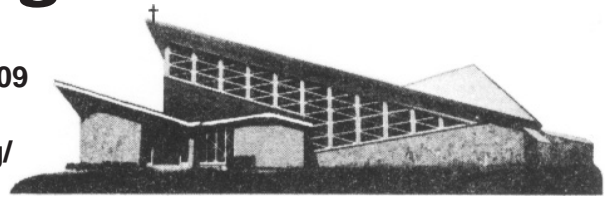


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## Pastoral Team

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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 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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## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Message from the Pastor

Peace to all of you!

Today we celebrate the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The First Reading, from the Book of the prophet Zephaniah, offers us practical advice of how to find consolation and peace in the Lord. While the people of Israel are suffering because of their stubbornness and their idolatry, the prophet encourages them to be humble and to seek the Lord. If they do this, they will find refuge and strength in any situation. Humility is a virtue which is essential, and it is the cornerstone of the spiritual life. To be humble means to be aware that we need God in our lives. If we realize that we are weak and we take refuge in the Lord, then we find strength and peace in Him. The Second Reading, from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians, presents us a passage in which he emphasizes that those who have been called to take part in the community are not super intelligent and strong people, but as weak as anybody else. Our society considers that it is important to be fitted, to be strong and capable. However, all of us have weaknesses and strengths. It is essential to recognize and to accept our own frailties. This is the basis of humility. If we are aware that we are weak, we recognize that we need God, then we can rely in Him and find peace. If we come to terms with our weaknesses, then we can accept the mistakes and shortcomings of other people as well. God has called us even though we are weak to manifest His power and glory. Many times, we try to appear strong, and we hide our faults; however, we can appear as we are knowing that God will help us and strengthen us. The Gospel, from St. Matthew, gives us the wonderful teaching of the Beatitudes. There are eight ways that brings us to fulfillment and happiness. God desires and wishes that we may have a life fulfilled. Jesus Christ has come to offer us this life to the fullest. It is not us who have to achieve and gain this happiness through our attitudes, but it is a gift that Jesus offers to us. The eight beatitudes is a summary or an icon of the person who is open to God's grace and allows to be transformed by Christ. They are an image of who Christ is and He wants to share the same attitudes with us. If we open ourselves to Him, slowly we will be people that mirror the Beatitudes. Christ wants to share His life with us and make us completely happy!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant and your Pastor

### Pope Francis' General Audience (January 29, 2020)

Today we begin a series of catechesis about the Beatitudes in the Gospel of Matthew (5:1-11). This text that opens the "the Sermon on the Mountain" and that has enlightened the lives of believers and also of many non-believers. It is difficult not to be touched by these words of Jesus, and it is right that we must understand them and to welcome them more and more fully. The Beatitudes contain the Christian 'identity card' - this is our identity card - because they outline the face of Jesus Himself, His way of life.

Now let us frame these words of Jesus in a global way; in the next catechesis we will comment on the individual Beatitudes, one by one.

First of all, it is important how the proclamation of this message came about: Jesus, seeing the crowds that follow him, climbs the gentle slope that surrounds the lake of Galilee, sits down and, turning to the disciples, announces the Beatitudes. So the message is addressed to the disciples, but on the horizon there are crowds, that is, all humanity. It's a message to all of humanity.

In addition, the "mountain" refers to Sinai, where God gave Moses the Commandments. Jesus begins to teach a new law: to be poor, to be meek, to be merciful. These "new commandments" are more than standards. In fact, Jesus does

not impose anything, but reveals the way to happiness – His way – repeating the word "blessed" eight times.

Each Beatitude consists of three parts. At first there is always the word "blessed"; then comes the situation in which the blessed find themselves: the poverty of spirit, mourning, hunger and the thirst for justice, and so on; finally there is the reason for being blessed, introduced by the conjunction "why": "Blessed are these because, why those are blessed ..." So there are the eight Beatitudes and it would be nice to learn them by heart to repeat them, to have in our minds and hearts this law that Jesus gave us.

Let us pay attention to this fact: the reason for bliss is not the current situation but the new condition that the blessed receive as a gift from God: "because for them is the kingdom of heaven", "because they will be consoled", "because they will inherit the earth", and so on.

In the third element, which is precisely the reason for happiness, Jesus often uses a passive future: "they will be comforted", "they will inherit the earth", "they will be satisfied", "they will be forgiven", "they will be called children of God".

But what does the word "blessed" mean? Why does each of the eight Blessings begin with the word "blessed"? The original Greek term does not indicate one who has a full belly or is doing well, but he is a person who is in a state of grace, who progresses in the grace of God and who progresses on the path of God: patience, poverty, service to others, consolation ... Those who progress in these things are happy and will be blessed.

God, in order to give Himself to us, often chooses unthinkable paths, perhaps those of our limitations, of our tears, of our defeats. It is the Easter joy of which the Eastern brothers speak, the one who has the stigmata but is alive, has gone through death and has experienced the power of God. The Beatitudes always lead you to joy; are the way to joy. It will do us good to take the Gospel of Matthew today, chapter five, verses from one to eleven and read the Beatitudes - perhaps a few more times, during the week - to understand this beautiful way, this secure way to the happiness that the Lord gives to us."

### **BIBLE STUDY**

**Monday February 20 to Monday March 27<sup>th</sup>  
"CONVERSION" by Bishop Robert Barron**

In this film and study program, Bishop Robert Barron illuminates six biblical stories of conversion, demonstrating how six ordinary people, just like you, were met by Jesus where they were and called to a better life through him. The common theme in each story is the turning of all one's attention and energy toward an ever deeper, personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

In his characteristically energetic style, Bishop Barron explains how conversion is not so much a one-time event, but a life-long process. "Jesus Christ calls us in thousands of different ways to follow Him, as we strive on the path for spiritual excellence," explains Bishop Barron.

**Please contact the parish office by phone or email before February 1, if you are interested in participating so that we can order the study books. Cost is \$25.**

### **ATTENTION ENGAGED COUPLES! MARRIAGE PREPARATION CLASSES**

Our next Marriage Preparation Course at St. John the Evangelist will be held on 6 Monday evenings from April 10 to May 15, 2023 at 7pm in the Parish Centre. Call 668-3676. Fee is \$250 per couple.

JANUARY 29, 2023

SACRAMENT PREPARATION PROGRAM

2022-2023

FIRST EUCHARIST  
(Grade 2)

**\*\*NEW DATES FOR RITE OF ENROLMENT\*\***

at the Church (children & families)  
Saturday, January 28 at 5:00 pm OR  
Sunday, January 29 at 9:00 am OR 11:00am

CONFIRMATION  
(Grade 7)

Session 1 - 5

February 4, 11, 25, March 4 and April 22  
in the Parish Centre  
9:00 am – 10:30 am OR 11:00 am – 12:30 pm (as scheduled)

CWL – St. Michael's College Scholarship

The Toronto Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada is offering a \$3,000.00 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. Applications must be submitted by May 31, 2023. For further information, please contact Ben Dionne at All Saints or Carolyn Meaney at 905.668.9175 or [caameaney@rogers.com](mailto:caameaney@rogers.com), our acting CWL Education and Health Convener.

Knights of Columbus, St John the Evangelist Council, meetings are the 1st Wednesday of each month from Sept to June. Next Meeting is Wednesday February 8 at 8PM at the Knights Hall at 133 Brock St North with masking and social distancing still recommended but not mandatory. 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 Membership Director Bryan Childerhouse [bryan.childerhouse@rogers.com](mailto:bryan.childerhouse@rogers.com) or call 416-508-9877

**Youth Ministry**

**Totus Tuus will be returning this summer! Totus Tuus is a fun and faith-filled summer camp for the youth of the parish run by young adult missionaries. There is a day program for grades 1-6 and an evening program for grades 7-12. Mark your calendars for the following days: July 9-14, 2023. More information will be available soon.**

*Any donations of egg cartons is gratefully appreciated for a community cooperative program. Please leave them on the centre foyer table next weekend.*



Masses For The Week

Sat Jan 28 – 5:00pm

+Elvia Tobon de Maya  
*req. by Sarah Francis*

Mon Jan 30 – 8:20am

+Maria Bardoel  
*req. by Mary Louise LaBarre & Ken Reilly & Family*

Tues Jan 31 – 8:20am

Int. for Sylvia Walsh  
*req. by Mary & Jim Walsh*

Wed Feb 1 – 7:00pm

Int. for Gregory Gray  
*req. by Noreen & Bobby Hayden*

Thurs Feb 2 – 8:20am

+Anne Washburn  
*req. by Shirley & Denise Washburn*

Fri Feb 3 – 8:20am

Int. for Stephanie Titus  
*req. by Antonetta Orrechio*

Sat Feb 4 – 5:00pm

+Marie Myers  
*req. by Sarah Francis*

**Feed the Hungry Containers**

Our Parish *Feed the Hungry* Ministry distributes covered aluminum containers with a recipe, to parishioners interested in preparing a meal to be served to clients in need of a hot meal. These containers are available every first weekend of the month. The containers are prepared with the recipe provided, frozen, and then brought our Ministry team at the parish parking lot on the following Saturday. The team takes the frozen meals to Durham Outlook for the Needy, previously known as St. Vincent Palotti Kitchen.

Containers will be available in the foyer February 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>. Please take one, prepare the recipe provided and return the FROZEN meal to the parish centre parking lot on Saturday February 11<sup>th</sup> between 1pm – 1:30pm. Your meal will be heated and served to their clients.



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