love that renews relationships between people and opens

horizons of love. Jesus always open horizons of hope, His love open horizons of hope. This love makes us new men, brothers and sisters in the Lord, and makes us the new people of God, that is, the Church, in which all are called to love Christ and in Him to love one another.

Love to which we are called to live as manifested in the cross of Christ is the only force that transforms our hearts of stone into hearts of flesh; the only force capable of transforming our heart is the love of Jesus, if we too love with this love. This love makes us capable of loving our enemies and forgiving those who have offended. I will ask you a question, that each of you must answer in their heart. Am I able to love my enemies? All of us have people, maybe they are people that are not enemies, but are people that we don't get along with, or we have people who have offended us; we are capable of loving these people. That man or woman who has wounded me, and offended me. I am capable of forgiving them. I invite each one of you to respond in your hearts. The love of Jesus makes the other person a current or future member of the community of Jesus' friends. This love stimulates us to dialog and helps us to listen to each other and know each other. Love opens us to the other and becomes the basis of human relationships. It enables us to overcome weaknesses and prejudices. The love of Jesus in us creates bridges, teaches new ways, and triggers the dynamism of fraternity. May the Virgin Mary help us, with her maternal intercession, to welcome her son Jesus for the gift of his commandment, and from the Holy Spirit the strength to practice it in everyday life.

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

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MAY 15, 2022



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*req. by Anne & Peter & Family*

Mon May 16 – 8:20am

Ordination to Holy Priesthood of Rev. Alex D'Silva

*req. by Tim & Luz Sharp*

Tues May 17 – 8:20am

+Susan & Hannah Doran

*req. by Their Family*

Wed May 18 – 7:00pm

+Mary McKenna

*req. by The Burke Family*

+Julien Aubin

*req. by Martine Aubin*

+Deceased Members of the Roy Family

*req. by Martine Aubin*

+Deceased Members of the Aubin Family

*req. by Martine Aubin*

Thurs May 19 – 8:20am

+Deceased Mbrs of the Broderick, Howard & Harrington Families

*req. by Joe & Joy*

Fri May 20 – 8:20am

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*req. by*

Sat May 21 – 5:00pm

+Greg Steffler

*req. by Kathie Steffler*

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May 21/22, 2022

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**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!**

**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!**

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### **TOTUS TUUS July 3rd-8th 2022**

Totus Tuus is a summer camp for the youth of the parish. During this camp we have four missionaries who come from the Archdiocese to share their life of Christ with the youth of our parish. It is both extremely fun and educational. It's an opportunity for the youth of the parish to get to know each other.

There are two programs for Totus Tuus, the Evening and the Day program. The Evening Program runs from Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> to Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup> 7pm-9pm and costs \$30 per camper. The Day Program runs from Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup> to Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup> 9am-2:30pm and costs \$60 per camper.

Volunteers are also needed to support the Totus Tuus camp. Teen volunteers can receive their hours towards volunteering by assisting at the Day Program. Adult volunteers are also needed for assistance with the Day Program and the Evening Program.

A more detailed schedule of the program and information can be found on the parish website under "Ministries" listed as "Totus Tuus." If you have any questions please contact Breandán McCallister at [bmccallister@archtoronto.org](mailto:bmccallister@archtoronto.org).



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