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Pastoral Team Mon & Fri - Closed Thursday Rev. Francisco Fernandez Siles Pastor Mr. Francisco Perez Caretaker 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon Miss Susan Douglas Lay Pastoral Asst. Mr. Kevin Dashney Director of Music 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. **Evening Reception** Mrs. Vicki Morgan Secretary Mrs. Sue McGee Bookkeeper Tues & Wed. Mr. Breandán Orian McCallister Youth Ministry Mrs. Gail Stewart Cook/Housekeeper 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

SUNDAY LITURGY — Saturday 5:00 p.m. **EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR** Sunday 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. On first Friday of each month SPANISH MASS — Sunday 2:00 p.m. WEEKDAY MASSES following morning mass. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:20 a.m.

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.

Wednesday (Rosary at 6:30 p.m.) 7:00 p.m. (OLPH Devotions)

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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PENTECOST SUNDAY



Peace to all of you!

This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost. With the coming of the Holy Spirit, we reach the culmination of the Easter Season. The First Reading, from the Book of the Acts of Apostles, presents the account of the coming of the Holy Spirit on the apostles. They were gathered in the Upper Room and the Holy Spirit came upon them in the form of tongues of fire and a strong wind. The hearts of the apostles were transformed by the Spirit of the Risen Christ, and they had the strength to go out to announce the Gospel. All of us need to receive the Holy Spirit in our hearts so that He can allow us to live the Resurrection of Christ in our daily lives. It is Him who allows us to have peace, courage, and a grateful heart. The Second Reading, from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans, gives us the joyful news that we have been made children of God. The Spirit of Christ makes us live in a spirit of trust in which we can have confidence in any situation since God sustains us and provides for us. It is amazing to be reassured that we have a Heavenly Father who cares for us and His only desire is that we have life and to the fullest. This fullness of life reaches to our hearts through the Holy Spirit. It is Him who gives us the opportunity to be completely satisfied. The Gospel, from St. John, gives us a teaching of Jesus on the Holy Spirit during the Last Supper. Jesus Christ is going to send us an Advocate, the Holy Spirit, to be with us and to make us experience God's life in us. All of us need to be reassured and supported in our daily lives, especially when we face difficulties and struggles. The Holy Spirit is the One who constantly walks with us and

strengthens us in any kind of trouble. Let us open our hearts to the coming of the Holy Spirit who comes to support and strengthen us.

This weekend we have had over 120 young people who have received the sacrament of Confirmation, let us pray that we will be faithful witnesses of God's love for others.

I am pleased to inform you that we will have a seminarian with us at St. John's during the months of June and July. His name is Omar Ortiz, he is 42 years old. He was born in Peru and has been living in Toronto for many years. He has completed his first vear at the Redemptoris Mater Seminary of Vancouver. Let us welcome him and make him feel at home!

The month of June is known as the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. May we all entrust ourselves to the mercy of Jesus, through His Sacred Heart!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant and your Pastor

<u>Pope Francis' Homily on the Solemnity</u> of Pentecost (May 15, 2016)

Today we celebrate the great feast of Pentecost, which completes the Season of Easter, 50 days after the Resurrection of Christ. The liturgy invites us to open our mind and our heart to the gift of the Holy Spirit, whom Jesus promised on several occasions to his disciples: the first and most important gift that he obtained for us with his Resurrection. Jesus himself asked the Father for this gift, as today's Gospel Reading attests, during the Last Supper. Jesus says to his disciples: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he will give you another Counsellor, to be with you for ever" (Jn 14:15-16).

These words remind us first of all that love for a person, and for the Lord, is shown not with words but with deeds; and also, "observing the commandments" should be understood in the existential sense, so as to embrace the whole of life. In fact, being Christian does not mean mainly belonging to a certain culture or adhering to a

certain doctrine, but rather joining one's own life, in all its aspects, to the person of Jesus and, through Him, to the Father. For this purpose Jesus promises the outpouring of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. Owing to the Holy Spirit, to the Love that unites the Father and the Son and proceeds from them, we may all live the very life of Jesus. The Spirit, in fact, teaches us all things, that is, the single indispensable thing: to love as God loves.

In promising the Holy Spirit, Jesus defines him as "another Counsellor" (v. 16), which means Paraclete, Advocate, Intercessor, in other words, the One who helps us, protects us, is at our side on the journey of life and in the struggle for good and that against evil. Jesus says "another Counsellor" because He is the first, He himself, who became flesh precisely to take our human condition upon himself and free it from the slavery of sin.

Moreover, the Holy Spirit plays a role in teaching and remembrance. Teaching and remembrance. Jesus told us: "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" (v. 26). The Holy Spirit does not bring a different teaching, but renders alive and brings into effect the teaching of Jesus, so that the passage of time may neither erase nor diminish it. The Holy Spirit instils this teaching in our heart, helps us to internalize it, making it become a part of us, flesh of our flesh. At the same time, he prepares our heart to be truly capable of receiving the words and example of the Lord. Every time the word of Jesus is received with joy in our heart, this is the work of the Holy Spirit.

Let us pray the Regina Caeli together — for the last time this year —, invoking the maternal intercession of the Virgin Mary. May she obtain for us the grace to be deeply inspired by the Holy Spirit, to witness with evangelical simplicity to Christ, opening ourselves ever more fully to his love.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR! FAMILY FUN DAY BBQ SATURDAY JUNE 11TH AT NOON. ON THE PARISH GROUNDS, bring lawnchairs!



Masses For The Week

Sat June 4 - 5:00pm +Steven Ingram reg. by Catherine Ingram

Mon June 6 - 8:20am +Sothy Mary Loganathan reg. by Her Family

Tues Jun 7 - 8:20am +Jeannine Dagenais req. by Joyce Jean

Wed June 8 - 7:00pm +Deceased Mbrs Harrington, Broderick & McClennan Families

req. by Joe & Joy +Phil Bardoul reg. by Don & Cathy Huppe +Joan Morris req. by Bev & Larry & Family +Lawrence Joseph Reilly reg.by Maureen LaBarre & Family +Michael Jack req.by His Family

Thurs June 9 - 8:20am +Joan Morris rea.bv Marv Grav & Family

Fri June 10 - 8:20am +Phil Bardoul reg.by His Family

Sat. June 4 - 5:00pm +Brian McMonagle reg.by Linda & Pierre Pilon

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

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.

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

Antipasto Bar & cocktails from 6p.m.; Dinner 7:30 p.m. Open Bar until 11:30pm The event includes entertainment and open bar

Paramount Event Space 222 Rowntree Dairy Road, Woodbridge Tickets available at \$150 per person. Income tax receipt issued after the event. Please contact Fr. Francisco for tickets

Pentecost Prayer.

God of power, may the boldness of your Spirit transform us, may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us, may the gifts of your Spirit. be our goal and our strength, now and always. Amen.

Let's show we care on ShareLife Sunday

This weekend is the final ShareLife Sunday of the year. But ShareLife is more than a collection. It's how we as a community say "we care." In solidarity with Catholics throughout the Archdiocese, we provide a witness of God's love by actively supporting those in need locally and the greater world.

Our goal this year is \$137,000 To date we have achieved \$59,355. If you have not done so, please give generously during the special collection or at sharelife.org. Thank you for supporting our parish's ShareLife campaign.

\$ 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.

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 voung 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 Ichilderhouse@hotmail.com acting CWL Education and Health Convener.



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