

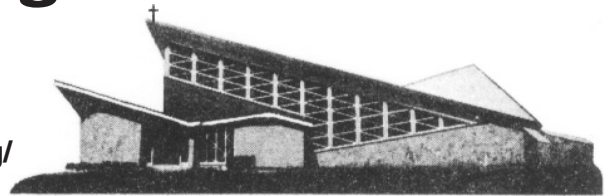
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Mr. Francisco Perez Caretaker
 Mrs. Sue McGee Bookkeeper
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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.
 Saturday 7:30pm Neocatechumenal Way
 Sunday 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m. Spanish
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 — One Sunday 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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PENTECOST SUNDAY

Message from the Pastor

Peace to all of you!

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost. With this feast, we reach the fulfillment of the Easter Season with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The event of the Resurrection is lived out by the disciples when they receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The First Reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, gives us the account of what happened on the feast of Pentecost. The disciples were gathered with the Virgin Mary in the Upper Room and suddenly they received the power of the Holy Spirit. It came as a rushing wind, which refers to God's powerful presence and the fact that their hearts were completely transformed and renewed. Tongues of fire came upon each of the disciples, which means that the fullness of the Holy Spirit came upon each of them and now they were able to fulfill God's commandments in their lives. This episode connects with the giving of the law on Mount Sinai. Now, the disciples were able to keep God's commandments since they were now inscribed on their hearts. From that moment onwards, they can fulfil the commandment of love without any effort. They can live lives to the fullest. We are also called to participate in this great mystery by receiving the fullness of God's life in our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Second Reading, from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians, presents the effects of the Holy Spirit in the Christian community. First, the Spirit brings about unity and communion. Whoever has the Spirit of God lives in unity and cares for the members of the community. Second, each person receives a different gift or charism for the upbuilding of the community. It is for the good of the community and not for their own good. The Spirit of God manifests itself in unity and diversity. We are also called to live this unity in the community of St. John's by which we are all guided by the same Holy Spirit. At the same time, each person has a different gift that put together, makes our parish grow in a marvellous way. The Gospel, from St. John, brings us the passage of the manifestation of the Risen Christ to the disciples on Easter Sunday. When they are full of fears and in anguish, Christ tells them not to be afraid but to receive the peace that comes from the wounds of the Risen Christ. He also gives them the Holy Spirit, which enables them to share in His Risen Life and makes them witnesses of His Resurrection in all corners of the world. Let us open our hearts to the gift of the Holy Spirit so that we can participate in the glory of the Risen Lord!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant and your Pastor

Pope Benedict XVI' Angelus on the Solemnity of Pentecost (June 12, 2011) The Solemnity of Pentecost which we are celebrating today concludes the liturgical season of Easter. In fact, the paschal mystery — the passion, death and resurrection of Christ and his ascension into Heaven — finds its fulfilment in the powerful outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles gathered together with Mary, Mother of the Lord, and the other disciples. It was the "baptism" of the Church, baptism in the Holy Spirit (cf. Acts 1:5). As the Acts of the Apostles recount, on the morning of the feast of Pentecost, a noise as of wind burst into the Upper Room

and tongues of fire, as it were, came to rest upon each of the disciples (cf. Acts 2:2-3). St Gregory the Great commented: "Today, the Holy Spirit has come down upon the disciples with an unexpected sound and changed the minds of carnal beings within his love; and while he appeared externally in tongues of fire, their hearts blazed within them, because in receiving God in the vision of fire, they burned gently with love" (Hom. in Evang. XXX, 1: CCL 141, 256). God's voice divinized the human language of the Apostles who were enabled to proclaim the one divine Word in a "polyphonic" manner. The breath of the Holy Spirit fills the universe,

generates faith, leads to truth, and predisposes people to unity. "At this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language" of "the mighty works of God" (Acts 2:6,11).

Bl. Antonio Rosmini explained that "on the day of Christian Pentecost God promulgated... his law of love, writing it through the Holy Spirit not on stone but in the hearts of the Apostles, and through the Apostles, subsequently communicating it to the entire Church" (A Catechism of Christian Doctrine Arranged According to the Order of Ideas, n. 737, Turin, 1863). The Holy Spirit, "who is the Lord and Giver of life" — as we say in the Creed — is joined to the Father through the Son and completes the revelation of the Blessed Trinity. He comes from God like a breath from his mouth and has the power of sanctifying, abolishing divisions, dispelling the confusion due to sin. Incorporeal and immaterial, he lavishes divine goods upon living beings and sustains them so that they may act in conformity with the good. As an intelligible Light he gives meaning to prayer, vigour to the evangelizing mission, he makes the hearts of those who listen to the happy message burn and inspires Christian art and liturgical music.

Dear friends, the Holy Spirit who creates faith within us at the moment of our Baptism enables us to live as children of God, aware and consenting, in accordance with the image of the Only-Begotten Son. The power to forgive sins is also a gift of the Holy Spirit; in fact, in appearing to the Apostles on the evening of Easter Day, Jesus breathed upon them and said: "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven" (Jn 20:22, 23). Let us entrust the Church to the Virgin Mary, temple of the Holy Spirit, so that she may always live by Jesus Christ, by his word, by his commandments and, under the perennial action of the Spirit Paraclete, proclaim to one and all that "Jesus is Lord!" (1 Cor 12:3).

Durham Regional Police Service Presentation

With on-line scams, frauds and identity theft a growing concern, the parish is hosting a presentation by the Durham Regional Police Service. Topics will include: On-line safety (including advice for parents of young children), identity theft, community safety, elder abuse and intimate partner violence. Please join us and stay informed.

Date: Monday, June 8

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: Parish Centre



Volunteer Appreciation Night

**Thursday, June 4, 2026
at 7:00pm, Parish Centre**

Fr. Francisco would like to thank all in Ministry to join us for **wine, hors d'oeuvres and friendly fellowship!**

You give so much of your time to service the Parish. We want to thank you!

It's very important to RSVP to the parish office by email vmorgan@archtoronto.org.

Totus Tuus Returns this Summer!

Mark your calendars for **July 5-10, 2025!** Totus Tuus is a fun & faith-filled Summer camp for the youth of the parish run by missionaries. There is a day camp for children entering grade 1-6 in the fall and an evening program for youth entering grade 7-12 in the fall.
Registration deadline is June 15th!

Lectio Divina

Reflection of the Sunday Gospel Readings

**We meet on Zoom every Monday from 7pm to 8pm
Join us! Email the office for the meeting code**

Prayer Group

**Bi-weekly meetings on Wednesdays at 1pm
May 27, June 10, 24**



**FAMILY FUN DAY
& TASTE OF THE PARISH**

Date: Saturday, June 13, 2026

Time: 11:30am - 3:00pm

On the Parish Centre Grounds

Bring your own lawn chair!

Contact Nancy at 289-890-7925 to
let her know what food you're bringing!



Masses For The Week

Sat May 23– 5:00pm

+Greg Steffler

req. by Kathie Steffler

Mon May 25 – 8:20am

+ Antonio Sagmit Sr.

req. by the Sagmit Family

Tues May 26 – 8:20am

+Betty Patrick

req. by John & Lucy McManus

Wed May 27 – 7pm

+Salvatore Palazzolo

req. by Angelina & Family

+Martin & Kathleen Tebbutt

req. by Taryn DeFreitas

+Betty Patrick

req. by Marjorie Newman

+Anne Taylor

req. by St. John's Choir

+Deceased Members of the Burke & Mackie Families

req. by Karen & Will Burke & Family

Thur May 28 – 8:20am

+Sheila Larkin

req. by Pat McDonald

Fri. May 29– 8:20am

Int. for Tessa DeFreitas

req. by Taryn DeFreitas

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Your support of ShareLife helps form future priests—men who will listen, accompany, comfort, and offer Christ to the world. Rev. James Cyfko spent a decade in formation at St. Augustine's Seminary, preparing to lay down his life for the people of God.

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Next weekend is the third ShareLife Sunday collection of the year. Thus far we have raised **\$87,213** toward our goal of **\$178,500** Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

**St. Vincent de Paul are in
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which is a main staple in most grocery deliveries. Any donations of non-perishable grocery items can be dropped off in the grey bin provided in the foyer. Please check expiry dates before making your donation. Thank you!**

Sacrament Celebrations

First Holy Communion

Sunday May 24th 4:00pm St. John

Sunday May 31st 4:00pm St.

Marguerite/PHCP/Other

Confirmation

Saturday May 30th 11:00am St. Luke & All Saints

Saturday May 30th 2:00pm St. John,

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