

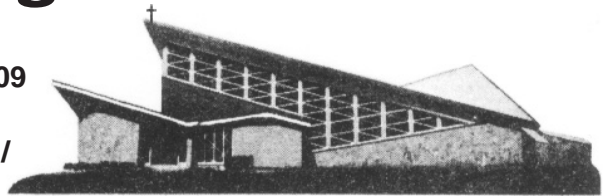
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Mon – Fri 9 a.m. - 12 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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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Message from the Pastor

Peace to all of you!

This Sunday we celebrate the Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The First Reading, from the Second Book of Kings, presents to us the episode of the healing of Naaman the Syrian. He was a leper and got cured by bathing seven times in the river Jordan. The prophet Elisha asked him to obey to this simple command and Naaman got healed. Leprosy is an image of the destruction caused in our hearts by sin. Christ is the only one who can heal us when we confess our sins and show true repentance in the sacrament of reconciliation. The Second Reading, from the Second Letter of St. Paul to Timothy, offers encouraging words to remain faithful to the Lord. At times, we face difficulties and struggles, St. Paul asks us to put our trust in God's faithfulness. It is in Him that we can find strength and courage to continue in our spiritual life. By following the Lord, we will reap fullness of life. The Gospel, from St. Luke, shows us the episode of the ten lepers who were healed by Christ. One of the ten came back to give thanks to the Lord for what He did to him. We are called to be thankful in our lives for all the graces that we have received from the Lord. He constantly showered with mercy, peace, consolation, and many other graces even though we do not deserve them. We often ask God for favors, but it is very important to be thankful for the wonderful things that the Lord accomplishes in our lives. To be thankful every day, especially in this Thanksgiving weekend, is a path to peace and happiness. Let us be thankful to the Lord for all the graces that He has given us in Christ!

Happy Thanksgiving to all of you and all your families!

On Mondays and Thursdays at 7:30pm, we are having the Announcement of the Good News in the Church. I really encourage you attend and to experience how much God loves us and to experience His mercy in our lives. It is free and you do not need to sign up, just come and listen to Him. Come, the Lord is waiting for you!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant, and your Pastor

Pope Francis' Homily on the Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (October 9, 2016)

this Sunday's Gospel (cf. Lk 17:11-19) invites us to acknowledge God's gifts with wonder and gratitude. On the way to his death and resurrection, Jesus meets ten lepers, who approach him, keep their distance and tell their troubles to the one whom their faith perceived as a possible saviour: "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" (v. 13). They are sick and they are looking someone to heal them. Jesus responds by telling them to go and present themselves to the priests, who according to the Law were charged with certifying presumed healings. In this way, Jesus does not simply make them a promise; he tests their faith. At that moment, in fact, the ten were not yet healed. They were restored to health after they set out in obedience to Jesus' command. Then, rejoicing, they showed themselves to the priests and continued on their way. They forgot the Giver, the Father, who cured them through Jesus, his Son made man.

All but one: a Samaritan, a foreigner living on the fringes of the chosen people, practically a pagan! This man was not content with being healed by his faith, but brought that healing to completion by returning to express his gratitude for the gift received. He recognized in Jesus the true Priest, who raised him up and saved him, who can now set him on his way and accept him as one of his disciples.

To be able to offer thanks, to be able to praise the Lord for what he has done for us: this is important! So we can ask ourselves: Are we capable of saying "Thank you"? How many times do we say "Thank you" in our family, our community, and in the Church? How many times do we say "Thank you" to those who help us, to those close to us, to those who accompany us through life? Often we take everything for granted! This also happens with God. It is easy to approach the Lord to ask for something, but to return and give thanks... That is why Jesus so emphasizes the failure of the nine ungrateful lepers: "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" (Lk 17:17-18).

On this Jubilee day, we are given a model, indeed the model, to whom we can look: Mary, our Mother. After hearing the message of the Angel, she lifted up her

heart in a song of praise and thanksgiving to God: "My soul magnifies the Lord..." Let us ask our Lady to help us recognize that everything is God's gift, and to be able to say "Thank you". Then, I assure you, our joy will be complete. Only those who know how to say "Thank you", will experience the fullness of joy.

It also takes humility to be able to give thanks. In the first reading we heard the singular story of Naaman, the commander of the army of the King of Aram (cf. 2 Kg 5:14-17). In order to be cured of his leprosy, he accepts the suggestion of a poor slave and entrusts himself to the prophet Elisha, whom he considered an enemy. Naaman was nonetheless ready to humble himself. Elisha asks nothing of him, but simply orders him to bathe in the waters of the River Jordan. This request leaves Naaman perplexed, even annoyed. Can a God who demands such banal things truly be God? He would like to turn back, but then he agrees to be immersed in the Jordan and immediately he is cured.

The heart of Mary, more than any other, is a humble heart, capable of accepting God's gifts. In order to become man, God chose precisely her, a simple young woman of Nazareth, who did not dwell in the palaces of power and wealth, who did not do extraordinary things. Let us ask ourselves – it will do us good – if we are prepared to accept God's gifts, or prefer instead to shut ourselves up within our forms of material security, intellectual security, the security of our plans.

Significantly, Naaman and the Samaritans were two foreigners. How many foreigners, including persons of other religions, give us an example of values that we sometimes forget or set aside! Those living beside us, who may be scorned and sidelined because they are foreigners, can instead teach us how to walk on the path that the Lord wishes. The Mother of God, together with Joseph her spouse, knew what it was to live far from home. She too was long a foreigner in Egypt, far from her relatives and friends. Yet her faith was able to overcome the difficulties. Let us cling to this simple faith of the Holy Mother of God; let us ask her that we may always come back to Jesus and express our thanks for the many benefits we have received from his mercy.

We are very grateful to Breandán McCallister, our youth minister, who has been working with us since 2018. He has been working very hard in activities with our youth and in many other undertakings in the parish. He is going to be the chaplain at Fr. L. J. Austin. We pray that the Lord may continue to help him in this ministry.

St. John The Evangelist Choir will be singing God's praise again soon at 11 am Sunday mass! New singers welcome. For information please contact Eileen McGowan. 905 668-0959 eileen.mcowan@gmail.com

Thanks to Ken Michalko, Phyllis Pereira and all who helped with the Vegetable Fundraiser It was a great success!

The Good News

"I have come so that they may have life in abundance." John 10:10



Where is your life going? What is the meaning of your life? Do you feel lonely? Would you like to be happy? Would you like to strengthen your faith?

Come and discover the love that God has for you!

Starting September 19, 2022
Mondays and Thursdays at 7:30pm

Come and pray the Rosary on October 15th at noon at the corner of Dundas and Cochrane St.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Would you like to join in the mission of Jesus to make disciples and enrich your own faith? If so, you are invited to assist as a Catechist in the Confirmation Program in our parish.

We are looking for volunteers to lead classes in February and March 2023. It would be a time commitment of four Saturday mornings in total. No formal teaching experience is required. Preparation and support will be provided, with step-by-step instructions for each class.

If you feel that God may be calling you to this important ministry to our young people, please call the parish office at (905) 668-3676 and provide your name and phone number.

SERVE WITH JOY!

Our Church needs the gift of your time and talent to assist with Sacramental Preparation for Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation. If you are able to help with registration nights, catechetical / preparation sessions, or at the celebrations (Masses), please contact Susan Douglas at (905) 668-3676.



Masses For The Week

Sat October 8 – 5:00pm

+Deceased Members of Hrovat Family
req. by Anne & Peter Struna & Family

Mon October 10 – 9:00am

+Mr. & Mrs. AJ McDonnell
req. by Their Family (Marjorie Shields)

Tues October 11 – 8:20am

+Broderick Howard & Harrington
req. by Joe & Joy

Wed October 12 – 7:00pm

+Daniel, Edie, Karen & Maura
req. by RoseMarie Enright
+Bill Cook
Req. by Pat & Frank Kapuscinski

Thurs October 13 – 8:20am

+Bruce Lane
req. The Hannon Family

Fri October 14 – 8:20am

+Encarnita Gardiner
req. by John & Chris Stafford

Sat October 15 – 5:00pm

+Giacomo Bellotto
req. by Elisa Bellotto & Family

*Tabernacle Candle October 9 –
October 15 for Klara & Karl from the
Prayer Group*

St. Vincent de Paul Society is doing a lot deliveries during this time and is in need of peanut butter, pasta sauce, canned fruit, canned meat.
Please bring it to the container at the back of the entrance of the church. God bless you for your generosity

We are having a Dinner and Dance on Nov 4th at 7pm at Tosca. Tickets are \$100.

R.C.I.A

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) provides instruction and spiritual formation to anyone 16 years of age and older who are not baptized, or baptized in another Christian community, who would like to become a member of the Catholic Church. Catholic adults who have not yet celebrated their First Eucharist or the Sacrament of Confirmation may also take part. RCIA Sessions take place on Thursday evenings from 7pm to 9pm in the Parish Centre beginning soon. Interested participants should contact Fr. Francisco at the Parish Office as soon as possible to register: (905) 668-3676.

We are looking for somebody to fill the position of Youth Minister in our parish. It is a very important role to take care of the youth of our parish. If you are interested, please call 905-668-3676 and ask for Fr. Francisco.

CWL 5KM Walkathon

Your CWL is raising funds to support annual charitable disbursements and our school projects by participating in a **CWL 5KM Walkathon**. We are walking from October 10th -15th and are asking you to sponsor us. We will be handing out sponsor forms at all masses October 8th and 9th and registering our CWL participants at that time. You may be approached for sponsorship or, feel free to approach a CWL member and offer to sponsor them. Thank you for your continued support.

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