

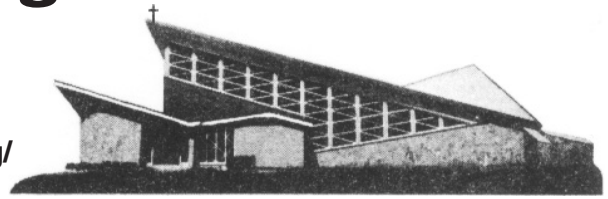
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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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Message from the Pastor

The Peace of Christ be with you all!

We celebrate this Sunday the Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The First Reading is from the book of Wisdom. It presents the original purpose of God when He created human beings. He has made us in His image and likeness to be happy and fulfilled. However, through the sin of Adam and Eve, our nature became corrupted, and we suffer since then. It is important to realize that God's plan for us is wonderful, to share in His divine nature. Even though we acknowledge every day our frailty and our human weaknesses, God has sent us Christ to heal us and to redeem us so that we can share fully in the plan that God has prepared for us since the foundation of the world. The Second Reading, from the Second Letter of the apostle St. Paul to the Corinthians, gives us an encouraging message. The community of Corinth is already progressing in faith and many other virtues; moreover, St. Paul encourages them to go even farther by being generous as Christ has been extremely generous with us. The mother Church in Jerusalem is going through economical struggles and St. Paul calls them to care for them and to help them financially. He reminds them how Christ has been so generous of Himself with us by giving His life. Out of gratefulness, they are encouraged to give of themselves to enrich the community in Jerusalem. We are also called to care for those around us and to share with generosity what God has given to us. The Gospel, from St. Mark, brings us the passage in which Christ heals a woman from hemorrhages and a little girl is raised from death. These two great miracles show us Christ's power over sickness, sin and ultimately death. He heals a woman who has suffered from hemorrhages for twelve years. She has been losing blood for so many years and has been outcasted from others. Christ heals her and allows her to be reinstated in the community. As He arrives to the house of Jairus, the little girl is dead, and everybody is grieving. However, the Lord of all life enters her room and raises her up by taking her hand. Both miraculous events are signs that show us that Christ has power over our problems, our sins and our frustrations. In Him, we can receive a new life. Let us approach Him with trust and hope knowing that nothing is impossible for Him!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant and your Pastor

Pope Francis Homily for the Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time B (June 27, 2021)

Today in the Gospel (cf. Mk 5:21-43) Jesus encounters our two most dramatic situations, death and disease. He frees two people from them: a little girl, who dies just as her father has gone to ask Jesus' help; and a woman, who has blood loss for many years. Jesus lets himself be touched by our suffering and our death, and he works two signs of healing to tell us that neither suffering nor death have the last word. He tells us that death is not the end. He defeats this enemy, from which alone we cannot free ourselves.

However, in this period in which illness is still at the centre of the news, we will focus on the other sign, the healing of the woman. More than her health, her affectionate relationships were compromised. Why? She had blood loss and therefore, according to the mindset of the time, she was deemed impure. She was a marginalized woman; she could not have stable relationships; she could not have a husband; she could not have a family, and could not have normal social relationships, because she was "impure", an illness that rendered her "impure". She lived alone, with a wounded heart. What is the greatest illness of life? Tuberculosis? The pandemic? No. The greatest illness of life is a lack of love; it is not being able to love. This poor woman was sick, yes, with blood loss, but as a result, with a lack of love, because she could not be with others socially. And the healing that counts the most is that of love. But how do we find it? We can think of our own ability to love: are we sick or we in good health? If our ability to love is not well. Jesus is able to heal us.

The story of this nameless woman – let us call her as such, "the nameless woman" –, in whom we can all see ourselves, is exemplary. The text says that she had tried many treatments, "had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse" (v. 26). We too, how often do we throw ourselves into mistaken remedies to sate our lack of love? We think that success and money make us happy, but love cannot be bought; it is free. We hide in the virtual, but love is tangible. We do not accept ourselves as we are and we hide behind external facades, but love is not an appearance. We look for solutions from magicians and from gurus, to then find ourselves without money and without peace, like that woman. Finally, she chooses Jesus and throws herself into the crowd to touch Jesus' garment. In other words, that woman seeks direct contact, physical contact with Jesus. Especially in this time,

we understand how important contact and relationships are. The same counts with Jesus: at times we are content to observe some precepts and to repeat prayers – many times, like parrots –, but the Lord waits for us to encounter him, to open our hearts to him, for us, like the woman, to touch his garment in order to heal. Because, by becoming intimate with Jesus, we are healed in our affectionate relationships.

Jesus wants this. In fact, we read that, even while pressed by the crowd, He looks around to find who touched Him. The disciples were saying: "But you see the crowd pressing around you...". No: "Who touched me?". This is Jesus' gaze: there are many people, but He goes in search of a face and a heart full of faith. Jesus does not look at the whole, like we do, but he looks at the individual. He does not stop at the wounds and mistakes of the past, but goes beyond sins and prejudices. We all have a history, and each of us, in our secret, knows well the ugly matters of our history. But Jesus looks at it in order to heal it. We, instead, like to look at the ugly matters of others. How often when we speak, do we fall into gossiping, which is speaking ill of others, "flaying" others. But look: what horizon of life is this? Not like Jesus, who always looks at how to save us; he looks at today; good will is not the ugly history that we have. Jesus goes beyond sins. Jesus goes beyond prejudices. Jesus does not stop at appearances, but reaches the heart. And He heals precisely her, who had been rejected by everyone, an impure woman. He tenderly calls her "daughter" (v. 34) – Jesus' style was closeness, compassion and tenderness: "Daughter..." – and he praises her faith, restoring her self-confidence.

Sister, brother, you are here, let Jesus look at and heal your heart. I too have to do this: let Jesus look at my heart and heal it. And if you have already felt His tender gaze upon you, imitate Him, and do as He does. Look around: you will see that many people who live beside you feel wounded and alone; they need to feel loved: take the step. Jesus asks you for a gaze that does not stop at the outward appearance, but that goes to the heart: a gaze not judgmental, but welcoming – let us stop judging others – Jesus asks us for a non-judgmental gaze. Because love alone heals life. May Our Lady, Consoler of the suffering, help us to bring a caress to those with wounded hearts whom we meet on our journey. And do not judge; do not judge the personal, social reality of others. God loves everyone! Do not judge; let others live and try to approach them with love.

JUNE 30, 2024

SACRAMENT PREPARATION PROGRAMS

2024 – 2025

FIRST EUCHARIST (Grade 2)

**REGISTRATION and INFORMATION NIGHT
in the Church (one parent only to attend)
Tuesday, September 17th at 7:00 pm**
(please bring completed registration form, a \$50 fee for
program expenses and a **photocopy** of your child's Baptism
Certificate)

CONFIRMATION (Grade 7)

**REGISTRATION and INFORMATION NIGHT
in the Church (one parent & candidate to attend)
Tuesday, October 22nd at 7:00 pm**
(please bring completed registration form, a \$60 fee for
program expenses and a **photocopy** of your child's Baptism
Certificate)

It is mandatory that all children who do not attend Catholic school participate in the Parish Home Catechism Program.



Masses For The Week

Sat Jun 29 – 9:00am
Int for the 60th Year of Ordination
for Fr. Joseph Brzezicki
req. by Vicki Morgan

Sat Jun 29 – 5:00pm
+Abraham & Rose Turner
req. by The Turner Family

Mon Jul 1 – 9:00am CANADA DAY
+Sharon Young
req. by Pat & Mary Mullen

Tues Jul 2 – 8:20am
+Terry McDonald
req. by Pat McDonald

Wed Jul 3 – 7:00pm
+Frank Smrekar
req. by The Struna Family
+Teresa Jordan
req. by Maggie & Mike Dawson
+Ralph Longbotham
req. by Denise & Shirley Washburn
+Ralph Longbotham
req. by Jim & Colleen Monaghan
Int. for the Rebello Family
req. by John Rebello

Thur Jul 4 – 8:20am
+Deolinda & Everesto Medeiros
req. by Nelly & Todd Johnson

Fri Jul 5 – 8:20am
+John Fox
req. by Catherine

Knights of Columbus, St John the Evangelist Council, meetings are the 1st Wednesday of each month from Sept to June. Next Meeting is Wednesday September 4, 2024 at 8PM at the Knights Hall at 133 Brock St North. For further information assisting the St John's community and becoming a Knight please contact Bryan Childerhouse bryan.childerhouse@rogers.com or call 416-508-9877

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.

ShareLife

Thus far we have raised \$108,103 towards our goal of \$141,500. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our website or at sharelife.org/donate.



Catholic Cemeteries and Funeral Services

Resurrection Cemetery
Rosary for Priests
Saturday, August 3, 2024 @ 11am

Annual Mass of Faithful Departed
Wednesday, August 14, 2024 @ 7pm
Resurrection Cemetery
355 Taunton Road East, Whitby

THIS IS THE FINAL BULLETIN FOR THE SUMMER!

THE BULLETIN RETURNS AUGUST 25TH
SUMMER MASS INTENTIONS WILL BE
POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD



**Canada Day Monday,
July 1st, and the Civic
Holiday Monday,
August 5th the office is closed,
mass is at 9am**

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.

Totus Tuus Summer Camp

There are still LIMITED spots available in the day camp and the evening program. If you haven't registered yet, please contact Cassandra ASAP at cass.sullivan@archtoronto.org to secure one of these spots!

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!

Totus Tuus Potluck

All parishioners and camp families are invited to join us for the Totus Tuus potluck on Thursday, July 11th at 5:00 pm in the parish centre. This is an opportunity to come together as a community and celebrate the camp week. Please bring a nut-free dish. Hope to see you there!

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