

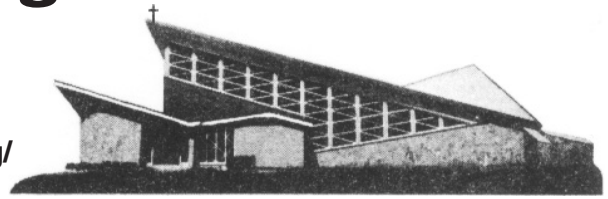
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Mon – Fri 9 a.m. - 12 noon
 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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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TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Message from the Pastor

The Peace of Christ be with you all!

We celebrate this Sunday the Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The First Reading is from the book of Genesis. It presents the consequences of the sin of Adam and Eve. They thought that they were going to be like God, but when they sinned, they realized that they were creatures, in dire need of God. When they cut their relationship with God, they became conscious of their fragility. They hid because they experienced a profound sense of guilt, and they thought that God was not going to love them as weak as they saw themselves. Moreover, they blame each other as well. This is what we all experience when we sin. It is important to realize that sin destroys us, but God has sent us Jesus Christ to crush and destroy our sins and its consequences. The Second Reading, from the Second Letter of the apostle St. Paul to the Corinthians, gives us a teaching on what endures and remains forever. We all experience getting older, and our bodies and health deteriorates. Everything around us sooner or later will disappear and vanish. We should be aware that we are fragile. However, God has planned for us Eternal Life. Even though we and everything around us will pass, Christ has prepared for us a dwelling place of Eternal Life and fullness of life. The Lord invites us to be aware of our mortal condition, but at the same time hope that God has prepared for us something much more for us. Let us lift up our eyes to the great things that God has in store for us. The Gospel, from St. Mark, brings us the episode when Jesus is accused to expel demons in the name of Beelzebub. Jesus Christ has come to destroy and unmask the work of the devil. He has come to forgive us our sins and to take away the evil which is in our hearts. Jesus comes to unite and to heal; on the contrary, the devil comes to divide and scatter. Let us allow the Lord to heal us and forgive our sins. He comes to give the possibility to be united and to love each other. This is God's will for us that we may share in His divine life and spread peace to others. May the Lord fill our hearts with His peace and mercy!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant and your Pastor

Pope Francis Homily for Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time B (June 10, 2018)

This Sunday's Gospel reading (Mk 3:20-35) shows us two types of misunderstanding that Jesus had to face: that of the scribes and that of his own brethren.

The first misunderstanding. The scribes were men educated in the Sacred Scriptures and charged with explaining them to the people. Some of them were sent from Jerusalem to Galilee, where Jesus' reputation was beginning to spread, in order to discredit him in the eyes of the people: to play the role of gossips, to discredit the other, to remove his authority, to do this awful thing. And they were sent to do this. And these scribes arrived with a specific and terrible accusation — they spared no means; they went straight to the point and said: "He is possessed by Beelzebub, and by the prince of demons he casts out the demons" (v. 22). That is, the prince of demons is the one who drives Him, which is more or less tantamount to saying: "He is possessed by demons". In fact Jesus healed many sick people, and the scribes wanted to make others believe that he did so not with the Spirit of God — as Jesus did — but with that of the Evil One, with the power of the devil. Jesus reacted with firm and clear words; he did not tolerate this, because those scribes, perhaps without realizing it, were falling into the gravest sin: denying and blaspheming against God's Love

which is present and active in Jesus. And blasphemy, the sin against the Holy Spirit, is the one unforgivable sin — as Jesus said — because it comes from closing the heart to God's mercy which acts in Jesus.

But this episode contains an admonishment which is useful to all of us. Indeed, it can happen that deep envy of a person's goodness and good works can drive one to falsely accuse him or her. Here there is true, lethal poison: the malice with which, in a premeditated manner, one wants to destroy the good reputation of the other. May God free us from this terrible temptation! And if, by examining our conscience, we realize that this weed is sprouting within us, let us go straight away to confess it in the Sacrament of Penance, before it grows and produces its evil effects, which are incurable. Be careful, because this attitude destroys families, friendships, communities and even society.

Today's Gospel also speaks to us about another, very different misunderstanding with regard to Jesus: that of his brethren. They were worried, because his new itinerant life seemed folly to them (cf. v. 21). In fact, he exhibited such openness toward the people, especially toward the sick and toward sinners, to the extent that he did not even have time to eat. Jesus was like that: people first; serving people; helping people; teaching people; healing people. He was for the people. He did not even have time to eat. Thus, his brethren decided to take him back home to Nazareth. His brethren came to the place where Jesus was teaching and they sent to him and called him. He was told: "Your mother and your brethren are outside, asking for you." And he replied: "Who are my mother and my brethren?". And looking around on those who sat about him, he said "Here are my mother and my brethren! Whoever does the will of God is my brother, and sister, and mother" (vv. 32-35).

Jesus formed a new family, no longer based on natural ties, but on faith in him, on his love which welcomes us and unites us to each other, in the Holy Spirit. All those who welcome Jesus' word are children of God and brothers and sisters among themselves. Welcoming the word of Jesus makes us brothers and sisters, makes us Jesus' family. Speaking ill of others, destroying others' reputations, makes us the devil's family.

Jesus' response was not a lack of respect for his mother and his brethren. Rather, for Mary it is the greatest recognition, precisely because she herself is the perfect disciple who completely obeyed God's will. May the Virgin Mother help us to live always in communion with Jesus, recognizing the work of the Holy Spirit who acts in him and in the Church, regenerating the world to new life.

Thank you

appreciated.

Thank you to all who volunteered at the Confirmation and First Eucharist celebrations for our Parish schools. Your time and dedication is much




Gardeners wanted! If you enjoy gardening and have some time to assist us with watering and weeding our parish gardens, please contact the parish office. 905-668-3676

Second Collection for Marygrove Camp today!



JUNE 9, 2024

 Masses For The Week

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req. by Pat Catterall
+Frank Kapuscinski
req. by Marily & Keith MacDonald
+Shehla Lang
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+Alec Westwood
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Fri Jun 14 – 8:20am

+Humberto Schenflede
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GRAND IN YOUR HAND

Your Catholic Women's League will be selling 50/50 tickets for the "Grand in Your Hand" draw after all masses on June 15/16. 100 tickets will be sold at \$20.00 each. The winner will win \$1,000.00 and \$1,000.00 will go towards our January charitable disbursements. Once the 100 tickets are sold, the draw will be made. The winner will be contacted and announced in the bulletin. We thank you for your continued support and wish you luck.

CWL GENERAL MEETING

Our last general meeting before the summer break will take place on Thursday, June 13th at 6:00 p.m. In the main room of the parish centre. It will be a pot-luck supper, some business and some fun. Please bring your food donation, your place setting and your appetite. If you have any questions or require transportation, please contact Lynne Childerhouse at 905-431-6582 or lchilderhouse@hotmail. All woman of the parish are invited to come and meet your CWL, and maybe you'd like to join us.

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.

Contact Cassandra at cass.sullivan@archtoronto.org or visit our parish website.



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- INSTANT POTATOES
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Please check the expiry dates!

Thank you for your support

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.


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