

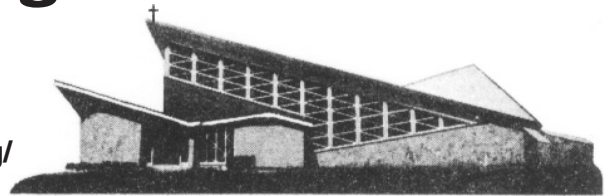
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## Pastoral Team

Rev. Francisco Fernandez Siles Pastor  
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 Mrs. Kristine Blyth Lay Pastoral Asst.  
 Mrs. Vicki Morgan Secretary  
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 Eileen McGowan Music Director

## Support Staff

Mr. Francisco Perez Caretaker  
 Mrs. Sue McGee Bookkeeper  
 Mrs. Gail Stewart Cook/Housekeeper

## 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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Message from the Pastor

Peace to all of you!

Today we celebrate the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The First Reading, from the Book of the prophet Jeremiah, presents a part of the prayer that he addresses to God when he is struggling. Jeremiah calls the people to remain faithful to the Lord, but they want to follow other gods and they persecute Jeremiah. He feels abandoned and desperate, but at that moment of anguish, he realizes that God is at his side and He will protect him even though he must go through struggles and trials. When we face difficulties and struggles, we are inclined to complain and to feel that they are too much for us. However, God comes to our rescue, and He gives the strength to face them at peace. The Second Reading, from the Letter of St. Paul to Romans, offers us part of the teaching of St. Paul on the New Adam. We all inherit the consequences of original sin, which means, we are inclined to sin and to fall into temptation. We have a wounded nature that, even though wants to do the right thing, we end up doing evil. All of us experience that we wish to not get angry or impatient or to judge, but we do it because we are too weak. It seems that we keep falling again and again into the same sins. The Good News is that Christ has been sent to us as the New Adam to take away our sins and to heal our wounded nature. When Christ forgives us and gives us His grace, then we have the capacity to do good, to be patient, merciful and peaceful. This is a gift and not fruit of our efforts. The Gospel, from St. Matthew, brings us a part of the missionary discourse of Jesus before sending the disciples to announce the Good News. He sends the twelve apostles as emissaries and ambassadors who bring the presence of God to all people. There will be times when people will reject this message of salvation and will confront the disciples. Christ encourages them not to be afraid but to trust in the Lord. They are called to offer the gift of salvation and peace to everybody. They must go with an attitude of humility and meekness. When they face rejection, they must offer conciliation and peace. It is easy to take as personal rejections and to defend oneself, but Christ invites them to trust in Him that He will protect them when facing adversity. There are times that people do not agree with our faith, and they question it. We are called to give witness by the way we live and not to enter into confrontation. The Lord will take care of us and will touch their hearts. Let us trust in the Lord especially when we face difficulties and struggles so that we may find peace and consolation!



Congratulations to all fathers of the parish!  
May the Lord help you to love your wives  
and to guide and protect your family like St. Joseph!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant, and your Pastor

Pope Benedict XVI's Angelus for the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (June 22, 2008)

In this Sunday's Gospel we find two invitations from Jesus: on the one hand to "have no fear" of human beings, and on the other, to "fear" God (cf. Mt 10: 26, 28). We are thus encouraged to reflect on the difference that exists between human fears and the fear of God. Fear is a natural dimension of life. In childhood we experience forms of fear that subsequently are revealed to be imaginary and disappear; other fears emerge later which are indeed founded in reality: these must be faced and overcome with human determination and trust in God. However, especially today, there is a deeper form of fear of an existential type and which sometimes borders on anguish: it is born from a sense of emptiness, linked to a certain culture permeated with widespread theoretical and practical nihilism.

In the face of the broad and diversified panorama of human fears, the Word of God is clear: those who "fear" God "are not afraid". Fear of God, which the Scriptures define as "the beginning of knowledge" coincides with faith in him, with sacred respect for his authority over life and the world.

To be without "fear of God" is equivalent to putting ourselves in his place, to feeling we ourselves are lords of good and evil, of life and death. Instead, those who fear God feel within them the safety that an infant in his mother's arms feels (cf. Ps 130: 2). Those who fear God are tranquil even in the midst of storms for, as Jesus revealed to us, God is a Father full of mercy and goodness. Those who love him are not afraid: "There is no fear in love", the Apostle John wrote, "but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and he who fears is not perfected in love" (1 Jn 4: 18). Believers, therefore, are not afraid of anything because they know they are in the hands of God, they know that it is not evil and the irrational which have the last word, but rather that the one Lord of the world and of love is Christ, the Word of God Incarnate, who loved us to the point of sacrificing himself for us, dying on the Cross for our salvation.

The more we grow in this intimacy with God, imbued with love, the more easily we overcome any form of fear. In the passage of today's Gospel, Jesus repeats several times the exhortation to have no fear. Jesus reassures us, as he reassured the Apostles and as he did St Paul by appearing to him one night in a vision at a particularly difficult moment in his preaching: "Do not be afraid", he said, "for I am with you" (Acts 18: 9). Strong in the presence of Christ and comforted by his love, the Apostle to the Gentiles, the 2,000th anniversary of whose birth we are preparing to celebrate with a special Jubilee Year, did not even fear martyrdom. May this great spiritual and pastoral event inspire in us too a renewed trust in Jesus Christ who calls us to proclaim and witness to his Gospel without being afraid of anything. I therefore invite you, dear brothers and sisters, to prepare yourselves to celebrate with faith the Pauline Year, which, please God, I shall solemnly inaugurate next Saturday at 6: 00 o'clock in the evening in the Basilica of St Paul Outside-the-Walls, with the liturgy for First Vespers of the Solemnity of Sts Peter and Paul. Let us immediately entrust this ecclesial initiative to the intercession of St Paul and of Mary Most Holy, Queen of Apostles and Mother of Christ, the source of our joy and our peace.

**Mission Co-op Appeal**

**Sister Salam, SSVM, a missionary sister from The Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matara ([www.ssvmmissions.org](http://www.ssvmmissions.org)) will be coming to speak at St John the Evangelist on June 27/28, 2026. She is a missionary sister from Egypt serving in Toronto. She is looking forward to sharing about how the sisters care for the abandoned children, feed the poor, educate girls and much more in their 20 years serving God's most needy in Egypt. As we daily strive to help those in need, we are most grateful to all of you for your prayers, contributions and generosity, truly a grace from God and a consolation for our missionary sisters. Please be assured of our prayers. God bless, Sr Maria**

JUNE 21, 2026

CWL BAKE & BOOK SALE - this weekend after 5 pm, 9 am and 11 am masses. Buy your dessert and books for your Father's Day gifts, or just for yourself. Proceeds will support our Youth Program in the parish.

#### MARK THE DATE

Annual Rosary Prayer Service for all priests living and deceased, including the five Durham Priests buried at Resurrection Cemetery - Fr. N. Gignac, Fr. B. Wilson, Fr. J. Harrington, Fr. D. Ferro and Msgr John Wannamaker.

Join us in prayer on Saturday July 25 @ 1:00 Resurrection Cemetery, 355 Taunton Road, Whitby. Thank you. Bless you.

#### 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.



Masses For The Week

Sat Jun 20 – 5:00pm

+Fr. Andy Macbeth  
*req. by Linda & Pierre Pilon*

Mon Jun 22 – 8:20am

+Andrew Marioselva  
*req. by Christine Marioselva*

Tues Jun 23 – 8:20am

+Mariane & John Johnson  
*req. by Nelly & Todd Johnson*

Wed Jun 24 – 7pm

+Salvatore Palazzolo  
*req. by Angelina & Family*  
+Nestor Robles  
*req. by Evangeline Davidson*

+Ruby D'Souza

*req. by Pat & Mary Mullen*

+Marilyn Daigle

*req. by Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Whitby Conf*

+Ante Barich

*req. by His Wife & Family*

+Mary Joy Matienzo

*req. by Linda Cawed*

Thur Jun 25 – 8:20am

+Charlie Medrozo Sr.  
*req. by His Family*

Fri. Jun 26 – 8:20am

+Deceased Mbrs of the Phillips & Bowles Families  
*req. by Their Family*



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#### ShareLife

For many parents, who are unable to care for their children on a full-time basis, summer break brings both mental and financial worry. Agencies you support through ShareLife, such as Camp Ozanam, Office of Catholic Youth, Silent Voice Canada, and St. Bernadette's Family Resource Centre, offer day programs and summer camps that bring children and youth, and their parents, much-needed relief. St. Bernadette's Family Resource Centre cares for individuals who are facing developmental and physical challenges. At St. Jude's Academy of the Arts Adult Day Program, adult children with development disabilities are met with patience and empathy. You provide families with peace of mind, knowing that their loved ones are welcomed into a community and safe space that affirms their dignity and worth.

***Thus far we have raised \$120,165 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](http://sharelife.org/donate).***

#### 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.

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