

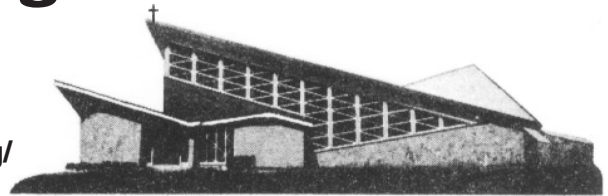
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## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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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## TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Message from the Pastor

Peace to all of you!

Today we celebrate the Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The First Reading, from the Book of the prophet Ezekiel, presents a passage in which the prophet deals with the situation of the people of Israel while they were in exile. It was believed that the fact that they were suffering in Babylon was a consequence for the sins of their parents. However, Ezekiel brings out for the first time, the notion of personal responsibility. We will reap out the fruits in our lives according to our actions. If we have done good, it will give us peace; on other hand, if we have done evil, it will cause anxiety and sadness. The Second Reading, from the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians, offers us a meditation of St. Paul on the importance of unity and communion in the community. There were cases of dissension and discord in the community. To tackle this issue, St. Paul underlines the importance of being united and always looking for the upbuilding of others. It is very easy to focus mainly on our own problems and concerns; however, there is the risk that it promotes our own selfish desires. God's grace will help us not only to fix our attention on our own selves but be concerned above all on the good of others. When we do this, we will be fully satisfied and fulfilled. This is what Christ has done for us and He will give us the strength to do the same for others. The Gospel, from St. Matthew, brings us the parable of two sons. Two children are called to go and work into the vineyard. One says but he does not go whereas the other one says no and then changes his mind and goes. The pharisees and scribes thought that they were good and fine people who were always right. They refused Jesus' 'teaching' and they did not need any repentance. With this attitude, they remained stubborn and refused God's grace. Christ puts the example of such an attitude in the first son that apparently is open to God's will, but the heart is far away from it. On other hand, there is the second son who is an image of the sinners who are away from God's will yet they repent and welcome God's grace. Christ would like that we have the attitude of people in need of repentance and change so we can welcome God's mercy in our lives and act upon it. There is always the risk of thinking that we are fine, we are perfect, we do not need to change anything. Let us pray to God we may have repentant hearts that always welcome God's grace in our lives!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant, and your Pastor

### Pope Francis' Homily for the Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (September 27, 2020)

With His preaching on the Kingdom of God, Jesus opposes a religiosity that does not involve human life, that does not question the conscience and its responsibility in the face of good and evil. This is also demonstrated by the parable of the two sons, which is offered to us in the Gospel of Matthew (cf. 21:28-32). To the father's invitation to go and work in the vineyard, the first son impulsively responds "no, I'm not going", but then he repents and goes; instead the second son, who immediately replies "yes, yes dad", does not actually do so; he doesn't go. Obedience does not consist of saying "yes" or "no", but always of acting, of cultivating the vineyard, of bringing about the Kingdom of God, in doing good. With this simple example, Jesus wants to go beyond a religion understood only as external and habitual practice, which does not affect people's lives and attitudes, a superficial religiosity, merely "ritual", in the ugly sense of the word.

The exponents of this "façade" of religiosity, of which Jesus disapproves, in that time were "the chief priests and the elders of the people" (Mt 21:23), who, according to the Lord's admonition, will be preceded in the Kingdom of God by "tax collectors and prostitutes" (see v. 31). Jesus tells them: "the tax collectors, meaning the sinners, and the harlots go into the kingdom of God

before you". This affirmation must not induce us to think that those who do not follow God's commandments, those who do not follow morality, saying "In any case, those who go to Church are worse than us", do well. No, this is not Jesus' teaching. Jesus does not indicate publicans and prostitutes as models of life, but as "privileged of Grace". And I would like to underscore this word, "grace". Grace, because conversion is always a grace. A grace that God offers to anyone who opens up and converts to Him. Indeed, these people, listening to his preaching, repented and changed their lives. Let us think of Matthew, for example. Saint Matthew, who was a tax collector, a traitor to his homeland.

In today's Gospel, the one who makes the best impression is the first brother, not because he said "no" to his father, but because after his "no" he converted to "yes", he repented. God is patient with each of us: He does not tire, He does not desist after our "no"; He leaves us free even to distance ourselves from Him and to make mistakes. Thinking about God's patience is wonderful! How the Lord always waits for us; He is always beside us to help us; but He respects our freedom. And He anxiously awaits our "yes", so as to welcome us anew in His fatherly arms and to fill us with His boundless mercy. Faith in God asks us to renew every day the choice of good over evil, the choice of the truth rather than lies, the choice of love for our neighbour over selfishness. Those who convert to this choice, after having experienced sin, will find the first places in the Kingdom of heaven, where there is greater joy for a single sinner who converts than for ninety-nine righteous people (see Lk 15: 7).

But conversion, changing the heart, is a process, a process that purifies us from moral encrustations. And at times it is a painful process, because there is no path of holiness without some sacrifice and without a spiritual battle. Battling for good; battling so as not to fall into temptation; doing for our part what we can, to arrive at living in the peace and joy of the Beatitudes. Today's Gospel passage calls into question the way of living a Christian life, which is not made up of dreams and beautiful aspirations, but of concrete commitments, in order to open ourselves ever more to God's will and to love for our brothers and sisters. But this, even the smallest concrete commitment, cannot be made without grace. Conversion is a grace we must always ask for: "Lord, give me the grace to improve. Give me the grace to be a good Christian". May Mary Most Holy help us to be docile to the action of the Holy Spirit. He is the One who melts the hardness of hearts and disposes them to repentance, so we may obtain the life and salvation promised by Jesus.

**Life Chain TODAY**  
**Sunday, October 1, 2023**  
**from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m**  
Corner of Cochrane & Dundas Streets

**CONFIRMATION (GRADE 7)**  
Registration and Information night  
(one parent and candidate to attend)  
**Tuesday, November 7 at 7:00pm in the Church**  
***(please bring completed registration form, a \$40 fee for program expenses and a photocopy of your child's Baptism Certificate)***  
**Any students not in Catholic School must attend Parish Home Catechism in order to make their sacraments.**  
*Please call the office for more information*

OCTOBER 1, 2023

**Bible Study "When You Pray"**

**Monday nights Oct 30 – Dec 11**

**7pm to 8:30pm in the Parish Centre**

Prayer is important but we still find it challenging. Perhaps it's hard to find time, or you're unsure what to do when you pray. Or maybe you feel discouraged by your weaknesses and your inability to overcome them.

If you have any of these feelings, you are not alone.

Join us for a bible study focussed on prayer.

Authored and presented by Dr. Edward Sri

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**St. John the Evangelist – Morocco Earthquake – Humanitarian Relief**

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[www.redcross.ca](http://www.redcross.ca) or 1-800-418-1111.

**San Juan Diego Latin Dinner and Dance**

**Eat, Dance and be Merry!!!**

**- dust off those dancing shoes!!**

**San Juan Diego Parish Mission invites you to the annual Gala Dinner Dance with a Latin Flair!**

**Date: Saturday Nov. 4, 2023**

**Location: La Tosca Banquet Hall**

**- 800 Champlain Ave. Oshawa**

**Time: 6pm - 1am (dinner 7pm)**

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**Masses For The Week**

**Sat Sep 30 – 5:00pm**

**+Patrick Fitzpatrick**

*req. by The Hannon Family*

**Mon Oct 2 – 8:20am**

**+Kevin Dashney**

*req. by St. John's Staff*

**Tues Oct 3 – 8:20am**

**+Coryat Family**

*req. by Mary Yearwood*

**Wed Oct 4 – 7:00pm**

**+Deceased Mbrs Struna & Hrovat Families**

*req. by Anne & Peter*

**+Kevin Dashney**

*req. by Dave & Mary Chown*

**+Cloutilda D'Souza**

*req. by Matthew Yip*

**+All Souls in Purgatory**

*req. by Joe & Joy Broderick*

**Thur Oct 5 – 8:20am**

**+Kevin Dashney**

*req. by Ken Reilly & Mary Louise LaBarre & Family*

**Fri Oct 6 – 8:20am**

**+Antonia, Francesco & Mario Veltri**

*req. by Nina Veltri & Family*

Parish Directory

New appointment sessions are available for Tues Oct 10<sup>th</sup>, Wed Oct 11, Mon Oct 16 from 2:30pm to 8:30pm. Please schedule your appointment today if you have not already done so.

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Please join us for a meeting Monday, October 2, 2023 in the St. Joseph's Room at 7:30pm

For more information please visit [www.NourishForCaregivers.com](http://www.NourishForCaregivers.com), or contact Robert MacLennan, 905-668-3676 or email [stjohntheevangelistwh@archtoronto.org](mailto:stjohntheevangelistwh@archtoronto.org)

**Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation  
Second Collection Sept 30/Oct 1**

This collection is a national grassroots effort to assist healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of This Land. Funds will support culture and language revitalization, education and community building, healing and reconciliation for communities and families and dialogue involving Indigenous elders, spiritual leaders and youth with a focus on Indigenous spirituality and culture.

[www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation](http://www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation)

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