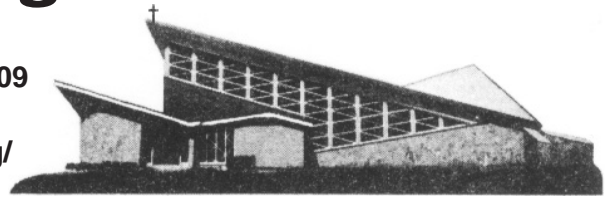


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Mon – Fri 9 a.m. - 12 noon
 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Message from the Pastor

Peace to all of you!

Today we celebrate the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The First Reading, from the Book of the prophet Isaiah, offers us a teaching on how act with the those around them. The people of Israel have come back to Jerusalem from the exile in Babylon. However, the attitude has not changed and people still commit injustices and care about themselves. In front of this behavior, the prophet exhorts them that the true devotion is to do good for others, to care for those around us. The right relationship with God is recognized in our love for our neighbour. Our prayers should open our hearts to help those around us. The Second Reading, from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians, presents us a message in which the apostle explains what the source of his preaching. He does not count on his eloquence and wisdom, but in the power of the Holy Spirit. First of all, St. Paul had a very strong relationship with Christ, and he experienced God's action in his life. Based on this essential fact, he was announcing the Gospel not to persuade and convince people, but to share what he had lived. Many times we try to understand and to comprehend the Scriptures and God's action in our lives. It is very difficult to analyze them because it goes well beyond our understanding. It is better to be open to the action of the Holy Spirit and to marvel at the marvels that God can and want to do in our lives. We should rely more in God's grace than in our efforts and we would be surprised at God's marvellous deeds. The Gospel, from St. Matthew, continues with Jesus' teaching on the Sermon on the Mountain. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be salt of the earth and light of the world. Salt gives taste to food and preserves food from corruption. As followers of Jesus, we have been transformed by God's mercy and our attitudes are peaceful and gentle. We are called to give the flavour of hope and love to a world that at times is blended with discouragement and hopelessness. We are also encouraged to be light of the world. The light indicates where we are going, and it gives direction and purpose. We have been enlightened by Christ when our lives are fulfilled, and we are able to love each other. We are called to enlighten those around us by our attitudes so that they can receive the light of Christ and be transformed. Let us participate in this wonderful mission of sharing our faith with others. If we have been salted and enlightened by Christ, those around us will experience God's mercy and they in turn will be transformed.

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant and your Pastor

Pope Francis' Homily on the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (February 9, 2020)

In today's Gospel (cf. Mt 5:13-16), Jesus says to his disciples: "You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world" (vv. 13,14). He uses symbolic language not so much to give a definition of the disciple but to set out for those who wish to follow Him certain criteria for living their mission in the world.

The first image: salt. Salt is the component that gives flavour and that stores and preserves food from corruption. The disciple is therefore called to keep society away from the dangers, and the corrosive elements that pollute people's lives. It is a question of resisting sin and moral degradation, and bearing witness to the values of honesty and fraternity, without giving in to the worldly enticements of careerism, power and wealth. The disciple is "salt" who, despite the daily failures – because we all have them – rises from the dust of their own mistakes, starting again with courage and patience, every day, to seek dialogue and encounter with others. A disciple is "salt" who does not seek approval and praise, but strives to be a humble and constructive presence, in fidelity to the teachings of Jesus who came into the world not to be served, but to serve. And this attitude is greatly needed!

The second image that Jesus offers to His disciples is that of light: "You are the light of the world." The light disperses the darkness and allows you to see. Jesus is the light that has dispelled the darkness, but it still remains in the world and in individual people. It is the task of the Christian to dispel it further by making Christ's light shine among others and by proclaiming His Gospel. This outpouring of light can come from our words, but it must come mainly from our 'good deeds' (see 16). A disciple and a Christian community are the light of the world when they direct others to God, helping each person to experience His goodness and mercy. A disciple of Jesus is light when he or she knows how to live their faith outside of confined spaces, helping to eliminating prejudices, eliminating slander, and in bringing the light of truth into situations tainted by hypocrisy and lies. You must be the light. But it is not my own light, it is the light of Jesus : we are instruments of Jesus and we must radiate His light to reach everyone.

Jesus invites us not to be afraid to live in the world, even if there are sometimes conditions of conflict and sin in it. In the face of violence, injustice and oppression, Christians cannot shut up within themselves in or hide in the security of their own enclosure; even the Church cannot shut up within herself, she cannot abandon her mission of evangelization and service. Jesus, in the Last Supper, asked the Father not to remove the disciples from the world, to leave them, there, in the world, but to guard them from the spirit of the world. The Church gives generously and tenderly for the least and the poor: this is not the spirit of the world, this is her light, she is salt. The Church hears the cry of the least and the excluded, because she is aware of being a pilgrim community called to extend throughout history the saving presence of Jesus Christ.

May the Blessed Virgin helps us to be salt and light in the world, bringing to everyone, in life and word, the Good News of God's love.

2023 ENVELOPE USERS

The following envelopes have not been identified:

36, 188, 691

If this number belongs to you, please call the parish office 905-668-3676.

March for Life

Thursday May 11, 2023

Holy Family Parish is organizing a bus to depart from Whitby to Ottawa. Please contact Gwen at 905-259-8504

gwenle1990@gmail.com to reserve a seat and for more information

Durham Outlook for the Needy

Containers and recipes are available for pickup this weekend after mass. Please take one, prepare the recipe provided, and return the casserole FROZEN, to the parish parking lot Saturday February 11th at 1pm – 1:30pm.

Your casserole will be warmed and served to clients seeking a good meal.

FEBRUARY 5, 2023

SACRAMENT PREPARATION PROGRAM

2022-2023

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)



Let's "Stand for the Land" with Development and Peace/Caritas Canada 2023 Lent Campaign!

Development and Peace will begin a new 5 year cycle this year on Ash Wednesday, inspired by the October 2021 [address](#) of Pope Francis to the World Meeting of Popular Movements (EMMP) urging us to "create hope". For the first year, we have chosen to "create hope" by working to **Stand for the Land** in solidarity with our sisters and brothers in the Global South who are defending their homelands by protecting their land and water, the environment and human life.

We invite you to join us at this upcoming virtual event. Find out how you can cooperate to share this campaign according to your time and abilities, there is something for everyone.

"Toronto Virtual Campaign Workshop: Stand for the Land"

Saturday, February 11th at 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZllc-mgrj8rH9JDPDdPFQ5pklqbKSExbJkk>

Or:

<https://www.devp.org/en/events/>

The campaign materials are available for download or mail order on the DPCC website


<https://www.devp.org/en/campaign/stand-for-the-land/resources/>

All are welcome!

For more information, contact:

Estela Rios: torontodevp@gmail.com

Dean Dettloff at ddettloff@devp.org

 Masses For The Week

Sat Feb 4 – 5:00pm

+Marie Myers
req. by Sarah Francis

Mon Feb 6 – 8:20am

+James William Reid
req. by Dorothy, Don & Shawn Berry

Tues Feb 7 – 8:20am

+
req. by

Wed Feb 8 – 7:00pm

+Noreen Christine Finlay
req. by The Finlay Family

Thurs Feb 9 – 8:20am

+Deceased Members of the Coryat Family
req. by Mary Yearwood

Fri Feb 10 – 8:20am

+David Glen Fitzgerald
req. by Mary Louise LaBarre & Ken Reilly & Family

Sat Feb 11 – 5:00pm

+Deceased Members Harrington, Broderick & MacLellan Fam.
req. by Joe & Joy

*Tabernacle Candle Intention for Natasha Jan 29 – Feb 4
Tabernacle Candle intention for Amy Feb 5 – 11*

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.

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.

BIBLE STUDY

**Monday February 20 to Monday March 27th
"CONVERSION" by Bishop Robert Barron**

Due to the positive response, 5 more guides have been ordered. Call NOW if you have not already confirmed your attendance. (905) 668-3676

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