

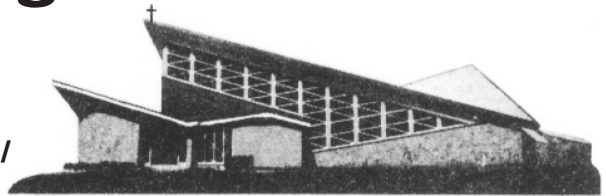
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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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THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Message from the Pastor

Peace to all of you!

Today we celebrate the Third Sunday of Lent. The First Reading, from the Book of Exodus, presents a passage in which the people of Israel complained to God while they were going through the wilderness. Even though God had wonderfully freed them from slavery, had provided meat and bread, yet when they lacked water, they doubted God's goodness. They forgot what God has accomplished before and they grumbled thinking that God had abandoned them, and He did not even care. Despite this complaint, God provides for them water to drink. All of us experience as well that when we face events which make us suffer, we grumble and we doubt of God's goodness. However, God's love is so great that even though we murmur He provides for us and gives more than what we even think. It asks us to trust in God and to realize that God is so good despite our unbelief. The Second Reading, from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans, offers us a beautiful teaching on the doctrine of justification. Jesus has saved us and has forgiven all our sins. It does not depend on how many good actions I may carry out, but in God's sheer gratuitousness. This redemption is something that we can experience right now when we open our hearts to Him. The Holy Spirit comes upon us and fills us with peace and joy. Let us allow the manifold grace of God to transform our hearts. The Gospel, from St. John, gives us the account of the Samaritan woman. Jesus encounters this woman when He goes to drink water at a well. He offers to this woman the living water that completely can satisfy her thirst. She wonders how she can get his water to drink. Jesus slowly brings her to believe that He is the source of life and that in Him she can find fulness of life. This woman believes and she becomes a witness to her whole village as well that Jesus is the Savior of the world. All of us are looking for fulfillment and peace in our lives. We have looked for it in different places, but only God can fulfill this desire for happiness.

Let us open our hearts to the One that offers us fulness of life even in the most difficult situations!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant and your Pastor

Pope Francis' Homily on the Third Sunday of Lent (March 19, 2017)

The Gospel for this Third Sunday of Lent presents Jesus' dialogue with the Samaritan woman (cf. Jn 4:5-42). The encounter takes place as Jesus is crossing Samaria, a region between Judea and Galilee inhabited by people whom the Hebrews despised, considering them schismatic and heretical. But this very population would be one of the first to adhere to the Christian preaching of the Apostles. While the disciples go into the village to buy food, Jesus stays near a well and asks a woman for a drink; she had come there to draw water. From this request a dialogue begins. "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?". Jesus responded: If you knew who I

am, and the gift I have for you, you would have asked me for and I would have given you "living water", a water that satisfies all thirst and becomes a boundless spring in the heart of those who drink it (cf. vv. 9-14).

Going to the well to draw water is burdensome and tedious; it would be lovely to have a gushing spring available! But Jesus speaks of a different water. When the woman realizes that the man she is speaking with is a prophet, she confides in him her own life and asks him religious questions. Her thirst for affection and a full life had not been satisfied by the five husbands she had had, but instead, she had experienced disappointment and deceit. Thus, the woman was struck by the great respect Jesus had for her, and when he actually spoke to her of true faith as the relationship with God the Father "in spirit and truth", she realized that this man could be the Messiah, and Jesus does something extremely rare — he confirms it: "I who speak to you am he" (v. 26). He says he is the Messiah to a woman who had such a disordered life.

Dear brothers and sisters, the water that gives eternal life was poured into our hearts on the day of our Baptism; then God transformed and filled us with his grace. But we may have forgotten this great gift that we received, or reduced it to a merely official statistic; and perhaps we seek "wells" whose water does not quench our thirst. When we forget the true water, we go in search of wells that do not have clean water. Thus this Gospel passage actually concerns us! Not just the Samaritan woman, but us. Jesus speaks to us as he does to the Samaritan woman. Of course, we already know him, but perhaps we have not yet encountered him personally. We know who Jesus is, but perhaps we have not countered him personally, spoken with him, and we still have not recognized him as our Saviour. This Season of Lent is a good occasion to draw near to him, to counter him in prayer in a heart-to-heart dialogue; to speak with him, to listen to him. It is a good occasion to see his face in the face of a suffering brother or sister. In this way we can renew in ourselves the grace of Baptism, quench our thirst at the wellspring of the Word of God and of his Holy Spirit; and in this way, also discover the joy of becoming artisans of reconciliation and instruments of peace in daily life.

May the Virgin Mary help us to draw constantly from grace, from the water that springs from the rock that is Christ the Saviour, so that we may profess our faith with conviction and joyfully proclaim the wonders of the love of merciful God, the source of all good.



Schedule of Stations of the Cross begin at 6:30pm in English and 7:30pm in Spanish

Mar 17	Way of the Cross & Easter Reflections
Mar 24	Development & Peace Way of the Cross
Mar 31	Mary's Way of the Cross

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Colombia: defence of land and territory

Colombia is home to nearly 10 per cent of the planet's biodiversity, yet it is also one of the most dangerous countries for people defending their land and

territory against exploitation.

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's partner, the Asociación Campesina de Antioquia (ACA, Peasant Association of Antioquia) supports peasant communities affected by armed conflict in defending their lives and territories and in building a culture of peace through filmmaking and art.

This Lent, meet our solidarity visitor Raquel Soto, a participant in ACA's documentary filmmaking school. Learn more at devp.org/lent.

For more information contact: Estela Rios at emr0001@hotmail.com – 905-430-7753



Masses For The Week

Sat Mar 11 – 5:00pm

+Broderick, Howard & Harrington Families

req. by Joe & Joy

Mon Mar 13 – 8:20am

+Peter Rose

req. by Jason & Kristi & Family

Tues Mar 14 – 8:20am

+Humberto Schenflege

req. by His Family

Wed Mar 15 – 7:00pm

+Harrington, Broderick & MacLellan Families

req. by Joe & Joy

Thurs Mar 16 – 8:20am

+Peter Rose

req. by The Deehan Family

Fri Mar 17 – 7:00pm

+Patricia Baird

req. by Maureen LaBarre & Family

Sat Mar 18 – 5:00pm

+Kathleen Hutchings & Dave & Una Johnston

req. by The Johnston Family

*Tabernacle candle for Gerard, requested by Mary
March 12 – 18, 2023*

Totus Tuus is returning this Summer!

The children and youth of the parish are invited to join us for Totus Tuus this summer. Totus Tuus is an Archdiocesan program whereby seminarians and young adults travel to different parishes, spreading the Good News of our Lord through catechesis, Mass, confession, songs and games!

DAY CAMP (for Grades 1-6) - \$80/child for the week

Monday, July 10th to Friday, July 14th, 9:00 AM – 2:30 PM

EVENING PROGRAM (for Grades 7-12) - \$40/child for the week

Sunday, July 9th to Thursday, July 13th, 7:00 – 9:00 PM

For more information about registration or volunteering to help with this program, please contact Cassandra at cass.sullivan@archtoronto.org. More information is also available at www.totustuustoronto.ca



Live the Gospel by helping our vulnerable brothers and sisters

ShareLife Sunday is March 26 and we once again ask you to give generously to support Catholic agencies, who in turn care for the most vulnerable in our communities. As a parish, this is our opportunity to live the Gospel!

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Installation of Archbishop Francis Leo

Saturday March 25, 2023 @ 10am

Given capacity restrictions at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, this will be an invitation-only event. The Mass of Installation will be livestreamed through www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live and broadcast on Salt & Light Catholic TV and through their website: www.slmedia.org.

Recognizing that the cathedral will not be able to accommodate all of the faithful who may wish to attend the Mass of Installation, a regional Mass of Welcome will take place in the eastern region of the archdiocese at St. Isaac Jogues Parish, Pickering on Wednesday April 26th at 7 p.m.

A reception will follow the mass in the parish hall.

Please keep Archbishop Leo in your prayers as he begins his ministry as our shepherd.

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