

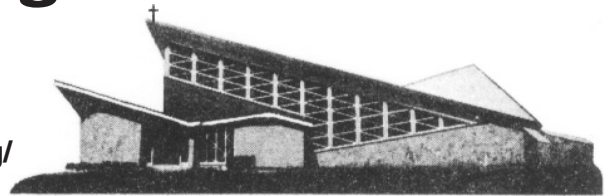
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Message from the Pastor

Peace to all of you!

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. This feast wants to underline the importance of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist as the source and summer of our lives in Christ. The First Reading, from the Book of Deuteronomy, presents the episode in which Moses asks the people of Israel to remember what God has done for them while they were crossing the wilderness. During that period, God took care of them even though they were rebellious and stubborn. God provided for them manna, bread from heaven, which fed them during the forty days that they spent in the desert. God wants us to trust in Him and to be assured that He already has taken care of us in our daily lives, and He will continue to do it. The Second Reading, from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians, offers us part of the teaching of St. Paul on the Eucharist. Every time that we take communion we participate in the life of Christ. By consuming the Body and Blood of Christ, we share in His life, and we are also united with each other. Through the Body and Blood of Christ, communion among us is strengthened. Let us be open to be more and more united with each other in Christ. The Gospel, from St. John, brings us a part of the discourse on the Bread of Life. Christ gives us the amazing teaching that when we eat His Body and drink His Blood, we have Eternal Life within us, we share in the divine life. At times, we become habitually used to receiving the Body of Christ every Sunday and every day and we can have the risk of living it as a routine. However, He is encouraging us to appreciate the immense gift that we receive every time that we take communion. It is essential that we come to Mass with the desire to be fed by God and knowing that we are going to receive the life of God. Then, every Eucharist will be an amazing event of fullness of peace. Let us open our hearts to this incredible gift that God has left to enjoy!

Thanks to all the parishioners who are involved in many ministries in the parish. Thanks to your witness of faith the parish can thrive and reach out to many people!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant and your Pastor

Pope Benedict XVI' Homily on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi (June 23, 2011)

The Feast of Corpus Christi is inseparable from Holy Thursday, from the Mass in Caena Domini, in which the Institution of the Eucharist is solemnly celebrated. Whereas on the evening of Holy Thursday we relive the mystery of Christ who offers himself to us in the bread broken and the wine poured out, today, on the day of Corpus Christi, this same mystery is proposed for the adoration and meditation of the People of God, and the Blessed Sacrament is carried in procession through the streets of the cities and villages, to show that the Risen Christ walks in our midst and guides us towards the Kingdom of Heaven.

What Jesus gave to us in the intimacy of the Upper Room today we express openly, because the love of Christ is not reserved for a few but is destined for all. In the Mass in Caena Domini last Holy Thursday, I stressed that it is in the Eucharist that the transformation of the gifts of this earth takes place — the bread and wine — whose aim is to transform our life and thereby to inaugurate the transformation of the world. This evening I would like to focus on this perspective.

Everything begins, one might say, from the heart of Christ who, at the Last Supper, on the eve of his passion, thanked and praised God and by so doing, with the power of his love, transformed the

meaning of death which he was on his way to encounter. The fact that the Sacrament of the Altar acquired the name "Eucharist" — "thanksgiving" — expresses precisely this: that changing the substance of the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ is the fruit of the gift that Christ made of himself, the gift of a Love stronger than death, divine Love which raised him from the dead. This is why the Eucharist is the food of eternal life, the Bread of Life. From Christ's heart, from his "Eucharistic prayer" on the eve of his passion flows that dynamism which transforms reality in its cosmic, human and historical dimensions. All things proceed from God, from the omnipotence of his Triune Love, incarnate in Jesus. Christ's heart is steeped in this Love; therefore he can thank and praise God even in the face of betrayal and violence, and in this way changes things, people and the world. This transformation is possible thanks to a communion stronger than division, the communion of God himself. The word "communion", which we also use to designate the Eucharist, in itself sums up the vertical and horizontal dimensions of Christ's gift. The words "to receive communion", referring to the act of eating the Bread of the Eucharist, are beautiful and very eloquent. In fact, when we do this act we enter into communion with the very life of Jesus, into the dynamism of this life which is given to us and for us. From God, through Jesus, to us: a unique communion is transmitted through the Blessed Eucharist.

We have just heard in the Second Reading the words of the Apostle Paul to the Christians of Corinth: "The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread" (1 Cor 10:16-17).

St Augustine helps us to understand the dynamic of Eucharistic communion when he mentions a sort of vision that he had, in which Jesus said to him: "I am the food of strong men; grow and you shall feed on me; nor shall you change me, like the food of your flesh into yourself, but you shall be changed into my likeness" (Confessions, vii, 10, 18). Therefore whereas food for the body is assimilated by our organism and contributes to nourishing it, in the case of the Eucharist it is a different Bread: it is not we who assimilate it but it assimilates us in itself, so that we become conformed to Jesus Christ, a member of his Body, one with him.



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June 11th - CWL General Meeting - Pot Luck
Supper, 6:30 p.m.

June 20th/21st CWL Bake & Book Sale. Buy your
dessert and pick up a gift for dad.

Prayer Group
Bi-weekly meetings on Wednesdays at 1pm
June 10, 24

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.

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

Totus Tuus Camp

Mark your calendars for **July 5-10, 2026!** 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!

Marygrove Camp Collection
June 13/14, 2026

A fully subsidized camp for girls age 5-12. Campers participate in a full range of activities including swimming, canoeing, crafts, drama, sports, co-operative games, hikes, star gazing and campfires. Cheques should be made out to St. John the Evangelist Church – Marygrove Camp. THANK YOU!



FAMILY FUN DAY & TASTE OF THE PARISH

Saturday, June 13, 2026 11:30am - 3:00pm
On the Parish Centre Grounds
Bring your own lawn chair!

MATURING ADULTS COFFEE
Tuesday, June 26, 2026 at 9am, Parish Centre
Join us for a strawberry social after mass.

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Masses For The Week

Sat Jun 6 – 5:00pm

In Thanksgiving

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Mon Jun 8 – 8:20am

+Laura McEachen

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Tues Jun 9 – 8:20am

+Betty Patrick

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req. by Their Family

+Albert Coutinho

req. by Eleuterio Fernandes

Thur Jun 11 – 8:20am

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