

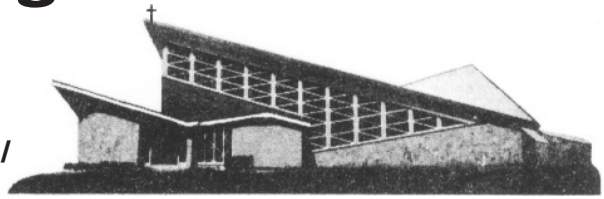
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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!

This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Apostles St. Peter and St. Paul. The First Reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, presents the account of the episode in which St. Peter is placed into jail, and he is amazingly released. Even though he is going through a very tough situation, he remains at peace trusting in the Lord. We can also find refuge and consolation in the Lord when we are faced with adversities in our daily lives. The Second Reading, from the Second Letter of St. Paul to Timothy, gives us a very profound testament of St. Paul when he is in prison. He shares that he is looking forward to receiving Eternal Life since he has been faithful in his ministry. It is God's faithful grace who has helped him even in very difficult circumstances. The Lord will be with us in any difficult situation that we will encounter. The Gospel, from St. Matthew, presents to us the episode in which Jesus asks His disciples who do they think He really is. St. Peter makes a profession of faith, and he says that He is the awaited Messiah. It is true that this faith will be purified during his life, but already Christ establishes the Church upon the ministry of Peter. We are part of an Apostolic and Catholic Church which head is under the Papacy of Pope Leo XIV. We receive the faith and the sacraments through the ministry of the Pope and his successors. Let us put our trust in the solid Rock who saves us constantly!

I wish to all of you a restful and amazing summer. May you and your families find rest and solace in the summer months!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant and your Pastor

Pope Francis' Angelus on the Solemnity of the Apostles St. Peter and St. Paul (June 29, 2024)

Today, Solemnity of the Saints Apostles Peter and Paul, in the Gospel Jesus says to Simon, whom He named Peter, "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven" (Mt 16:19). This is why often we see Saint Peter depicted holding two large keys, as in the statue here in this Square. Those keys represent the ministry of authority that Jesus entrusted to him in the service of all the Church. Because authority is a service, and authority that is not service is dictatorship.

Let us be careful, though, to understand well the meaning of all this. The keys of Peter, in fact, are the keys of a Kingdom, which Jesus does not describe as a safe or a vault, but with other images: a tiny seed, a precious pearl, a hidden treasure, a handful of yeast (cf. Mt 13:1-33), that is, like something precious and rich, yes, but at the same time small and inconspicuous. To reach it, therefore, one does not need to operate mechanisms and safety locks, but to cultivate virtues such as patience, attention, constancy, humility, service.

Therefore, the mission that Jesus entrusts to Peter is not that of barring the doors to the house, permitting entry only to a few select guests, but of helping everyone find the way to enter, in faithfulness to the Gospel of Jesus. For everyone: everyone, everyone, everyone can enter.

And Peter will do this throughout his life, faithfully, until his martyrdom, after having been the first to experience for himself, not without fatigue and with many setbacks, the joy and the freedom

that come from meeting the Lord. He was the first to have to convert, and to understand that authority is a service, in order to open the door to Jesus, and it was not easy for him. Let us think: just after saying to Jesus, "You are the Christ", the Master had to reproach him, because he refused to accept the prophecy of His passion and His death by the cross (cf. Mt 16:21-23).

Peter received the keys to the Kingdom not because he was perfect, no: he is a sinner; but because he was humble, honest, and the Father had given him sincere faith (cf. Mt 16:17). Therefore, entrusting himself to God's mercy, he was able to support and fortify his brethren too, as was asked of him (cf. Lk 22:32).

Today we can ask ourselves, then: do I cultivate the desire to enter, with God's grace, into His Kingdom, and to be, with His help, its welcoming guardian for others too? And to do so, do I let myself be "polished", softened, modelled by Jesus and His Spirit, the Spirit who dwells in us, in each one of us?

May Mary, Queen of the Apostles, and the Saints Peter and Paul, grant for us, with their prayers, to be a guide and support to one another for the encounter with the Lord Jesus.



On Canada Day, Tuesday July 1st, mass is at 9am. The office will be closed on Monday June 30 and Tuesday July 1st. The Civic Holiday is Monday, August 4th the office is closed, mass is at 9am

“That Blessed Upper Room” – Pastoral Letter from Frank Cardinal Leo

Frank Cardinal Leo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto, has released “*That Blessed Upper Room*,” a pastoral letter inviting the faithful of the archdiocese to reflect together on the significance of The Upper Room in our lives, our families and in our communities of faith as this story is so directly connected to pivotal events in the life of Jesus and of the early Church. The letter is divided into nine chapters, drawing on dimensions of our Catholic Christian life. In the words of Cardinal Leo:

“This resource can be the object of a parish sharing group or an informal gathering of friends. The reflections can be used as inspiration for summer reading or for Advent or Lenten activities or for a personal retreat. You can, for instance, take one question per day and let it accompany you or set some quiet time per week, a short 15 minutes, to read a paragraph and ask yourself a question that is proposed. Studied and reflected upon individually or in community, whether in families, parishes, schools and religious houses, I pray that this small contribution will help readers and faithful come to a more profound sense of faith, a more mature relationship with the Lord and to a transforming experience of grace.”

A short video introduction and the full pastoral letter can be accessed by visiting: www.archtoronto.org/thatblessedupperroom. Feel free to share the letter with family and friends.

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.

Sacred Heart Academy Private School

Did you know that Sacred Heart Academy, a private K-to-Grade 10 Catholic school in Oshawa, is still taking registrations for September 2025? Do you have children or grandchildren that might be interested in attending? For more information, please visit bit.ly/SacredHeartA or visit our website at www.SacredHeartDurham.com *Sacred Heart of Jesus, Thy Kingdom Come!*

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.



Catholic Cemeteries and Funeral Svcs
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



Masses For The Week

Sat Jun 28– 5:00pm

+Maria Zak

req. by Ann Mueller & Family

Mon Jun 30 – 8:20am

+Alex Pol

req. by The LaBarre Family

Tues Jul 1– 9:00am

+Deolinda & Everesto Medeiros

req. by Nelly & Todd Johnson

Wed Jul 2 – 7:00pm

+Stan, Shirley & Mark Harris

req. by Their Family

+Marina Veloza

req. by Claudia Veloza

+All Souls in Purgatory

req. by The Harrington, Broderick & McLellan Families

+Des Newman

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Int. for Nelia Arruda

req. by Sean Maxwell

Thur Jul 3– 8:20am

+Terry McDonald

req. by Pat McDonald

Fri Jun 28 – 8:20am

+ Nicky Edge

req. by Trenton Legion of Mary



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