

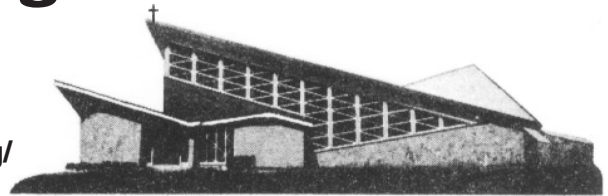
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The First Reading, from the Book of the prophet Isaiah, we see the last part of the fourth song of the Suffering Servant. Isaiah announces that somebody will suffer for the sins of all humanity to save it. This has been fulfilled in Christ, who gave Himself for us in the Cross to redeem us. He has carried upon Himself all our sins to forgive us, to save us and to give us new life. Through His Death and Resurrection, He has transformed us. The Second Reading, from the Letter to the Hebrews, shows how Jesus Christ is our High Priest to whom we can pray to find consolation and strength. He has suffered and died for us, and He is able to understand all our weaknesses and sufferings. In Him, we can find peace and strength to support us in our struggles. We can lean on Him to find consolation in moments of trouble. In the Gospel, from St. Mark, we find that, after Christ announces that He is going to Jerusalem to die for our sins, James and John asks Him for a place of honour. Jesus replies to them and to all the disciples that the real place of honour is to serve others. We all look to be important and successful, to make a difference in the world, but what only counts is how much we have served and love others. Christ has served us first and has given His life for us so that we do the same for other people. It is very good news that Christ wants to transform us so that we can love unconditionally. Let us give our hearts to Him so that He can transform them!

This weekend our Archbishop, Francis Leo, has come to visit our parish. Let us pray that his ministry may be fruitful and that God may console him and strengthen him in years to come!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant, and your Pastor

Pope Francis' Homily for the Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (October 17, 2021)

The Gospel of today's Liturgy (Mk 10:35-45) narrates that two disciples, James and John, ask the Lord to one day sit beside him in glory, as if they were "prime ministers", or something like that. But the other disciples hear it and become indignant. At that point, Jesus patiently offers them a great teaching. It is this: true glory is not obtained by rising over others, but by experiencing the same baptism that He, Jesus, would receive just a little later in Jerusalem, that is, the cross. What does this mean? The word "baptism" means "immersion": through his Passion, Jesus immersed himself into death, offering his life to save us. Therefore, his glory, the glory of God, is love that becomes service, not power that seeks to dominate. Not power that seeks to dominate, no! But love that becomes service. Thus, Jesus ends saying to his disciples and to us as well: "Whoever would be great among you must be your servant" (v. 43). To become great, you should take the path of service, serving others.

We are in front of two different types of logic: the disciples want to rise up and Jesus wants to immerse Himself. Let us spend a few moments on these two verbs. The first is to rise up. It expresses that worldly mentality to which we are always tempted: to experience everything, including

relationships, in order to feed our ambition, to climb the ladder of success, to reach important positions. The quest for personal prestige can become a spiritual malady, masquerading itself even behind good intentions: for example, when behind the good we do and preach, we actually seek ourselves alone and our own affirmation, that is, that we get ahead and climb up, we see it even in the Church... How many times, we Christians – who should be servants – try to climb up, to get ahead. We therefore always need to evaluate our heart's real intentions, to ask ourselves: "Why am I carrying out this work, this responsibility? To offer service or rather to be recognised, praised and to receive compliments?" Jesus contrasts this worldly logic with his own: instead of exalting yourself over others, get off your pedestal to serve them; instead of rising above others, to be immersed in others' lives. I was watching on the program A Sua Immagine that service carried out by Caritas so that no one might lack food: being concerned about others' hunger, being concerned about others' needs. There are so, so many in need, and after the pandemic there are many more. Seek to be immersed in service rather than to climb up for one's own glory.

Here is the second verb: to be immersed. Jesus asks us to immerse ourselves. And how should we immerse ourselves? Compassionately in the lives of those we meet. We were considering hunger: but do we think compassionately about the hunger of so many people? When we have a meal before us, which is a grace from God that we can eat, there are people who do not have enough food for the entire month. Let's think about that. And immerse ourselves compassionately, to have compassion, is not a statistic in an encyclopedia... No! They are people. Do I have compassion for people? Compassion for the lives of those we meet, like Jesus has done with me, with you, with all of us, he drew near with compassion. Let us look at the Crucified Lord, completely immersed in our wounded history, and we will discover God's way of doing things. We see that he did not remain up above in heaven to look down on us from up there, but he lowered himself to wash our feet. God is love and love is humble, it does not exalt itself, but comes down like the rain that falls to the earth and brings life. But how can we adopt the same direction as Jesus, going from raising ourselves up to immersing ourselves, from the mentality of prestige, worldly prestige, to that of service, Christian service? Dedication is needed, but that is not enough. It is difficult alone, but not impossible, for we have a strength within that helps us. It is the strength of Baptism, of that immersion in Jesus that all of us have already received through grace that directs us, moving us to follow him instead of seeking our interests, but to put ourselves at the service of others. It is a grace, a fire that the Spirit has kindled in us that needs to be nurtured. Today, let us ask the Holy Spirit to renew the grace of Baptism in us, that immersion in Jesus, in his way of being, to be more like servants, to be servants like he has been with us.

And let us pray to the Madonna: she – even though she was the greatest – did not seek to rise up, but was the humble servant of the Lord, and is completely immersed in our service to help us encounter Jesus.

OCTOBER 20, 2024

Vegetable Fundraiser
Thank you!

Thanks to our generous parishioners, a cheque was issued to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul for \$3,500 and the remaining \$1,800 to the church.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul,
BUNDLE WEEKEND
Oct 26/27, 2024

A truck will be parked in St. John Parish parking lot over the weekend Oct 26th, 27th after all masses. We accept gently used/new clothing, coats, linens, towels, bedding, textiles, drapery, shoes/boots.

We CANNOT accept furniture, appliances, mattresses, used baby equipment, furniture, books, dishes, construction material or video tapes.

Please bring your items to the truck after mass Saturday at 5pm, Sunday 9am or 11am or 2:00 pm in Spanish

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)

Bible Study: **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



Masses For The Week

Sat Oct 19– 5:00pm

In Thanksgiving

req. by Evangeline & Amarie Davidson

Mon Oct 21 –8:20am

+Molly Joseph

req. by Mary Louise LaBarre & Ken Reilly & Family

Tues Oct 22– 8:20am

+Andrew Marioselva

req. by His Family

Wed Oct 23 – 7:00pm

+Carrol Fernandes

req. by Eleuterio Fernandes

+Domenic Borg

req. by Rita & Saviour Bonello

+Deceased Members of the Bonello Family

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+Antonia Veltri

req. by The Veltri Family

Int. for Giselle

req. by Mary Yearwood

+Louise Beynon

req. by Mac & Chris Beynon

Thur Oct 24 – 8:20am

+Yesudass

req. by His Family

Fri Oct 25– 8:20am

+All Souls in Purgatory

req. by Joe & Joy Broderick



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 &, Jun 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

Horizons of Hope: A Toolkit for Parishes on Palliative 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

Knights of Columbus Bottle Drive

A collection of empty bottles & cash donations will be accepted for Special Olympics at the parish centre parking after each mass Saturday October 26th & Sunday October 27th. Thank you!

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Second Collection Oct 19/20, 2024

Since 1922, the Pontifical Missions Societies through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith has supported the temporal needs of missions as well as created awareness of the work of the mission throughout the world. Some examples of projects include: building churches, cathedrals damaged by tsunamis and earthquakes, religious houses of formation, homes for the clergy, formation programs for lay missionaries, radio and television production, audio-visual materials for remote mission areas as well as support of pastoral work in various rural dioceses.

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