

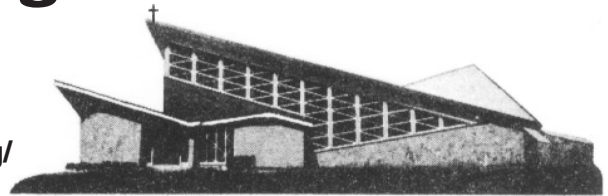
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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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PENTECOST SUNDAY

Message from the Pastor

The Peace of the Risen Christ be with you all!

We celebrate this Sunday the Solemnity of Pentecost. This feast is celebrated 50 days after Easter, and it signifies the fulfillment of the Paschal Mystery of the Death and Resurrection of Christ with the coming of the Holy Spirit. The apostles were firsthand witnesses of the Resurrection of Christ only after they received the gift of the Holy Spirit. The First Reading is from the Acts of the Apostles. It gives us the account of the events that happened during the feast of Pentecost. The apostles were praying with the Virgin Mary in the Upper Room and the Holy Spirit came upon them. It came as a rushing wind, which symbolized the powerful transformative action of God in the hearts of the disciples. It also came as tongues of fire, which means that the fullness of the Holy Spirit came upon each of them and from now on they were able to love unconditionally. From that moment, the apostles were very courageous to announce the Good News showing through their deeds that Christ was indeed risen. We are also called to participate in this event by receiving the fullness of God's life in our hearts through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The Second Reading, from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians, presents the effects of the Holy Spirit in the community. First, the Spirit makes possible that unity among its members can happen. Whoever is guided by the Spirit of God loves and cares for others. Second, each person receives a different gift or charism which is to be exercised for the good of the whole community. The Spirit of God intervenes allowing at the same time that unity and diversity may happen in the same community. We are also called to live in unity putting into practice with love the gifts that God has giving us. The Gospel, from St. John, brings us the passage of the manifestation of the Risen Christ to the fearful disciples. While they were very fearful and anxious, Christ gave them peace, which allowed them to come out of their fears. He also gave them the power of the Holy Spirit, which empowered them to be joyful witnesses of Christ's Resurrection in all parts of the world. We are also called to receive fully the gift of the Holy Spirit so that He may fill us with joy, peace, and many other gifts!

To experience the Holy Spirit God's love for us in a concrete way in our lives, I really encourage to come to the preaching of the Good News that is taking place in our Church. It is every Monday and Thursday at 7:30pm at the Church. You do not need to register to come, just attend and experience the joy of the Resurrection in your lives!

May God continue to fill you with hope and peace during the Easter Season!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant and your Pastor

Pope Francis Homily for Pentecost B (May 28, 2023)

Today, the Solemnity of Pentecost, the Gospel takes us to the upper room, where the apostles had taken refuge after the death of Jesus (Jn 20: 19-23). The Risen One, on the evening of Passover, presents himself precisely in that situation of fear and anguish and, breathing on them, says: "Receive the Holy Spirit" (v. 22). In this way, with the gift of the Spirit, Jesus

wishes to free the disciples from fear, from this fear that keeps them shut away at home, and he frees them so that

they may be able to go out and become witnesses and proclaimers of the Gospel. Let us dwell a little on what the Spirit does: he frees from fear.

The disciples had closed the doors, the Gospel says, "for fear" (v. 19). The death of Jesus had shocked them, their dreams had been shattered, their hopes had vanished. And they closed themselves inside. Not only in that room, but within, in the heart. I would like to underline this: closed inside. How often do we too shut ourselves in? How often, because of some difficult situation, because of some personal or family problem, because of a suffering that marks us or the evil we breathe around us, do we risk slipping slowly into a loss of hope and lack the courage to go on? This happens many times. And then, like the apostles, we shut ourselves in, barricading ourselves in the labyrinth of worries.

Brothers and sisters, this "shutting ourselves in" happens when, in the most difficult situations, we allow fear to take the upper hand and let its loud voice dominate within us. The cause, therefore, is fear: fear of not being able to cope, of having to face everyday battles alone, of risking and then being disappointed, of making the wrong decisions. Brothers, sisters, fear blocks, fear paralyses. And it also isolates: think of the fear of others, of those who are foreign, who are different, who think in another way. And there can even be the fear of God: that he will punish me, that he will be angry with me... If we give space to these false fears, the doors close: the doors of the heart, the doors of society, and even the doors of the Church! Where there is fear, there is closure. And this will not do. However, the Gospel offers us the remedy of the Risen One: the Holy Spirit. He frees us from the prisons of fear. When they receive the Spirit, the apostles – we celebrate this today – come out of the upper room and go out into the world to forgive sins and to proclaim the good news. Thanks to him, fears are overcome and doors open. Because this is what the Spirit does: he makes us feel God's proximity, and so thus his love casts out fear, illuminates the way, consoles, sustains in adversity. Faced with fears and closure, then, let us invoke the Holy Spirit for us, for the Church and for the whole world: let a new Pentecost cast out the fears that assail us and revive the flame of God's love.

May Mary Most Holy, the first to be filled with the Holy Spirit, intercede for us



Please keep Dan Humphries in your prayers as he will be ordained to the Diaconate for our parish on Saturday May 25th at 10am in St. Michael's Cathedral.



HAPPY VICTORIA DAY!
The parish office will be closed on Monday, May 20th. Mass is at 9:00am

MAY 19, 2024

CONFIRMATION PRACTICE
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Masses For The Week

Sat May 18 – 5:00pm

+Lino Tarticchio
req. by Maddalena Favit

Mon May 20 – 9:00am VICTORIA DAY HOLIDAY

+Angel Moreno
req. by His Family

Tues May 21 – 8:20am

+Graciela Reano
req. by America Vasconez

Wed May 22 – 7:00pm

+Andrew Marioselva
req. by His Family
Int. for Dan Humphries
req. by Victoria Humphries & Family
+McGowan & Patrick Families
req. by Mark & Eileen McGowan
+Jeannette Windfeld
req. by Pat Catterall
+Dennis Walsh
req. by Pat Catterall

Thur May 23– 8:20am

Int. for Dan Humphries
req. by Victoria Humphries & Family

Fri May 24 – 8:20am

+Stewart Hamilton
req. by Martha Hamilton & Family

Totus Tuus Summer Camp!

DAY CAMP (for students going into grade 1-6 in the fall) - \$80 for the week

Monday, July 8th to Friday, July 14th, 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM

EVENING PROGRAM (for students going into grade 7-12 in the fall) - \$40 for the week

Sunday, July 7th to Thursday, July 11th, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

The deadline to register for the camp is June 14th, 2024.

The deadline to apply to volunteer is May 31st, 2024. For

more information about registration or to volunteer, contact Cassandra at cass.sullivan@archtoronto.org or visit our parish website.



St. John the Evangelist's Social Committee invites you to

**Taste of the Parish on
Saturday, 8th June 2024
From 11 am to 3 pm.**

Join us on the Church grounds for fun, food and games for the whole family! Come and share in culinary delights from around the world.

Food contributions from your country of origin are welcome. Sign up sheets are available in the Foyer after all Masses.

BYOLC: Bring your own lawn chair

**Thank
You**

**Volunteer Appreciation Night
Thursday, May 30, 2024
at 7:00pm, Parish Centre**

Fr. Francisco would like to thank all in Ministry by invitation to join us for **wine & cheese** and friendly fellowship. Please RSVP to the parish office by email vmorgan@archtoronto.org.

**Knights of Columbus Council 4895
11th Annual Ray Hayes Memorial Music Night for
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Contact Mark McGowan at dr.mhaire@gmail.com**

CHALICE SPONSORSHIP WEEKEND May 25/26, 2024

Chalice Canada is the largest child sponsorship program in Canada. Sponsorship through Chalice enables parishioners to help families struggling with poverty with communities that lack the essentials, including food, medicine, and clean water. Your monthly sponsorship changes all that. Parish volunteers from Chalice will be promoting sponsorships on Saturday May 25th and Sunday May 26th after all masses. Information pamphlets with children in need of sponsoring will be on display in the foyer. You are invited to tour the display and have any questions answered to assist you.

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