

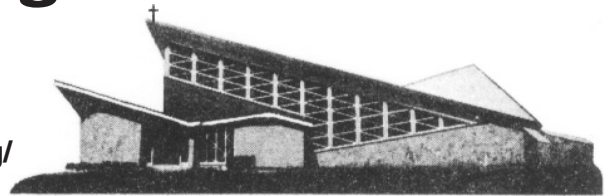
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Message from the Pastor

Peace to all of you!

Today we celebrate the Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The First Reading, from the Second Book of Kings, presents an episode in which the prophet Elisha promises that an old woman is going to have a son. Every time that Elisha has gone into the village, she welcomed him and gave him a place to stay. Due to her hospitality, Elisha promises her that she will conceive a son in her old age. God can bring life to our sterility of good works. The Second Reading, from the Letter of St. Paul to Romans, offers us part of the teaching of St. Paul on baptism and new life. Most of us have been baptized as babies and we are not totally conscious of what it means for us. Through baptism, we share in the Death and Resurrection of Christ. In the early church baptisms were performed by immersion. When they entered into the water, it signified Christ's death as a sign that our sins are buried and destroyed. When they came out of the water, it signified that they shared in the Resurrection of Christ. We are called to share fully in the Death and Resurrection of Christ in our lives. The Gospel, from St. Matthew, brings us a part of the missionary discourse of Jesus. He encourages the disciples to put Christ before anything else. It is essential that the love for Christ and for people motivates the disciples. They are called to surrender their lives by loving and sharing the Good News. We are called to spread the Gospel to those around us by the way we live!



I wish all of you a blessed a restful summer with the Lord and your families!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant, and your Pastor

Pope Francis' Angelus for the Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (July 2, 2017)

Today's liturgy presents to us the last lines of the missionary discourse in Chapter 10 of the Gospel of Matthew (cf. 10:37-42), by which Jesus instructs the 12 Apostles at the moment in which, for the first time, he sends them on mission to the villages of Galilee and Judea. In this final part, Jesus underscores two essential aspects for the life of a missionary disciple: the first, that his *bond with Jesus is stronger than any other bond*; the second, that the *missionary brings not himself, but Jesus*, and through Him the love of the heavenly Father. These two aspects are connected, because the more Jesus is at the centre of the heart and of the life of a disciple, the more this disciple is "transparent" to His presence. The two go hand in hand.

"He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me..." (v. 37), Jesus says. A father's affection, a mother's tenderness, the gentle friendship among brothers and sisters, all this, even while being very good and valid, cannot be placed before Christ. Not because he wants us to be heartless and ungrateful, but rather, on the contrary, because the condition of a disciple demands a priority relationship with the teacher. Any disciple, whether a layman or laywoman, a priest or a bishop: an all-absorbing relationship. Perhaps the first question that we must ask a Christian is: "Do you meet with Jesus? Do you pray to Jesus?". The relationship. One could almost paraphrase the

Book of Genesis: Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and cleave to Jesus and the two shall become one (cf. Gen 2:24). Those who allow themselves to be drawn into this bond of love and of life with the Lord Jesus become his representatives, his "ambassadors", above all in the way of being, of living. To the point that Jesus himself, in sending his disciples on mission, says to them: "He who receives you receives me, and he who receives me receives him who sent me" (Mt 10:40). It is important that the people be able to perceive that for that disciple Jesus is truly "the Lord"; He is truly the centre of his or her life, the everything of life. It does not matter then if, as for every human being, he or she has limitations and even makes mistakes — as long as he or she has the humility to recognize them; the important thing is that they not have a duplicitous heart — and this is dangerous. I am a Christian; I am a disciple of Jesus; I am a priest; I am a bishop, but I have a duplicitous heart. No, this is not okay. One must not have a duplicitous heart, but a simple, cohesive heart; [one must] not keep one foot in two shoes, but be honest with oneself and with others. Duplicity is not Christian. This is why Jesus prays to the Father so that the disciples may not fall prey to the worldly spirit. You are either with Jesus, with the spirit of Jesus, or you are with the spirit of the world.

Here our experience as priests teaches us something very beautiful, something very important: it is precisely this welcoming of the holy, faithful People of God; it is precisely that "cup of cold water" (v. 42) that the Lord speaks of today in the Gospel, given with affectionate faith, which helps you to be a good priest! There is a reciprocity in mission too: if you leave everything for Jesus, the people recognize the Lord in you; but at the same time it helps you to convert each day to him, so as to renew and purify yourself from compromises and to overcome temptations. The closer a priest is to the People of God, the closer will he feel to Jesus, and the closer a priest is to Jesus, the closer will he feel to the People of God.

The Virgin Mary felt in the first person what it means to love Jesus by separating herself from him, giving new meaning to family ties, beginning with faith in him. With her maternal intercession, may she help us to be free and happy missionaries of the Gospel.

CWL BAKE & BOOK SALE - A SUCCESS

Your Catholic Women's League thanks all parishioners who supported our Bake and Book Sale. Through your generosity, we raised \$1,159 for our Youth Ministry. Thank you to everyone who donated, volunteered, and attended. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services
Annual Mass of the Faithful Departed
Wednesday, August 12, 2026 @7pm
Resurrection Cemetery
Celebrated by Most Rev. Vincent Nguyen

Mission Co-op Appeal

Sister Salam, SSVM, a missionary sister from The Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matara (www.ssvmissions.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

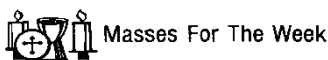
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Annual Rosary Prayer Service for all priests living and deceased, including the five Durham Priests buried at Resurrection Cemetery - Fr. N. Gignac, Fr. B. Wilson, Fr. J. Harrington, Fr. D. Ferro and Msgr John Wannamaker.

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.



Sat Jun 27– 5:00pm

+Vincenzo Villanti
req. by Elda & Family

Mon Jun 29 – 8:20am

+Carol & +Tony Leitch
req. by The Deehan Family

Tues Jun 30 – 8:20am

In Thanksgiving for 70th Birthday of Pablo Enriques
req. by Maria & Family



**** Wed July 1 – 9:00am** TIME CHANGE**
+Nestor Costa

req. by Kenneth & Brinna Makalintal

+Corazon Tirona

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+Jean DeSouza

req. by Stephen Smith & Nicole Peres

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+Robert John Wilson

req. by The Reilly Family

+Mariampillai & +Alwin Bastiampillai

req. by Their Family

Thur Jul 2 – 8:20am

+Alicia & +Eugene Bowles

req. by The Phillips Family

+Teresita Zosa

req. by Marichell & Francisco Zosa

Fri. Jul 3 – 8:20am

+Terry McDonald & +Ryan McDonald

req. by Pat McDonald

Sat Jul 4– 5:00pm

+Brian, +Ruth, & +Bill McMonagle

req. by Their Family

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