

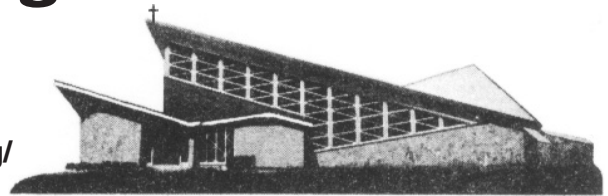
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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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TWELFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Message from the Pastor

The Peace of Christ be with you all!

We celebrate this Sunday the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The First Reading is from the book of Job. It presents God's answer to Job's complaint. He has lost his family and his possessions. He also has a form of leprosy which does not allow him to find any relief. He feels that he has done nothing wrong, and he does not understand why he must suffer. He does not understand the purpose of his excruciating pain and he questions God. He does not maybe get the answer that he wanted to hear, but ultimately it calms him down and allows him to find peace. All of us go through moments of suffering and trial. There is not a logical explanation to it. Christ has shared in our sufferings so that in Him we may find peace and support. The Second Reading, from the Second Letter of the apostle St. Paul to the Corinthians, gives us a beautiful message. In front of our weaknesses, we realize that Christ has died for us. He can understand our frustrations and in Him we may find strength. He not only died for us, but He has risen, and He is able to make us sharers of His risen life. It means that we can love those around us completely. Moreover, we can go through any tribulation at peace certain that God takes care of us and redeem us. Everything becomes new in Christ. We can all share in this novelty in our own lives. Any situation can bring us to a new and fulfilled life with Christ. The Gospel, from St. Mark, brings us the passage in which Christ calms the storm. The windstorm is a symbol of the struggles and sufferings that go through life. Most of the time, when we experience them, we get agitated, and we fear that we are going to drown. When we face any difficulty and problem, it is easy to feel discouraged and overwhelmed. We feel as if we are drowning, we lose our peace and anxiety kicks in. Sometimes, it is easy to question God or blame Him as if He seems that has abandoned us. However, the Gospel shows us that, even though Christ appears to be silent and does not act promptly, He is close to us, and He overcomes our struggles and hardships. Christ is with us; He intervenes, and we can raise with Him victorious over our difficulties and receive peace. Let us trust in Him, even though at times everything seems dark and hard, He is with us, He reaches down to us, and He rescues from our fears and anxieties!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant and your Pastor

Pope Francis Homily for the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time B (June 20, 2021)

In today's liturgy the episode of the storm calmed by Jesus (Mk 4:35-41) is told. The boat on which the disciples are crossing the lake is beaten by the wind and waves and they are afraid they will sink. Jesus is with them on the boat, yet he is in the stern asleep on the cushion. The disciples, filled with fear, cry out to him: "Teacher, do you not care if we perish?" (v. 38). And quite often we too, beaten by the trials of life, have cried out to the Lord: "Why do you remain silent and do nothing for me?". Especially when it seems we are sinking, because of love or the project in which we have laid great hopes disappears; or when we are at the mercy of the unrelenting waves of anxiety; or when we feel we are drowning in problems or lost in the middle of the sea of life, with no course and no harbour. Or even, in the moments in which the strength to

go forward fails us, because we have no job, or an unexpected diagnosis makes us fear for our health or that of a loved one. There are many moments in which we feel we are in a storm; we feel we are almost done in. In these situations and in many others, we too feel suffocated by fear and, like the disciples, risk losing sight of the

most important thing. On the boat, in fact, even if he is sleeping, Jesus is there, and he shares with his own all that is happening. His slumber, on the one hand surprises us, yet on the other it puts us to the test. The Lord is there, present; indeed, he waits – so to speak – for us to engage him, to invoke him, to put him at the centre of what we are experiencing. His slumber causes us to wake up. Because to be disciples of Jesus it is not enough to believe God is there, that he exists, but we must put ourselves out there with him; we must also raise our voice with him. Listen to this: we must cry out to him. Prayer, many times, is a cry: "Lord, save me!". I was watching, on TV the programme "In his image", today, the Day of Refugees, many who come in large boats and at the moment of drowning cry out: "Save us!". In our life too the same thing happens: "Lord, save us!", and prayer becomes a cry.

Today we can ask ourselves: what are the winds that beat against my life? What are the waves that hinder my navigation, and put my spiritual life, my family life, even my mental health in danger? Let us say all this to Jesus; let us tell him everything. He wants this; he wants us to grab hold of him to find shelter from the unexpected waves of life. The Gospel recounts that the disciples approach Jesus, wake him and speak to him (cf. v. 38). This is the beginning of our faith: to recognize that alone we are unable to stay afloat; that we need Jesus like sailors need the stars to find their course. Faith begins from believing that we are not enough in ourselves, from feeling in need of God. When we overcome the temptation to close ourselves off, when we overcome the false religiosity that does not want to disturb God, when we cry out to him, he can work wonders in us. It is the gentle and extraordinary power of prayer, which works miracles. Jesus, begged by the disciples, calms the wind and waves. And he asks them a question, a question which also pertains to us: "Why are you afraid? Have you no faith?" (v. 40). The disciples were gripped with fear, because they were focused on the waves more than looking at Jesus. And fear leads us to look at the difficulties, the awful problems and not to look at the Lord, who many times is sleeping. It is this way for us too: how often we remain fixated on problems rather than going to the Lord and casting our concerns into him! How often we leave the Lord in a corner, at the bottom of the boat of life, to wake him only in a moment of need! Today, let us ask for the grace of a faith that never tires of seeking the Lord, of knocking at the door of his Heart. May the Virgin Mary, who in her life never stopped trusting in God, reawaken in us the basic need of entrusting ourselves to him each day.

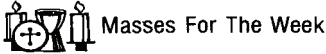
Totus Tuus Summer Camp!

The day program for Totus Tuus is full! Thank you to everyone who registered! There are still spots available in the evening program for students going into grade 7-12 in the fall. Please contact Cassandra ASAP at cass.sullivan@archtoronto.org to secure one of these spots.

Totus Tuus - Help needed with Meals

Help is needed to provide lunch for the Totus Tuus missionaries during the day and dinner for the teens at the Evening program. If you are able to bring a dish, a side or a desert, please contact Cassandra. Thank you for your support!

JUNE 23, 2024



Sat Jun 22– 5:00pm

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req. by Mary Louise LaBarre & Ken Reilly & Family
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req. by Jeff Cuthbert & Family
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+Albert Schranz
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+Cecilio Saguisag
req. by His Family

Thur Jun 27– 8:20am

+Catherine
req. by Yesu

Fri Jun 28 – 8:20am

Int for Dave & Jackie Flynn & Family
req. by Tricia & Don Robertson



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Your CWL has a limited number of "Grand in Your Hand" 50/50 tickets left. Remaining tickets, \$20 each, will be available after all masses on June 22/23. Once the 100 tickets are sold, the draw will be made. The winner will win \$1,000.00 and \$1,000.00 will go towards our January charitable disbursements. The winner will be contacted and announced in the bulletin. We thank you for your continued support and wish you luck.



Social Sunday today!

June 23, 2024 After 9am & 11am masses
Join us for coffee and cookies after mass
and a little social time in the Parish Centre

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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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.



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