

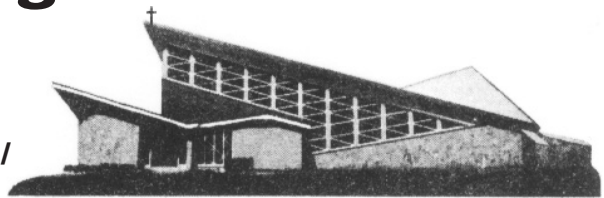
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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!

Today we celebrate the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The First Reading, from the Book of the prophet Jeremiah, presents a part of the prayer that he addresses to God when he is struggling. Jeremiah calls the people to remain faithful to the Lord, but they want to follow other gods and they persecute Jeremiah. He feels abandoned and desperate, but at that moment of anguish, he realizes that God is at his side and will protect him even though he must go through struggles and disagreements. When we face difficulties and struggles, we are inclined to complain and to feel that they are too much for us. However, God comes to our rescue, and He gives the strength to pass through them at peace. The Second Reading, from the Letter of St. Paul to Romans, offers us part of the teaching of St. Paul on the New Adam. We all inherit the consequences of original sin, which means, we are inclined to sin and to fall into temptation. We have a wounded nature that even though wants to do the good ends up doing evil. All of us experience that we wish not to get angry or impatient or to judge, but yet we do it because we are too weak. It seems that we keep falling again and again into the same sins. The Good News is that Christ has been sent to us as the New Adam to take away our sins and to heal our wounded nature. When Christ forgives us and gives us His grace, then we have the capacity to do good, to be patient, merciful and peaceful. This is a gift and not fruit of our efforts. The Gospel, from St. Matthew, brings us a part of the missionary discourse of Jesus before sending the disciples to announce the Good News. He sends the twelve apostles as emissaries and ambassadors who bring the presence of God to all people. There will be times when people will reject this message of salvation and will confront the disciples. Christ encourages them not to be afraid but to trust in the Lord. They are called to offer the gift of salvation and peace to everybody. They must go with an attitude of humility and meekness. When they face rejection, they must offer consolation and peace. It is easily taken as personal rejections and to defend oneself, but Christ invites them to trust in Him that He will protect them when facing adversity. There are times that people do not agree with our faith, and they question it, we are called to give witness by the way we live and not to enter confrontation. The Lord will take care of us and will touch their hearts. Let us trust in the Lord especially when we face difficulties and struggles so that we may find peace and consolation!

I wish to all of you a restful summer to enjoy with your family and friends. Let us pray for each other and be attached to the Lord! God bless you!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant, and your Pastor

Pope Francis' Homily for the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (June 11, 2015)

In this Sunday's Gospel (cf. Mt 10:26-33) the invitation Jesus addresses to His disciples resonates: to have no fear, to be strong and confident in the face of life's challenges, as He forewarns them of the adversities that await them. Today's passage is part of the missionary discourse, with which the Teacher prepares the Apostles for their first experience of proclaiming the Kingdom of God. Jesus persistently exhorts them "not to be afraid", "do not be afraid", and Jesus describes three tangible situations that they will find themselves facing.

First and foremost, the first, the hostility of those who would like to stifle the Word of God by sugar-coating it, by watering it down or by silencing those who proclaim it. In this case, Jesus encourages the Apostles to spread the message of salvation that He has entrusted to them. For the moment, He has transmitted it cautiously, somewhat covertly within the small group of the disciples. But they are to utter His Gospel "in the light", that is, openly; and are to proclaim it "from the housetops" - as Jesus says - that is, publicly.

The second difficulty that Christ's missionaries will encounter is the physical threat against them, that is, direct persecution against them personally, to the point of being killed. Jesus's prophecy is fulfilled in every age: it is a painful reality, but it attests to the faithfulness of the witnesses. How many Christians are persecuted even today throughout the world! They suffer for the Gospel with love, they are the martyrs of our day. And we can say with certainty that there are more of them than the martyrs of the early times: so many martyrs, merely for the fact of being Christians. Jesus advises these disciples of yesterday and today who suffer persecution: "do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul" (v. 28). There is no need to be frightened of those who seek to extinguish the evangelizing force with arrogance and violence. Indeed, they can do nothing against the soul, that is, against their union with God: no one can take this away from the disciples, because it is a gift from God. The only fear that a disciple should have is

to lose this divine gift, this closeness to and friendship with God, to stop living according to the Gospel, thereby experiencing moral death, which is the effect of sin.

The third type of trial that Jesus indicates the Apostles will find themselves facing is the sensation, which some may feel, that God Himself has abandoned them, remaining distant and silent. Here too, Jesus exhorts them not to fear, because even while experiencing these and other pitfalls, the lives of the disciples rest firmly in the hands of God, who loves us and looks after us. They are like the three temptations: to sugar-coat the Gospel, to water it down; second, persecution; and third, the sensation that God has abandoned us. Even Jesus suffered this trial in the garden of olives and on the cross: "Father, why have you forsaken me?", says Jesus. At times one feels this spiritual aridity. We must not be afraid of it. The Father takes care of us, because we are greatly valued in His eyes. What is important is the frankness, the courage of our witness, of our witness of faith: "recognizing Jesus before others" and continuing to do good.

May Mary Most Holy, model of trust and abandonment in God in the hour of adversity and danger, help us never to surrender to despair, but rather always to entrust ourselves to Him and to His grace, since the grace of God is always more powerful than evil.

Totus Tuus is a summer program where the youth of our community can learn about their faith, have fun and make new friends! **The deadline to register for the camp is June 30th, 2023.**

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

Meals for Totus Tuus Missionaries

We still need a few more parishioners to provide lunch (delivered to the parish centre at 12 noon) or dinner (hosting the missionaries from 5:00-6:00pm) for the missionaries who will be leading the Summer camp. If you are interested in providing a meal, please Email

cass.sullivan@archtoronto.org.

Totus Tuus Parish Potluck!

All parishioners are invited to join us for a Totus Tuus potluck on **Thursday, July 13th, from 5:00-6:30pm** in the Parish Centre. Come celebrate Totus Tuus Summer Camp being at our parish and bring your favourite nut-free dish to share!

CWL WALKATHON

The CWL would like to thank all who assisted and participated in our recent Walkathon. Another great success as we have raised \$3,248.00 so far. Thank you to all who walked, as well as their generous sponsors. Your participation was greatly appreciated.

Parish Directory 2023-2024

It has been ten years since our last parish directory, and so it's time to make a new one. We will begin the process for a new Parish Directory in September 2023. St. John the Evangelist Parish and San Juan Diego Spanish Mission has a strong parish member and volunteer community.

Do you ever see people at mass and wonder what their names are or hear an announcement and can't put their face to the name? Are you new to the parish and wish you had something to help you put names and faces together?

This parish directory is going to strengthen our bond in the parish community.

We will begin scheduled dates to register for a family/couple/single photograph sessions September 13-16, 20-23, 2023. Morning, afternoon and evening appointments are available. To make this a successful program, please register to have your family photo taken and participate in the directory. All participants will receive a free 8x10 portrait and a free directory. More information will be provided over the coming weeks. We also encourage businesses to advertise in the directory.

Mission Cooperative Program Appeal August 5/6, 2023

The goals of the Mission Cooperative Program of the Archdiocese of Toronto are to provide for food and medical care for the poor, as well as support the education of Missionaries. All appeals must be based on these mandates.

St. John's parish will welcome Fr. Alberto Gauci O.F.M. from Honduras on the weekend of August 5/6, 2023

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.

Parish Home Catechism Program

A learning partnership between parents and catechists to teach children about the help them grow in their Catholic faith. Children need to know about their faith and live it to receive the sacraments. Traditionally, the program is for children in public and private schools, however our program is for any child grades 1-8. The program runs from September to early May on Wednesday evenings 6:15pm – 7:15pm, taught by a wonderful group of catechists.

Registration will begin in August. If you are interested in becoming a catechist, please contact the parish office.



Masses For The Week

Sat Jun 24 – 5:00pm
+Brian, Ruth & Bill McMonagle
req. by The McMonagle Family

Mon Jun 26 – 8:20am
+Maureen LaBarre
req. by The Fitzpatrick Family

Tues Jun 27 – 8:20am
+Maureen LaBarre
req. by June Donlevy

Wed Jun 28 – 7:00pm

+Maureen LaBarre
req. by John & Helen Ecker
+Maureen LaBarre
req. by Earl & Myrna Edwards
+Ivan Arbour
Req. by Irene & Family
+Irene Moxley
req. by Bob & Patricia Koziol
+Oliver Pace
req. by Nina Veltri & Family

Thur Jun 29 – 8:20am

Special Intention for Jackie & David Flynn & Family
req. by Trish & Don Robertson

Friday Jun 30 – 8:20am

+Maureen LaBarre
req. by The Coutts Family

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