

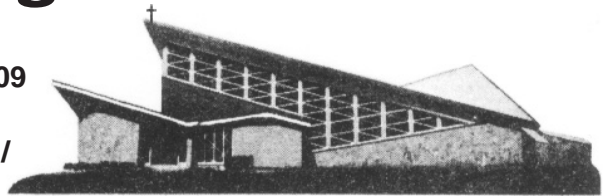
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Message from the Pastor

Peace to all of you!

This Sunday we celebrate the Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The First Reading, from the Book of Exodus, presents the episode of the battle of the people of Israel against Amalek. The people are victorious as long as Moses is praying and interceding for them. In our every day lives, we are called to persevere in prayer to face our struggles. If we pray constantly, we are at peace, if not, we will get discouraged and sooner or later we will give up. It is important to pray so that we can find strength and consolation in the Lord. The Second Reading, from the Second Letter of St. Paul to Timothy, is an exhortation to remain steadfast in the faith that he has received through the tradition and the word of God. We are also encouraged to be faithful and to rely in the Scriptures as a sure guide for our lives. It is through the word of God that is proclaimed in the Church that our faith is confirmed and we find strength to face any difficulties in life. Let us meditate on a regular basis the word of God so that we find consolation and peace. The Gospel, from St. Luke, shows us the episode of persistent widow who asks a merciless judge to do justice to her. She gets the help that she needs because she asks with perseverance. We are encouraged to be persistent in our prayers and to pray constantly. It is not that we need to convince God; rather, when we pray, we rely in God and we receive the grace to accept whatever event may happen in our lives. When we encounter difficulties, it is easy to be discouraged and not to pray as much, it seems that God does not answer. However, if we are faithful to prayer and we realize that God is the only one who can help us, then we will find the strength to go on with our lives at peace. Let us persevere in prayer and we will find help in time need!

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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (October 20, 2013)

In today's Gospel Jesus tells a parable on the need to pray always, never wearying. The main character is a widow whose insistent pleading with a dishonest judge succeeds in obtaining justice from him. Jesus concludes: if the widow succeeded in convincing that judge, do you think that God will not listen to us if we pray to him with insistence? Jesus' words are very strong: "And will not God vindicate his elect, who cry to him day and night?" (Lk 18:7).

"Crying day and night" to God! This image of prayer is striking, but let us ask ourselves: Why does God want this? Doesn't he already know what we need? What does it mean to "insist" with God?

This is a good question that makes us examine an important aspect of the faith: God invites us to pray insistently not because he is unaware of our needs or because he is not listening to us. On the contrary, he is always listening and he knows everything about us lovingly. On our daily journey, especially in times of difficulty, in the battle against the evil that is outside and within us, the Lord is not far away, he is by our side. We battle with him beside us, and our weapon is prayer which makes us feel his presence beside us, his mercy and also his help. But the battle against evil is a long and hard one; it requires patience and endurance, like Moses who had to keep

his arms outstretched for the people to prevail (cf Ex 17:8-13). This is how it is: there is a battle to be waged each day, but God is our ally, faith in him is our strength and prayer is the expression of this faith. Therefore Jesus assures us of the victory, but at the end he asks: "when the Son of man comes, will he find faith on earth?" (Lk 18:8). If faith is snuffed out, prayer is snuffed out, and we walk in the dark. We become lost on the path of life.

Therefore, let us learn from the widow of the Gospel to pray always without growing weary. This widow was very good! She knew how to battle for her children! I think of the many women who fight for their families, who pray and never grow weary. Today let us all remember these women who by their attitude provide us with a true witness of faith and courage, and a model of prayer. Our thoughts go out to them!

Pray always, but not in order to convince the Lord by dint of words! He knows our needs better than we do! Indeed persevering prayer is the expression of faith in a God who calls us to fight with him every day and at every moment in order to conquer evil with good.

We are pleased to announce you to have a new youth minister in our parish, Cassandra Sullivan. Let us pray for her and offer her our assistance so that our youth may come closer to the Lord.

Congratulations to the Altar Servers (Ella Humphries, Benjamin Kihembo-Kaijuka, Kate Thomas and Megan Pinto) who received their Award yesterday.

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

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.mcgowan59@gmail.com.

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

The Knights of Columbus are holding to do a bottle drive for Special Olympics next weekend after all the masses. A collection of bottles, cans and cash donations will be accepted at the parish center parking lot.

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 15 – 5:00pm

+Giacomo Bellotto

req. by Elisa Bellotto & Family

Mon October 17 – 8:20am

+Yesudass

Tues October 18 – 8:20am

+John Robinson

req. by Theresa Robinson

Wed October 19 – 7:00pm

+Ah-Lang Shu

req. by Son Yen Shu

+Una Johnston

Req. by Marjorie Shields

+Theresa Bardoul

req. by Mary Louise La Barre & Ken Reilly

+Shirley Barrett

req. by Noel & Suzanne Barret

Thurs October 20 – 8:20am

+Richard Hall

req. The Hannon Family

Fri October 21 – 8:20am

+Nelson Agapay

req. by Lorna Talabis

Sat October 22 – 5:00pm

+Andrew Marioselva

req. by Christine Marioselva

Tabernacle Candle October 16 – October 22 for Geri Donaldson from Mary Yearwood

We are having a Dinner and Dance on Nov 4th at 7pm at Tosca. Tickets are \$100. Come and enjoy each other's company

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.

Thanks to all who sponsored the CWL members in the walkathon!

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is looking for new members who might help to serve those in need in our parish. Please join and you will experience so much peace by helping others. Call the parish office 905-668-3676.

Veggie Bag Wrap-up! Thanks to the support of our Parishioners, the Veggie Bag Fundraiser made a positive difference at this time of rising food prices and food insecurity. Every Bag made a contribution to our goals and all together the outcomes are:

St Vincent de Paul: \$2,750

St Andrew's Food Bank/Feed The Need: \$1200 (48 Veggie Bags)

St John the Evangelist: \$1,500

And a Special Thanks to the Teams of Parishioners that Assembled the Bags or Assisted with their Distribution. This project could not have happened without you all. And lastly, our Thanks to WillowTree Farm for delivering another fine array of autumn produce. Delish!

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