

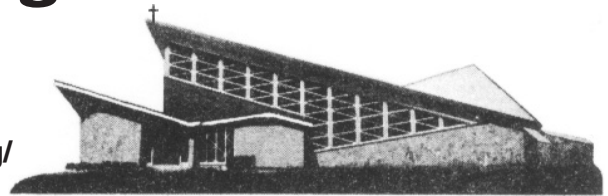
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Message from the Pastor

Peace to all of you!

Today we celebrate the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. The First Reading, from the Book of the prophet Isaiah, presents a very hopeful passage in which God is going to intervene powerfully in the lives of the people of Israel. As a consequence of their sins, they have been in exile for a long time and they have lost all hope for redemption. God promises them that He will save them and that they will be fruitful again. To assure them, He announces to them that all sorts of sicknesses will be healed and they will be saved and receive fullness of life in God. God is encouraging us to hope in Him even when we are facing difficult situations because He can give us peace beyond our expectations. The Second Reading, from the Letter of St. James, offers us a teaching on how to treat with justice, those who belong to the community. At that time, they were treating with favoritism the rich and despising the poor. St. James strongly reminds them that in a Christian community this division cannot happen. Faith should be expressed as an action, especially taking care of those in need. We should also take care of the poor around us as a sign of a living and active faith. The Gospel, from St. Mark, brings us a passage in which Christ heals a person who cannot listen and speak properly. Sometimes, this happens to us when we are proud or we judge or are impatient and we have difficulties entering into relationship with those around us. Through His word and the power of the Holy Spirit, Christ heals this person and now he can talk and even praise the Lord. Christ also wants to help us so that we can love and relate well with those around us, even those who are unbearable to us. Christ will bring us to be happy with our lives and to bless Him every day. Let us trust in the Lord and allow Him to heal us and restore us deeply so that we can love unconditionally!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant, and your Pastor

Pope Francis' Homily for the Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (September 5, 2021)

The Gospel for today's liturgy presents Jesus who heals a deaf man with a speech impediment. What is striking about this story is how the Lord performs this prodigious sign. He took the deaf man aside, put his finger into the man's ears, and touched his tongue with saliva. Then he looked up to heaven, groaned, and said to him: "Ephphatha", that is, "Be opened!" (cf Mk 7:33-34). In other healings, for infirmities as serious as paralysis or leprosy, Jesus did not do as many things. So why does he do all of this, even though they had only asked him to lay his hands on the sick man (cf. v.32)? Maybe it was because that person's condition had a particularly symbolic value. The condition of deafness is also a symbol that can say something to all of us. What is this about? Deafness. That man was unable to speak because he could not hear. To heal the cause of his infirmity, Jesus, in fact, placed his fingers first of all in the man's ears, then his mouth, but his ears first.

We all have ears, but very often we are not able to hear. Why is this? Brothers and sisters, there is an interior deafness that we can ask Jesus to touch and heal today. It is interior deafness, which is worse than physical deafness, because it is the deafness of the heart. Taken up with haste, by so many things to say and do, we do not find time to stop and listen to those who speak to us. We run the risk of becoming impervious to everything and not making room for those who need to be heard. I am thinking about children, young people, the elderly, the many who do not really need words and sermons, but to be heard. Let us ask ourselves: how is my capacity to listen going? Do I let myself be touched by people's lives? Do I know how to spend time with those who are close to me in order to listen? This regards all of us, but in a special way also priests. The priest must listen to people, not in a rushed way, but listen and see how he can help, but after having listened. And all of

us: first listen, then respond. Think about family life: how many times do we talk without listening first, repeating the same things, always the same things! Incapable of listening, we always say the same things, or we do not let the other person finish talking, expressing themselves, and we interrupt them. Starting a dialogue often happens not through words but silence, by not insisting, by patiently beginning anew to listen to others, hearing about their struggles and what they carry inside. The healing of the heart begins with listening. Listening. This is what restores the heart. "But Father, there are boring people who say the same things over and over again..." Listen to them. And then, when they have finished talking, you may speak, but listen to everything. And the same is true with the Lord. It is good to inundate Him with requests, but it is better that we first of all listen to him. Jesus requests this. In the Gospel, when they ask him what is the first commandment, he answered: "Hear, O Israel". Then he added the first commandment: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart...(and) your neighbor as yourself" (Mk 12:28-31). But first of all, "Hear, O Israel". Do we remember to listen to the Lord? We are Christians, but sometimes with the thousands of words we hear every day, we do not find a moment to let a few words of the Gospel resound in us. Jesus is the Word: if we do not stop to listen to Him, He moves on. Saint Augustine said, "I fear that Jesus will pass by me unnoticed." And the fear was to let Him pass by without hearing Him. But if we dedicate time to the Gospel, we will find the secret for our spiritual health. This is the medicine: every day a little silence and listening, fewer useless words and more of the Word of God. Always with the Gospel in your pocket that can help greatly.

Mass Schedule

Sat Sept 7– 5:00pm

+Mark Harris

req. by Shirley Harris

Mon Sep 9 – 8:20am

+Felix & Dorothy Leblanc

req. by Their Family

Tues Sep 10– 8:20am

+Andrew DeGroot

req. by John Fernandez

Wed Sep 11 – 7:00pm

+Stan & Shirley Harris

req. by Their Family

+Deceased Mbrs Gomes Family

req. by Terence D'Cruz

+Rita, Dominic D'Cruz & Jajinta Muntle

req. by Terence D'Cruz

+Jimmy Gormley

req. by Rita McAlinden

+Gerry McAfferty

req. by Rita McAlinden

Thur Sep 12 – 8:20am

+Francis Doran & +Herbert Doran

req. by Alice Deehan

Fri Sep 13 – 8:20am

+Humberto Schenflede

req. by His Family



Social Sunday & Ministry Fair
Sunday September 22, 2024
after 9am & 11am

5 pm Saturday Sept 21st – in the Foyer

SEPTEMBER 1, 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.

Youth Ministry Begins Soon!

Youth ministry helps our young parishioners have fun, make friends and grow in their faith. **Life Teen** for grade 9-12 will take place every 1st and 3rd Thursday from 7-8:30 pm **beginning on October 3rd**. **EDGE** for grade 5-8 will take place every 2nd and 4th Thursday from 7-8:30 pm **beginning on October 10th**.

For more information about registering or volunteering for this important ministry, contact
Cassandra cass.sullivan@archtoronto.org.

Interested in Altar Serving?

Altar servers must be in grade 3 or older and have already received their First Communion. Contact Cassandra for more information.

There will be a training for altar servers on **Saturday, September 21st from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm**. Lunch will be provided!



All Youth of the parish are invited to participate in

St. John the Evangelist's

Youth Mass @ 11:00am on

Sundays Nov. 3rd, Feb. 9th, Apr. 6th &, June 1st

Lectors: Gr.8 -12

Procession of Gifts: Gr.1 -7

Ushers: Gr 1 -12

(to greet parishioners and hand out bulletins)

Youth Choir: Gr 6 -12

Please contact the Parish office for more information.

San Juan Diego Spanish Mass Bake Sale
September 28/29, 2024
In the foyer after all masses



Life Chain

Sunday, October 6, 2024 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m

Corner of Cochrane & Dundas Streets

Life Chain is a prayerful and peaceful witness to the sanctity of human life and the evil of abortion. Participants pray and hold non-graphic signs with messages such as "Life, the first inalienable right" and "Abortion kills children" at hundreds of locations across North America for one hour. Please join us at our location. This is a family friendly event appropriate for people of all ages and backgrounds and a unique opportunity to provide our neighbours with a much-needed message of love, hope, and truth.

CWL 5KM Walkathon

Your Catholic Women's League (CWL) is raising funds to support our annual charitable disbursements and our school projects by participating in a CWL 5KM Walkathon. We will be handing out and registering sponsor forms to all CWL members after all the masses this weekend. CWL members will walk from September 14th to 20th after obtaining their sponsors. You may be approached for sponsorship or, feel free to approach a CWL member and offer to sponsor them. Thank you for your continued support.

Prayer Group Meeting

Begins Wednesday September 11th at 1pm

In the Parish Centre

All are welcome

Call Klara for more information 905-668-9579

Prayer Petitions Box

Prayer petitions are prayed over every Wednesday at the prayer meetings. You are encouraged to step out in faith and place your prayer petitions in the box as you come to Mass. If you don't ask, you won't receive. God is faithful! Put your trust in Him


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