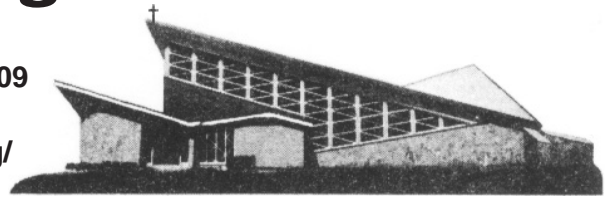


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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Message from the Pastor

Peace to all of you!

This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. The First Reading, from the Book of the Acts of Apostles, presents the account of the Ascension of Christ into Heaven. The Lord has gone up to Heaven to prepare a place for us. We can live our daily lives knowing that our final goal is to participate in the Kingdom of Heaven. At every mass and in our daily lives, we can also experience a foretaste of how beautiful Heaven will be. This should give us hope in our difficulties knowing that Christ always gives us new life. The Second Reading, from the Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians, gives us a very hopeful message. Through the Resurrection and Ascension of Christ, God has called us to inherit Eternal Life. We will experience it to the fullest when we die, but we can experience God's intervention in our lives already. When we feel distressed or discouraged, Christ always comes to lift us up and He renews us by His grace. We should always look up to God for help especially when we are in trouble. The Gospel from St. Luke, gives us another version of the account of the Ascension of the Lord into Heaven. The disciples are not going to be left alone in their mission, the Holy Spirit is going to be with them, and Christ is going to accompany them in their preaching. When Christ ascends into Heaven, we have the feeling that He has distanced Himself from us, He is gone. However, Christ goes into Heaven to show us that He is more powerful than any of our problems and that He will be even closer to us to help us. When Christ goes to the Father, He sits at the right hand of the Father to show that He has power over death and sin. We are invited to realize that He accompanies us in every single struggle of our lives sustaining us with the hope of his presence. He is even closer to us, and He can do much more for us. Let us put our hope in the Lord who has ascended into Heaven to be our Savior and strong support!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant and your Pastor

Pope Francis' Homily on the Ascension of the Lord (May 8, 2016)

we are celebrating the Ascension of Jesus into Heaven, which occurred 40 days after Easter. Let us contemplate the mystery of Jesus who leaves our earthly space to enter the fullness of the glory of God, taking our humanity with him. In other words, our humanity enters heaven for the first time. The Gospel of Luke describes the reaction of the disciples before the Lord who "parted from them and was carried up into heaven" (24:51). They had no sorrow nor dismay, but "they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy" (v. 52). It was the return of those who no longer feared the city that had rejected the Master, who had seen Judas' betrayal and Peter's denial; who had seen the dispersion of the disciples and the brutality of a power that felt threatened. Since that day, the Apostles and every disciple of Christ have been able to live in Jerusalem and in all cities of the world, even in those most afflicted by injustice and violence, because above every city there is the same heaven and every inhabitant can lift his or her gaze with hope. Jesus, God, is true man, with his human body, he is in heaven! This is our hope, it is still ours, and we are firm in this hope if we look to heaven.

In this heaven lives that God who revealed himself so closely as to take on the face of a man, Jesus of Nazareth. He remains for us always the God-with-us — let us remember this: Emmanuel, God with us — and he never leaves us alone! We can look to heaven in order to recognize our future before us. In the Ascension of Jesus, Crucified and Risen, there is the promise of our participation in the fullness of life with God.

Before departing from his friends, Jesus, referring to the event of his death and Resurrection, said to them: "You are witnesses of these things" (v. 48). In other words the disciples, the Apostles, were witnesses of the death and Resurrection of Christ, on that day, also of the Ascension of Christ. In fact, after seeing their Lord ascend into heaven, the disciples returned to the city as witnesses joyfully proclaiming to all the new life which comes from the Crucified and Risen One, in whose name "repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached to all nations" (cf. v. 47). This is the witness — born not only with words

but with everyday life — the witness that every Sunday should flow from our churches so as to enter during the week into homes, offices, schools, meeting and recreational places, hospitals, prisons, homes for the elderly, in places crowded with immigrants, in the peripheries of the city.... We must bear this witness every week: Christ is with us: Jesus rose to heaven, he is with us: Christ lives!

Jesus assured us that in this proclamation and in this witness we shall be "clothed with power from on high" (v. 49), that is, with the power of the Holy Spirit. Here is the secret to this mission: the presence among us of the Risen Lord, who with the gift of the Holy Spirit, continues to open our minds and our hearts, to proclaim his love and his mercy even in the most resistant areas of our cities. The Holy Spirit is the true artisan of the multiform witness that the Church and every baptized person renders in the world. Therefore, we must never neglect to meditate in prayer in order to praise God and invoke the gift of the Holy Spirit. This week, which leads us to the Feast of Pentecost, let us remain spiritually in the Upper Room, together with the Virgin Mary, to receive the Holy Spirit.



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
FAMILY FUN DAY BBQ
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MAY 29, 2022



Masses For The Week

Sat May 28 – 5:00pm

+Edith Aquilina

req. by Marion Gushue & Rose Zimmer

Mon May 30 – 8:20am

+Katherine Barbolini

req. by Iris & Frank

Tues May 31 – 8:20am

+Deceased Members Coryat Family

req. by Mary Yearwood

Wed June 1 – 7:00pm

+Bonnie Burke

req. by The Burke Family

50th Wedding Anniversary Intention

req. by Claire & Jeyarajah Gunaratnam

+Rosario D'Agata

req. by Vincent Villanti & Family

Thurs June 2 – 8:20am

+Albert Schranz

req. by Ed Schranz

Fri June 3 – 8:20am

+Nicholas Vallesterio Sr.

req. by Emerita Vallesterio & Family

Sat. June 4 – 5:00pm

+Steven Ingram

req. by Catherine Ingram

*Tabernacle Candle June 5-11, 2022
intention for Mary Yearwood*

Knights of Columbus, St John the Evangelist Council, meetings are the 1st Wednesday of each month from Sept to June. Next Meeting is Wednesday June 1, 2022 at 8PM in person* at the Knights Hall at 133 Brock St North with masking and social distancing still recommended. 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 or call 416-508-9877 *limited Zoom access will be made available for those members still requiring it

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.

ShareLife and World Communications Day

On this World Communications Day, your support of ShareLife is improving the lives of Deaf people in our community.

"It truly means the world to members of vulnerable populations whom we serve. You help remove barriers faced by Deaf adults, youth, children, infants, and their families. You are a partner in transforming lives." – Kelly MacKenzie, Executive Director, Silent Voice

Our third ShareLife Sunday collection is next weekend. Our parish goal for this year's campaign is \$137,000. Thus far we have received \$56,665. Please give generously during the special collection or at sharelife.org.

Marygrove Camp Collection will be taken up on June 11th & 12th. Girls from less fortunate families will be attending camp this summer. What a wonderful opportunity for them to enjoy the great outdoors and all camp has to offer. Please remember to support his important work of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. Each and every child's camping experiences is fully subsidized through this collection – thank you for your support!

Donation envelopes are in offertory boxes and also available at the back counter.

\$ Grand in Your Hand \$

Your Catholic Women's League is sponsoring a fundraiser to support their charitable donations. 100 tickets will be sold at \$20.00 each, cash or cheques made out to St. John's CWL. When the 100 tickets are sold, a draw will be made. The winner receives \$1,000.00 and the CWL receives \$1,000.00. Funds for Ukraine will be included in the charitable donations. Tickets will be sold after Saturday 5 p.m. and Sunday 9 & 11 a.m. masses on June 4/5 and 11/12 (if tickets are still available.) Thank you for your support.

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