

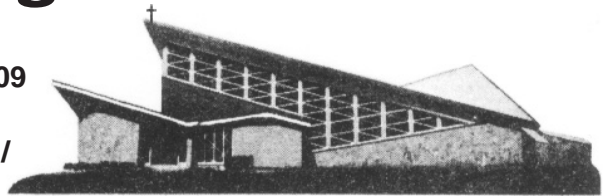
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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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Message from the Pastor

Peace to all of you!

This Sunday we celebrate the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The First Reading, from the Book of Sirach, presents to us the important notion that the Lord always answers and cares for the person who is in need. The Lord is a merciful God who always comes to our rescue. It also shows that the prayer of the humble person easily reaches the Lord. A person such as this, knows that they need God's help and is open to accepting God's plan in their life. We need also to have an attitude of humility and ask the Lord for his help. The Lord will certainly answer us in his own time and even in better ways than we ever expected. The Second Reading, from the Second Letter of St. Paul to Timothy, offers us the experience of St. Paul when he was in prison. Even though he was in a dire situation and was left alone, the Lord encouraged him and gave him strength to endure that suffering and to bring consolation to those around him. The Gospel, from St. Luke, shows us the episode of the Pharisee and the tax collector. It underlines the right attitude that we must have before God. The Pharisee has a proud and selfish attitude because he praises himself and despises the publican. He is not really praying; he is just concerned about how good he is. Therefore, his prayer is purposeless and empty. On the other hand, the tax collector has a humble attitude. He is aware of his sins and asks for God's mercy. He experiences God's consolation and peace. Let us ask the Lord that He give us a humble heart that seeks the Lord, aware of our sinfulness and at the same time of His great mercy!

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 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (October 27, 2019)

1. *The prayer of the Pharisee begins in this way: "God, I thank you".*

This is a great beginning, because the best prayer is that of gratitude, that of praise. Immediately, though, we see the reason why he gives thanks: "that I am not like other men" (Lk 18:11). He also explains the reason: he fasts twice a week, although at the time there was only a yearly obligation; he pays tithes on all that he has, though tithing was prescribed only on the most important products (cf. Dt 14:22ff). In short, he boasts because he fulfils particular commandments to the best degree possible. But he forgets the greatest commandment: to love God and our neighbour (cf. Mt 22:36-40). Brimming with self-assurance about his own ability to keep the commandments, his own merits and virtues, he is focused only on himself. The tragedy of this man is that he is without love. Even the best things, without love, count for nothing, as Saint Paul says (cf. 1 Cor 13). Without love, what is the result? He ends up praising himself instead of praying. In fact, he asks nothing from the Lord because he does not feel needy or in debt, but he feels that God owes something to him. He stands in the temple of God, but he worships a different god: himself. And many "prestigious" groups, "Catholic Christians", go along this path.

Together with God, he forgets his neighbour; indeed, he despises him. For the Pharisee, his neighbour has no worth, no value. He considers himself better than others, whom he calls literally "the rest, the remainders" (loipoi, Lk 18:11). That is, they are

"leftovers", they are scraps from which to keep one's distance. How many times do we see this happening over and over again in life and history! How many times do those who are prominent, like the Pharisee with respect to the tax collector, raise up walls to increase distances, making other people feel even more rejected. Even Christians who pray and go to Mass on Sunday are subject to this religion of the self. Let us examine ourselves and see whether we too may think that someone is inferior and can be tossed aside, even if only in our words. Let us pray for the grace not to consider ourselves superior, not to believe that we are alright, not to become cynical and scornful. Let us ask Jesus to heal us of speaking ill and complaining about others, of despising this or that person: these things are displeasing to God.

2. *Let us turn to the other prayer. The prayer of the tax collector helps us understand what is pleasing to God. He does not begin from his own merits but from his shortcomings; not from his riches but from his poverty. His was not economic poverty – tax collectors were wealthy and tended to make money unjustly at the expense of their fellow citizens – but he felt a poverty of life, because we never live well in sin. The tax collector who exploited others admitted being poor before God, and the Lord heard his prayer, a mere seven words but an expression of heartfelt sincerity. In fact, while the Pharisee stood in front on his feet (cf. v. 11), the tax collector stood far off and "would not even lift up his eyes to heaven", because he believed that God is indeed great, while he knew himself to be small. He "beat his breast" (cf. v. 13), because the breast is where the heart is. His prayer is born straight from the heart; it is transparent. He places his heart before God, not outward appearances. To pray is to stand before God's eyes – it is God looking at me when I pray – without illusions, excuses or justifications. Often our regrets filled*

with self-justification can make us laugh. More than regrets, they seem as if we are canonizing ourselves. Because from the devil come darkness and lies – these are our self-justifications; from God come light and truth, transparency of my heart.

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.

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

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 22 – 5:00pm

Andrew Marioselva

req. by Christine M.

Mon October 24 – 8:20am

+Ranee Simon

req. by Her Sister & Family

Tues October 25 – 8:20am

+Lorraine Dandridge

req. by Dan Dandridge

Wed October 26 – 7:00pm

+Richard Hashimoto

req. by Lori Hashimoto

Dhilshan Anrun

req. Mary Jeyanathirajah

+Rosie Cabrera

req. by Ed & Didi Berger

+Fabio Capito Sr.

req. by Zenith Capito

+J&G Ranario/ A&K Capito

req. by Zenith Capito

Thurs October 27– 8:20am

Catherine

Fri October 28 – 8:20am

+Elpidio Peralta

req. by Pablo & Maria Enrique

Sat October 29– 5:00pm

+Deceased Members Timms & Morgan Families

req. by

Pat & Vicki Morgan

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.

There is a Day of Reflection and Prayer for the Bereaved at Manresa on Saturday, November 5, 2022 from 9:30am to 5pm. Please contact Mary Hyland 905-441-0957

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.

Those who wish altar servers please call parish office at 905-668-3676. There will be a training on Saturday, October 29th at 10am in the Church

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