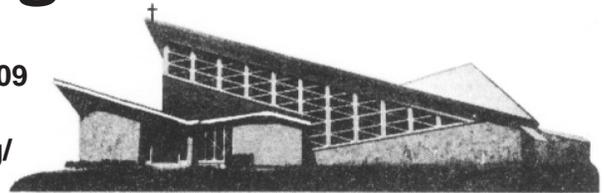


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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Message from the Pastor

Peace to all of you!

This Sunday we celebrate the Sixth Sunday of Easter. The First Reading, from the Book of the Acts of Apostles, presents how Paul and Barnabas went to Antioch with prescriptions on how to welcome the Gentiles in the Christian faith. According to those of Jewish origin, the Gentiles had to be circumcised and follow the precepts of the Mosaic Law. However, the Apostles confirmed that, if they were open to God's word and if they received the Holy Spirit, they were ready to be welcomed into the community with no further burden on them. It is important that we take more consideration to how many good things the Holy Spirit can do for us rather than in the good works that we can accomplish. The grace of God needs our cooperation, but our good works are a fruit of this life-giving grace in us. The Second Reading, from the Book of Revelation, continues with the description of the New Jerusalem. It is radiant and glorious and with twelve gates with twelve foundations. The glory of this city comes from the Lamb who has been slain. At every Eucharist, we have a foretaste of this New Jerusalem. In the course of the mass, we experience the glory of the Lord and we participate of his glorious life. How much more we are going to experience in Heaven! The Gospel, from St. John, gives us a discourse of Jesus during the Last Supper. He tells his disciples how important is to open our hearts and to keep His word so that God may dwell in our hearts, and we can be transformed by His presence. The Holy Spirit is the one who opens our hearts to God's word and gives us the possibility to receive a new heart of flesh. When God comes to dwell into our hearts and transforms us by His grace, we experience a peace that nothing can take away from us. This peace is one that only Christ can give and is a fruit of the Resurrection. Let us open our hearts to this fullness of life that endures no matter what!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant and your Pastor

Pope Francis' Homily on the Sixth Sunday of Easter (May 1, 2016)

Today's Gospel takes us back to the Upper Room. During the Last Supper, before confronting his passion and death on the cross, Jesus promises the Apostles the gift of the Holy Spirit, who will have the task of teaching and recalling Jesus' words to the community of disciples. Jesus says: "the Counsellor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you" (Jn 14:26). Teach and recall. This is what the Holy Spirit does in our hearts.

At the moment in which he is about to return to the Father, Jesus foretells of the coming of the Spirit who will first teach the disciples to understand the Gospel ever more fully, in order to welcome it in their existence and to render it living and operative by their witness. While he is about to entrust to the Apostles — which in fact means "envoys" — the mission of taking the Gospel to all the world, Jesus promises that they will not be alone. The Holy Spirit, the Counsellor, will be with them, and will be beside them, moreover, will be within them, to protect and support them. Jesus returns to the Father but continues to accompany and teach his disciples through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The second aspect of the Holy Spirit's mission consists in helping the Apostles to remember Jesus' words. The Spirit has the task of reawakening the memory, recalling Jesus' words. The divine Teacher has already communicated all that he intended to entrust to the Apostles: with Him, the Word made flesh, the revelation is complete. The Spirit will recall Jesus' teachings in the various concrete circumstances of life, so that they may be put into practice. That is precisely what still happens today in the Church, guided by the light and the power of the Holy Spirit, so that he may bring to everyone the gift of salvation, which is the love and mercy of God. For example, each day when you read — as I have advised you — a passage, a passage of the Gospel, ask the Holy Spirit: "Let me understand and remember these words of Jesus". Then read the passage, every day.... But first the prayer to the Spirit, who is in our heart: "Let me remember and understand". We are not alone: Jesus is close to us, among us, within us! His new presence in history happens through the gift of the Holy Spirit, through whom it is possible to instil a living relationship with Him, the Crucified and Risen One. The Spirit, flowing within us through the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, acts in our life. He guides us in the way to think, to act, to distinguish between what is good and what is bad; he helps us to practice the charity of Jesus, his giving of himself to others, especially to the most needy. We are not alone! The sign of the presence of the Holy Spirit is also the peace that Jesus gives to his disciples: "My peace I give to you" (v. 27). It is different from what mankind hopes for or tries to achieve. The peace of Jesus flows from victory over sin, over selfishness which impedes us from loving one another as brothers and sisters. It is a gift of God and a sign of his presence. Each disciple called today to follow Jesus carrying the cross, receives within him- or herself the peace of the Crucified and Risen One in the certainty of his victory and in expectation of his definitive coming. May the Virgin Mary help us to welcome with docility the Holy Spirit as interior Teacher and as the living Memory of Christ on the daily journey.

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FAMILY FUN DAY BBQ
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MAY 22, 2022



Masses For The Week

Sat May 21 – 5:00pm

+Greg Steffler
req. by Kathie Steffler

Mon May 23 – 9:00am

+Andrew Marioselva
req. by Christine Marioselva

Tues May 24 – 8:20am

+Fred VanRoan
req. by Peter & Aleida VanRoan

Wed May 25 – 7:00pm

+John Plue, +David & +Brian Malcom
req. by The Plue Family
+Shirley Barrett
req. by Her Family
+Joan Morris
req. by Mary-Louise LaBarre & Ken Reilly & Family
+Pam Nesbitt
req. by Mary-Louise LaBarre & Ken Reilly & Family
+Aurora Cudia
req. by Ann Busuego & Family

Thurs May 26 – 8:20am

+Sandy McCarron
req. by Iris & Frank McNulty

Fri May 27 – 8:20am

+Sheila Larkin
req. by Pat McDonald

Sat May 28 – 5:00pm

+Edith Aquilina
req. by Marion Gushue & Rose Zimmer

Tabernacle candle Intention for Jason & Kristie & Family
Requested by Alice

FREE WEBINAR!!!

ESTATE PLANNING FROM A CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE

Saturday, May 28/22 at 9:00 am

Join this webinar and learn about the importance of a Will, Powers of Attorney & Estate Planning as well as Catholic teachings and traditions around cremation. The Archdiocese of Toronto estate planning team & Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services will share:

- How to protect your loved ones with a proper Will
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- About Powers of Attorney
- Estate Trustee selection
- Finding lawyers and estate planning advisors
- Our Catholic traditions around wills, cremation, burial and funeral

To register, send us an email to: development@archtoronto.org
Please include 'webinar May 28' in the subject line and provide your name in the body of a message. Also, we would be grateful if, for the sake of our statistics, you could let us know whether you are planning to watch this webinar alone or together with a family member.

You will receive a link closer to the webinar.

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 3rd to Thursday, July 7th 7pm-9pm and costs \$30 per camper. The Day Program runs from Monday, July 4th to Friday, July 8th 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.

CWL – St. Michael's College Scholarship

The Toronto Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada is offering a scholarship to St. Michael's College. This scholarship is open to any young woman who is of Catholic faith, who is completing her secondary school education, and who has indicated on her application to the University of Toronto that St. Michael's College is her first choice. The applicant must be entering the Faculty of Arts and Science in one of the following areas of study: Commerce, Computer Science, Humanities and Social Sciences or Sciences. The applications must be submitted by June 30, 2022. For further information, please contact your school guidance counselors, chaplain or Lynne Childerhouse 905.431.6582 or lchilderhouse@hotmail.com acting CWL Education and Health Convener.

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Our parishioners' support of ShareLife is making a difference in the lives of those in need.

Thus far we have raised \$56,665 toward our goal of \$137,000. Please make your donation via the parish website, at sharelife.org, or during the ShareLife Sunday special collection on June 5.

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