

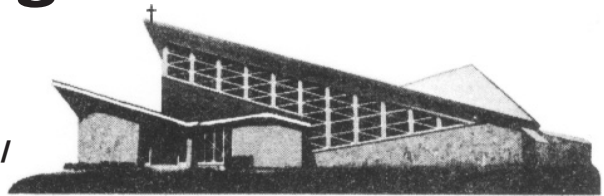
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Mon – Fri 9 a.m. - 12 noon
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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.

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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Message from the Pastor

Peace to all of you!

This Sunday we celebrate the Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. The First Reading, from the Book of the prophet Habakkuk, speaks about the difficulty of bringing about the word of God to the people of Israel since their hearts are closed because of their own distress. However, the Lord encourages him to be faithful because whoever trusts in the Lord will find support. Whenever we find difficulties, we can trust and rely in the Lord to find peace. The Second Reading, from the Second Letter of St. Paul to Timothy, offers words of consolation to Timothy, encouraging him to remain steadfast in the faith he has received. Through the grace of the Holy Spirit, he will have the necessary strength to keep faithful to the Lord. At times, it is difficult to remain steadfast in the faith, especially when we pass through hardships, but God's grace will provide us with everything that we need to keep going. The Gospel, from St. Luke, offers us the teaching of Jesus regarding faith and humility. To have faith is to be certain that the Lord will help us and act in our lives. We can be sure of that because we are witnesses of how much the Lord has helped us already throughout our lives. Let us ask the Lord to give us this faith so that we can find refuge and support in any situation that can come our way. Whatever we do in our lives is thanks to God's grace and not to our own efforts. The best thing that we can do is to be open and receptive to His mercy in our lives. Let us come to the Lord with confidence so that in Him we find strength and support!

Starting tomorrow, October 6th 19th at 7:30pm we are having the announcement of the Good News in our parish. I really encourage you attend and to experience how much God loves us and to experience His mercy in our lives. It is free and you do not need to sign up, just come and listen to Him. It will take place in the Church, and it will be Mondays and Thursdays at the same time. Come, the Lord is waiting for you!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant, and your Pastor

Pope Benedict XVI's Homily on the Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (October 3, 2010)

Dear brothers and sisters, every liturgical assembly is a place of God's presence. Gathered together for the Holy Eucharist, disciples of the Lord are immersed in Christ's redeeming sacrifice, they proclaim that he is Risen, is alive and is the Giver of life, and witness that his Presence is grace, strength and joy. Let us open our hearts to his Word and welcome the gift of his presence! All the texts of this Sunday's Liturgy speak to us of faith, which is the foundation of the whole of Christian life. Jesus taught his disciples to grow in faith, to believe and to entrust themselves increasingly to him, in order to build their own lives on the rock. For this reason they asked him "increase our faith!" (Lk 17: 5). What they asked the Lord for is beautiful, it is the fundamental request: disciples do not ask for material gifts, they do not ask for privileges but for the grace of faith, which guides and illumines the whole of life; they ask for the grace to recognize God and to be in a close relationship with him, receiving from him all his gifts, even those of courage, love and hope.

Jesus, without directly answering their prayer, has recourse to a paradoxical image to express the incredible vitality of faith. Just as a lever raises something far heavier than its own weight, so faith, even a crumb of faith, can do unthinkable, extraordinary things, such as uproot a great tree and plant it in the sea (ibid.). Faith trusting in Christ, welcoming him, letting him transform us, following him to the very end makes humanly impossible things possible in every situation. The Prophet Habbakuk also bears witness to this in the First Reading. He implores the Lord, starting with a dreadful situation of violence, iniquity and oppression. And even in this difficult, insecure situation, the Prophet introduces a vision that offers an inside view of the plan that God is outlining and bringing to fulfilment in history: "He whose soul is not upright in him shall fail, but the righteous shall live by his faith" (Hab 2: 4). The godless person, the one who does not behave in accordance with God, who trusts in his own power but is relying on a frail and inconsistent reality that will therefore give way, is destined to fall; the righteous person, on the other hand, trusts in a hidden but sound reality, he trusts in God and for this reason will have life.

The second part of today's Gospel presents another teaching, a teaching of humility that is nevertheless closely linked to faith. Jesus invites us to be humble and

suggests the example of a servant who has worked in the fields. When he returns home, the master asks him to go on working. According to the mentality of Jesus' time the master had every right to do this. The servant owed his master total availability; and the master did not feel under any obligation to him for having carried out the orders he had received. Jesus makes us aware that, before God, we are in a similar situation: we are God's servants, we are not his creditors but are always indebted to him, because we owe him everything since everything is a gift from him. Accepting and doing his will is the approach to have every day, at every moment of our life. Before God we must never present ourselves as if we believe we have done a service and deserve a great reward. This is an illusion that can be born in everyone, even in people who work very hard in the Lord's service, in the Church. Rather, we must be aware that in reality we never do enough for God. We must say, as Jesus' suggests: "we are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty" (Lk 17: 10). This is an attitude of humility that really puts us in our place and permits the Lord to be very generous to us. In fact, in another Gospel passage, he promises people that "he will gird himself and have them sit at table, and he will come and serve them" (cf. Lk 12: 37). Dear friends, if we do God's will today with humility, without claiming anything from him, it will be Jesus himself who serves us, who helps us, who encourages us, who gives us strength and serenity.

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Next Monday,
Oct 13, 2025
Is Thanksgiving!
Mass is at 9am.



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"May the God of
hope fill you
with all joy and
peace as you trust in
Him"
Romans 15:13
GOD WANTS TO GIVE
YOU LIFE TO THE
FULLEST!

Word of Good News for Youth & Adults

Starting October 6, 2025

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A collection of Bottle & Cash
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Sunday October 26th**

**Second Collection
Indigenous Healing &
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October 4/5, 2025**

Catholics throughout the Archdiocese
of Toronto are invited to participate in
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and Cochrane.** Everyone is welcome!

**Canada Needs Our Lady Rosary
Saturday, October 11, 2025**

12:00 – 1:00pm

**Gather in the Church parking lot and
proceed to Cochrane & Dundas Sts
Bring your Rosary!**



Masses For The Week

Sat Oct 4– 5:00pm

+Nicky Edge

req. by Trenton Legion of Mary

Mon Oct 6 – 8:20am

+Humberto Schenflede

req. by His Wife & Family

Tues Oct 7 – 8:20am

+Francesco Veltri

req. by Nina Veltri

Wed Oct 8 – 7:00pm

+All Souls in Purgatory

req. by Broderick, Howard, Harrington

Families

+Stan, Shirley & Mark Harris

req. by Their Family

+Lado Cot

req. by Irena & Boris Stebih

+Antonio Nicolich

req. by The Radoslovich Family

+Kathleen & Martin Tebbutt

req. by Taryn DeFreitas

+Belarmino Moniz & John Lentz

req. by Herminia Moniz

Thur Oct 9 – 8:20am

+Sam & Anka Babic

req. by Nelly & Todd Johnson

Fri Oct 10 – 8:20am

+Lucia Carneiro & The Menzies Family

req. by Brenda

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contact Robert MacLennan, 905-668-
3676 or email
stjohntheevangelistwh@archtoronto.org



EDGE on Thurs, Oct 9, 2025 @ 7 pm
Grade 5-8 meet on 2nd and 4th
Thursday of the month
7-8:30 pm, St. Joseph's Room



Grade 9-12 meet on 1st and 3rd
Thursday of the month
7-8:30 pm, St. Joseph's Room

Please contact Sarah Rodrigues for
more information!
srodrigues@archtoronto.org



**Social Sunday October 5,
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Following the 9am & 11am masses.
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