

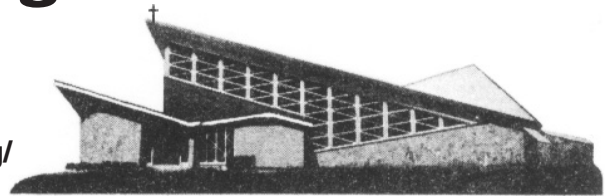
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

Peace to all of you!

Today we celebrate the Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. The First Reading, from the Book of Genesis, shows us how God has created man and woman in His image to help and to love each other. They are called to be united to each other in marriage and to become one flesh. It is a great vocation that can only be carried out with God's help. At times, we see our spouse as a burden and an obstacle instead of a help. Everybody is called to see the other as a help to our lives, not as an obstacle to our happiness. The other is somebody to whom we can love. In the fulfillment of this call, we find life and joy. The Second Reading, from the Letter to the Hebrews, presents how Christ has suffered for us to bring us salvation. He has taken upon Himself all our struggles and sins so that in Him we may receive new life, forgiveness, and peace. In the Gospel, from St. Mark, Christ insists that marriage between man and woman was intended from the beginning of creation to be indissoluble. Marriage is essential for the good of our society. Christ wants healthy marriages who love and forgive each other. If there are difficulties and struggles, God will certainly help us to be together. The fact of staying together is a strong sign for our society in which many people divorce and cannot stand each other. God has created us in His own image so that through our love for each other we make visible God's love for all humanity. Even though we can be selfish and impatient, God's grace will help us to be loving to other people. When we love unconditionally those around us, we are fulfilled and have so much peace. Let us ask the Lord to help us carry out His plan of love in our lives!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant, and your Pastor

Pope Francis' Homily for the Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (October 7, 2018)

This Sunday's Gospel reading (cf. Mk 10:2-16) offers us Jesus' words on marriage. The passage opens with the provocation of the Pharisees who ask Jesus if it is "lawful for a man to divorce his wife", as the Law of Moses provides (cf. vv. 2-4). Jesus firstly, with the wisdom and authority that come to him from the Father, puts the Mosaic prescription into perspective, saying: "For your hardness of heart he" — that is, the ancient legislator — "wrote you this commandment" (v. 5). Thus, it is a concession that is needed to mend the flaws created by our selfishness, but it does not correspond to the Creator's original intention.

And here, Jesus again takes up the Book of Genesis: "from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female'. 'For this reason, a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one'" (vv. 6-8). And he concludes: "What therefore God has joined together, let not man put asunder" (v. 9). In the Creator's original plan, it is not that a man marries a woman and, if things do not go well, he repudiates her. No. Rather, the man and the woman are called to recognize each other, to complete each other, to help each other in marriage.

This teaching of Jesus is very clear and defends the dignity of marriage as a union of love which implies fidelity. What allows the spouses to remain united in marriage is a love of

mutual giving supported by Christ's grace. However, if in the spouses, individual interests, one's own satisfaction prevails, then their union cannot endure.

And the Gospel passage itself reminds us, with great realism, that man and woman, called to experience a relationship of love, may regretfully behave in a way that places it in crisis. Jesus does not admit all that can lead to the failure of the relationship. He does so in order to confirm God's plan, in which the power and beauty of the human relationship emerge. The Church, on the one hand, does not tire of confirming the beauty of the family as it was consigned to us by Scripture and by Tradition; at the same time, she strives to make her maternal closeness tangibly felt by those who experience relationships that are broken or that continue in a difficult and trying way.

God's way of acting with his unfaithful people — that is, with us — teaches us that wounded love can be healed by God through mercy and forgiveness. For this reason, in these situations, the Church is not asked to express immediately and only condemnation. On the contrary, before so many painful marital failures, she feels called to show love, charity and mercy, in order to lead wounded and lost hearts back to God.

Let us invoke the Virgin Mary, that she helps married couples to always live and renew their union, beginning with God's original Gift.

**CONFIRMATION (Grade 7)
REGISTRATION and INFO 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)

A New Bible Study Begins Soon!
REVISED DATE: Mondays Oct 21 – Dec 16
7pm – 9pm, PC main
Walking Toward Eternity, presented by Jeff Cavin
Please contact the parish office to register. Books \$25



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



Today is Social Sunday after the 9am & 11am masses in the Parish Centre, hosted by the Choir. Please join us!

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Indigenous Reconciliation Fund Second Collection today Oct 5/6, 2024

As we journey with the Indigenous community, this fund will support healing and reconciliation efforts, recognizing the trauma caused by the residential school system. We acknowledge the journey to reconciliation is one that will continue for years to come. Please visit the [Indigenous Reconciliation Fund website](#) for more information and additional resources. Envelopes are on the back counter. Please identify yourself for tax receipt purposes.

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.

Holy Spirit Novena for Life

Pray daily from September 29th to October 8th

Holy Spirit,

At the dawn of creation, You brought order out of chaos,
Light out of darkness, Life out of nothingness.

Breathe on us once again, and change the culture of death
Into a Culture of Life. Inspire in your people

A spirit of generous welcome for each and every life,
No matter how unexpected or dependent that life may be.
Holy Spirit, You are the Advocate. As you fill us with Yourself,
Make us advocates for the unborn and all the vulnerable.

Until we are all united In the endless life and joy
of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever.

Amen

Nourish Caring for the Caregiver

Virtually every one of us will care for a loved one at some time in our life. Though rewarding, it's not always easy. Nourish for Caregivers is for anyone juggling the challenges of everyday life, health, career and caring for an aging parent, spouse, child or grandparent, in town or at a distance. Nourish provides caregivers a faith perspective, as well as practical and emotional support, useful tools, and share experience. Discover the blessings that come from caring for another.

Please join us Monday evenings, October 7, 21, Nov 4, 18, Dec 2, 16, 2024 in the St. Joseph's Room at 7pm – 8pm

For more information please visit

www.NourishForCaregivers.com, Robert MacLennan, 905-668-3676 or email stjohntheevangelistwh@archtoronto.org

Horizons of Hope: A Toolkit for Parishes on Palliative Care

Families, friends, parish communities and health care professionals, together, all play an important role to care for and accompany those in need of palliative care that recognizes the dignity of the human person. As such, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops have developed a program called Horizons of Hope that offers a toolkit to empower and educate those interested in learning about the most recent approaches to compassionate palliative and end of life care.

The Horizons of Hope program will help parishioners, caregivers, and family members facing a terminal illness learn more about palliative care and come together in community to understand palliative care from theological, ethical, and medical perspectives. In addition to gaining new knowledge, parishes are encouraged to work together to develop a plan for building a caring parish community.

**3 Saturdays Oct 26, Nov 2, 9, 16
10am – 12 noon in the Parish Center, main room**



Masses For The Week

Sat Oct 5 – 5:00pm

+Alcides Jeronimo
req. by His Family

Mon Oct 7 – 8:20am

+Mark Harris
req. by His Family

Tues Oct 8 – 8:20am

+All Souls in Purgatory
req. by Joe & Joy Broderick

Wed Oct 9 – 7:00pm

+Stan & Shirley Harris
req. by The Harris Family
+Austin Schranz
req. by Ed Schranz
+Catherine
req. by Yesu
+ Glenda McNeil
req. by Maire Fitzpatrick & Family
Int for Gerard
req. by Mary Yearwood

Thur Oct 10 – 8:20am

+Violet Miller
req. by Ron Locas

Fri Oct 11 – 8:20am

+Jackie Anderson
req. by Irene Arbour

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