

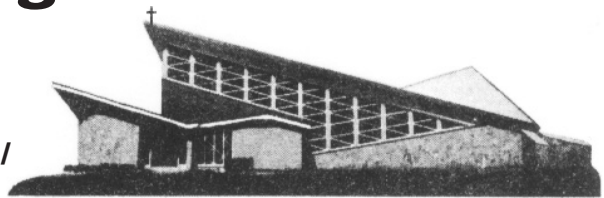
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Message from the Pastor

Peace to all of you!

This Sunday we are celebrating the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The First Reading is from the Book of Deuteronomy offers a passage in which Moses announces that God will give to the people a prophet who will speak God's word to them. The prophet is the one who speaks in God's name and reveals to the people which is God's will in every circumstance. This expected prophet is Jesus Christ, who has manifested to us God's love and His desire of salvation for all of us. We are called to listen and to follow Christ in whatever we do in order to find fullness of peace. By our baptism, we are also prophets, people who by our way of life give witness to God's love for others. The Second Reading is from the First Letter of the Apostle St. Paul to the Corinthians. It presents a text in which the Apostle underlines the importance of being totally dedicated to the Lord. He recommends that those who are single can be fully concentrated in the Lord whereas a married person is concerned with family issues. In a state of life, whether single, married, or a widow(er), it is essential to be attached to the Lord to live our daily lives better and to be in communion with others. A strong relationship with Christ will help in our daily struggles and will invigorate our relationship with others. The Gospel from St. Mark, offers us a passage in which Jesus speaks with authority and He heals a person possessed by a demon. He teaches with authority, which means that whatever He says comes to pass in people's lives. The authority of Christ consists in giving fullness of life to people. His words are put into actions. After teaching, He heals a person who is suffering. Christ wants that we trust Him and that we are open to His authority which saves us. Let us open our hearts to God's infinite power of salvation!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant and your Pastor

Pope Francis' Homily on the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (January 31, 2021)

Today's Gospel passage (cf. Mk 1:21-28) tells of a typical day in Jesus' ministry; in particular, it is the Sabbath, a day dedicated to repose and prayer: people went to the synagogue. In the synagogue of Capernaum, Jesus reads and comments on the Scriptures. Those present are attracted by His manner of speaking; their astonishment is great because He demonstrates an authority different to that of the scribes (v. 22). Furthermore, Jesus shows Himself to be powerful also in His deeds. Indeed, a man of the synagogue turns to Him, addressing Him as God's Envoy: He recognises the evil spirit, orders him to leave that man, and so drives him out (vv. 23-26).

Two characteristic elements of Jesus' work can be seen here: preaching, and the therapeutic action of healing: He preaches and heals. Both of these aspects stand out in the passage of the evangelist Mark, but preaching is emphasised the most; exorcism is presented as a confirmation of His singular "authority" and His teaching. Jesus preaches with His own authority, as someone who possesses a doctrine derived from Himself, and not like the scribes who repeated previous traditions and laws. They repeated words, words, words, only words: as the great singer Mina sang, ["Parole, parole, parole"]; that is how they were. Just words. Instead Jesus, His word has authority, Jesus is authoritative. And this touches the heart. Jesus' teaching has the same authority as God who speaks; for with a single command He easily frees the possessed man from the evil one, and heals him. Why? Because his word does what He says. Because He is the definitive prophet. But why do I say this, that He is the definitive prophet? Remember Moses' promise:

Moses says, "After me, long after, a prophet like me will come – like me! – who will teach you". Moses proclaimed Jesus as the definitive prophet. The teaching of Jesus has the same authority as God who speaks, because he has the power to be the definitive prophet, that is, the Son of God who saves us, who heals us all.

The second aspect, healing, shows that Christ's preaching is intended to defeat the evil present in humankind and the world. His word is pointedly directed at the kingdom of Satan: it puts him in crisis and makes him recoil, obliging him to leave the world. Touched by the Lord's command, this possessed, obsessed man is freed and transformed into a new person. In addition, Jesus' preaching conforms to a logic contrary to that of the world and of the evil one: His words reveal the upheaval of a mistaken ordering of things. In fact, the demon present in the possessed man cries out as Jesus approaches: "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us?" (v. 24). These expressions indicate the total extraneousness between Jesus and Satan: they are on completely different planes; there is nothing in common between them; they are the opposite of each other. Jesus, authoritative, who attracts people by his authority, and also the prophet who liberates, the promised prophet who is the Son of God who heals. Let us listen to the words of Jesus, which are authoritative: always, do not forget! Carry a small copy of the Gospel in your pocket or in your bag, in order to read it during the day, to listen to that authoritative word of Jesus. And then, we all have our problems, we all have our sins, we all have spiritual malaises; ask Jesus: "Jesus, you are the prophet, the Son of God, He who was promised to us to heal us. Heal me!" Ask Jesus for healing, from our sins, from our ills.

The Virgin Mary always kept Jesus' words and deeds in her heart, and followed Him with complete availability and faithfulness. May she help us too to listen to Him and follow Him, to experience the signs of His salvation in our lives.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION
CLASSES BEGIN Saturday, February 3rd, 2024 in
the Parish Centre

A very special Social Sunday!
Join us on Sunday February 11 after the 9am,
11am or 2pm masses for coffee & cake as we
celebrate Fr. Francisco's 50th birthday
in the Parish Centre.
Hosted by our Catholic Women's League



Lent begins on Ash Wednesday February 14th.
Masses with the distribution of Ashes at 8:20am
& 7pm.

Friday mass changes from 8:20am to 7pm beginning
Friday February 16th with Stations of the Cross at
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Spanish at 7:30pm More information to follow.



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1 ticket \$15; 3 tickets \$30; 5 tickets \$40
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Draw Date: Monday February 12th at Noon

Bible Study

UNTOLD BLESSINGS

Monday evenings February 5 to March 18, 2024
7pm Parish Centre Main Room
Cost \$25

Please call the office 905-668-3676 or email us
stjohntheevangelistwh@archtoronto.org to register.

CWL Members and Ladies of the Parish

You're invited to our CWL Toronto Diocesan Council Development Day 2024, on Saturday, February 10th 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. main room of the parish centre (bring your own lunch). Our theme this year is: Here I am Lord, Send me! This theme is put into action by featuring our two guest speakers: 10:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Kathy Matusiak Costa, Executive Director of Compassionate Community Care and our afternoon speaker 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. is Alex Schadenberg, Executive Director of Euthanasia Prevention Coalition. Compassionate care for vulnerable persons and an update on the widening of MAiD for mental health, as well as other issues and cases in Canada and abroad are both important issues. This will be a virtual presentation. If you require more information, or to reserve your seat, please contact Lynne Childerhouse at 905-431-6582 or lchilderhouse@hotmail.com.

Marriage Sunday 2024

Sunday February 11, 2024 @3pm

St. Michael's Cathedral 65 Bond St Toronto
Couples celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and over
Anniversaries may register for reserved seating. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend the Cathedral are encouraged to watch the livestream Mass. The broadcast will begin at 2:45pm.

www.archtoronto.org/marriage

**ATTENTION ENGAGED COUPLES!
MARRIAGE PREPARATION CLASSES**

Our next Marriage Preparation Course at St. John the Evangelist will begin on Monday nights, April 8 to May 13, 2024 from 7pm to 9pm. Call 668-3676 to register. Cost is \$300 per couple.

Catholic Family Services of Durham

- Heart to Heart Gala

Saturday, February 24, 2024

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Join us for an elegant evening including 3-course dinner with wine, DJ-Dance, silent/live auction, raffles and games. The funds raised allow our highly-trained staff to provide quality counselling services to over 2300 community members each year. Tickets are just \$120 each.

To purchase tickets or to participate in the online silent auction, visit <https://trellis.org/heart-to-heart-gala-2024>

Knights of Columbus

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Saturday, February 24, 2023

In Support of St. John the Evangelist Reno Fund
at TEES & CUES Lower level of the Best Western Hotel

559 Bloor St W., Oshawa

Start Time: 6:30 pm Cost: \$65 per golfer

Light fare will be provided.

Contact Gerry or Roberta Deschênes at 905-995-2978 or
gdesc9@gmail.com



Masses For The Week

Sat Jan 27– 5:00pm

In Thanksgiving

req. by Pierre & Linda Pilon

Mon Jan 29 – 8:20am

+Shirley Harris

req. by Mary Louise LaBarre & Ken Reilly & Family

Tues Jan 30 – 8:20am

+Edgar Talabis

req. by Lorna Talabis & Family

Wed Jan 31 – 7:00pm

+Catherine

req. by Yesu

+Vinko Skoko

req. by Lucy McManus & Caroline Goswell

Int. for the Burrison Family

req. by Nina & Family

Thur Feb 1 – 8:20am

+Ryan McDonald

req. by Mary Louise LaBarre & Ken Reilly & Family

Fri Feb 2 – 8:20am

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