

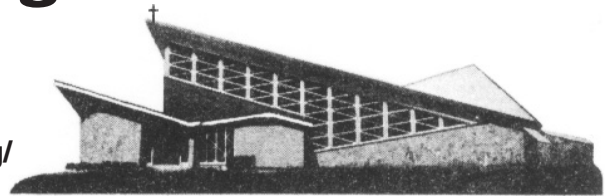
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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 OF EASTER

Message from the Pastor

Peace to all of you!

Today we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Easter. The First Reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, continues the preaching of St. Peter on the day of Pentecost. He proclaimed that with the event of the Death and Resurrection of Christ, Jesus was considered from now on Lord over sin and death. When people heard this, they were touched to the heart, and they asked Peter what they needed to do to welcome this announcement. He told them to convert and be baptized in the name of Jesus. It was meant to allow Jesus to transform their hearts and to shape their lives by the attitudes of Jesus. We are also called to be transformed by the Risen Christ. He will help us to pass from an attitude of selfishness, greed, impatient and anger to patience, meekness and mercy. The Second Reading, from the First Letter of St. Peter, continues with the advice given to those who were baptized at Easter. As Christ was crucified and died without defending Himself, those who follow Christ receive the grace to act in the same way. We are all weak and when we face disagreements or people tell us something that we do not like, we usually put our foot down and try to argue. We get angry, and we lose our peace. Christ wants to help us so that what normally gets under our skin and makes us react, that now with Him, it is possible that we do not lose our composure and we remain at peace. We do this out of love for the other person and with the help of Christ. The Gospel, from St. John, presents the beautiful passage of Jesus as the Good Shepherd. Jesus is presented as the Gate of salvation through which we all must enter if we want to have fullness of life. Throughout His life, Jesus has been always obedient to His Father and has always done His will. He is the way and the door through which we may find salvation. It is essential that we follow Him, and we listen to His voice because His words gives us Eternal Life. Let us have an open heart and an open ear so that we find abundant life in the Risen Lord!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant and your Pastor

Pope Francis Homily for the Fourth Sunday of Easter (May 3, 2020) The fourth Sunday of Easter, which we celebrate today, is dedicated to Jesus the Good Shepherd. The Gospel says, "The sheep hear his voice, as he calls his own sheep, by name" (John 10: 3). The Lord calls us by name, calls us

because he loves us. But, the Gospel then tells us, there are other voices not to be followed: those of strangers, thieves and robbers who want evil for the sheep. These different voices resonate within us. There is the voice of God, who speaks kindly to the conscience, and there is the tempting voice that leads to evil. How can we recognize the voice of the Good Shepherd from that of the thief, how can we distinguish God's inspiration from the suggestion of the evil one? We can learn to discern these two voices: in fact they speak two different languages, that is, they have opposite ways of knocking on our hearts. They speak different languages. As we know how to distinguish one language from another, we can also distinguish the voice of God and the voice of the evil one. The voice of God never forces us: God proposes himself, he does not impose himself. Instead, the evil voice seduces, assails, forces: it arouses dazzling illusions, tempting emotions that are fleeting. At first it flatters us, it makes us believe that we are all-powerful, but

then leaves us with emptiness inside and accuses us: "You are worth nothing". God's voice, on the other hand, corrects us, with so much patience, but always encourages us, consoles us: it always nourishes hope. The voice of God is a voice that has a horizon, instead the voice of the evil one leads you to a wall, it takes you to a corner.

Another difference. The voice of the enemy distracts us from the present and wants us to focus on the fears of the future or the sadness of the past – the enemy does not want the present –: it brings back the bitterness, the memories of the wrongs suffered, of those who hurt us, so many bad memories. Instead, God's voice speaks to the present: "Now you can do good, now you can exercise the creativity of love, now you can renounce the regrets and remorse that hold your heart captive." It enlivens us, it brings us forward, but it speaks of the present: now.

In addition: the two voices raise different questions in us. What comes from God will be, "What is good for me?" Instead, the tempter will insist on another question: "What do I want to do?" What would I like: the evil voice always revolves around the self, its impulses, its needs, everything and immediately. It's like the whims of children: everything right now. The voice of God, on the other hand, never promises cheap joy. It invites us to go beyond our self to find the true good, peace. Let us remember, evil never gives us peace, it puts frenzy first and leaves bitterness after. That's the style of evil.

The Knights of Columbus are international leaders in the Right to Life movement.

On Mother's Day each year, all over North America, the Knights hold a fundraising drive for the benefit of local chapters of Right to Life Associations.

Funds are raised through donations for lapel roses which will be distributed after all of the masses on the weekend of

May 13/14, 2023.

PLEASE BE GENEROUS FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT HELP THEMSELVES



Teams of Our Lady

TOOL Parish Bulletin
Insert for Upcoming
Teams of Our Lady
Information Session
Thank you to all

parishioners who came to visit the Teams of Our Lady table during the pulpit talk. If you and your spouse are interested in learning more, please consider coming for an Information Session in the parish centre on **Sunday April 30 (English session at 12:15pm and Spanish session at 3:15pm)**. There will be a one-hour presentation and a chance to meet other couples who are yearning for a deeper intimacy through conjugal and family prayer. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to Monika and Chris Matelski by contacting them by email: formation.central@teamsofourlady.ca.

MARCH FOR LIFE

Thursday May 11, 2023

Holy Family & St. John the Evangelist Parishes are organizing a bus from Whitby to Ottawa. Tickets \$30/adult, \$10/child



St. John the Evangelist's Social Committee invites you to **Family and Food**

Fun Day!

Saturday, June 10th, 2023

From 11:30-3:00 p.m.

Join us on the church grounds for tons of fun and games for the whole family! Come and share in culinary delights from around the world. BYOLC: Bring your own lawn chair!

Manresa Day of Reflection and Spiritual Renewal for 55+ on Thursday, May 25th

Facilitator: Father Michael Coutts, S.J.

Theme: The Exodus and I.

Purification, Illumination, Union.

The Exodus Experience formed the Israelites into what 1 Peter 2 calls "A chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people set apart." God did that over a period of 40 years. It seems God has done the same for us during the short Covid span. God did this through a process of purification, illumination, union. please read Exodus, Chapters 1-5.

Cost. \$55.00 per person, including lunch

Registration April 29/30 and May 6/7 after all Masses, or by calling parish office or Catherine Ingram (905 665-0933)

Payment upon registration.



Masses For The Week

Sat Apr 29 – 5:00pm

+Broderick, Harrington & MacLellan Families

req. by Joe & Joy

Mon May 1 – 8:20am

+Patrick Treacy Jr.

req. by Pat Catterall

Tues May 2 – 8:20am

+Evan Faith Skinner

req. by Mom, Dad & Sister

Wed May 3 – 8:20am

+Dan Nettle

req. by Mary Jane Nettle

Int for George O'Connor

req. by Noreen & Bobby

+Sylvia Walsh

req. by Jim & Mary Walsh

+Shirley Barrett

req. by Her Family

+Michael Brugle

& Rev. Osmond D'Souza

req. by Millicent Bower

Thur May 4 – 8:20am

+Patrick Jamie Treacy Jr.

req. by Monica Donovan

Friday May 5 – 8:20am

+Ramona Horbay

req. by The Fitzpatrick Family

Tabernacle candle for Odette

Apr 30-May 6

Catholic Education Week

Catholic Education Week 2023 begins Sunday, April 30, 2023. The Catholic schools in our parish will engage in a series of events to celebrate the ongoing gift of publicly funded Catholic education. You are invited to learn about the various celebrations that are happening by visiting the Durham Catholic District School Board's website at dcdsb.ca. Publicly funded Catholic education has existed in Ontario since 1841 and its graduates have served Ontario and Canada very well. The current generation of students in our publicly funded Catholic schools will serve with the same spirit and generosity as their previous generations.

Knights of Columbus, St John the Evangelist Council, meetings are the 1st Wednesday of each month from Sept to June. Next Meeting is Wednesday May 3, 2023 at 8PM at the Knights Hall at 133 Brock St North. 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 or call 416-508-9877

Volunteer Appreciation Night

Thursday, June 1, 2023

**Parish Centre
IT'S BACK!**

Fr. Francisco would like to thank all in Ministry by invitation to join us for hors d'oeuvres, wine and friendly fellowship.

Please RSVP to the parish office by email or phone call

stjohntheevangelistwh@archtoronto.org or 905-668-3676

ShareLife Sunday and the World Day of Prayer for Vocations

When you support ShareLife, you help educate our future priests. This past year, you invested in our Church's future by supporting 58 seminarians at St. Augustine's Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary. Thus far we have raised \$36,461.55 toward our goal of \$148,700. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Join us at Totus Tuus Summer Camp!

DAY CAMP (for students entering grade 1-6 in September) - \$80/child for the week

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

EVENING PROGRAM (for students entering grade 7-12 in September) - \$40/child for the week

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

The deadline to register for the camp is June 30th, 2023.

Parishioners are invited to volunteer! We need student volunteers (age 13-18) and adult volunteers (18+) to help the children and youth stay safe, have fun and grow in their faith.

The deadline to apply to volunteer is June 1st, 2023.

For more information about volunteering or to register, please email Cassandra at cass.sullivan@archtoronto.org or contact the parish office.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul, St. John the Evangelist Conference

BUNDLE WEEKEND

May 13-14, 2023

A truck will be parked in St. John Parish parking lot over the weekend May 13/14 accepting gently used/new clothing, coats, linens, towels, bedding, textiles, drapery, shoes/boots.

We CANNOT accept furniture, appliances, mattresses, used baby equipment, furniture, books, dishes, construction material or video tapes.

Please bring your items to the truck after mass Saturday at 5pm, Sunday 9am or 11am or 2:00 pm in Spanish.

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