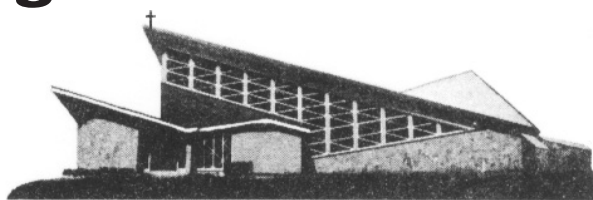


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## Pastoral Team

Rev. Francisco Fernandez Siles Pastor  
 Rev. Michael Holmes Associate Pastor  
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 Mrs. Cathy Dykeman Parish Home Catechism  
 Mr. Brendon Orian Youth Ministry

## Support Staff

Mr. Troy Sabaot Caretaker  
 Mr. Kevin Dashney Director of Music  
 Mr. Bill Rios System Support & Webmaster  
 Mrs. Sue McGee Bookkeeper  
 Mrs. Gail Stewart Cook/Housekeeper

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday  
 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon  
 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Evening Reception  
 Tues., Wed., Thurs.  
 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** — It is highly recommended that parents 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. Baptisms generally take place one Sunday per month at 3:30 p.m.

**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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## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

The peace of Christ to all you!

As we are moving through the month of July and as we are experiencing days of heat, we are looking forward to getting a breath of fresh air and to have some rest. After months of self-isolation and a long period of time on which we have not been able to meet people on a regular basis, I think that we are looking forward to enjoying the summer and family and friends. With the “new normal” in place, it seems that we are more constrained to catch a breath; however, as far as we can, we should take advantage of being with people and enjoy the nice weather. Having said all this, I encourage you to have times on which we spend time in quiet prayer, and we attend mass on a regular basis wherever we happen to be. The best holidays are always seasoned with prayer and quiet time with God. This has impact in our quality of rest and how much we enjoy each other’s company. I hope that you have a great summer, full of rest and peace! Please let keep praying for each other!

### **POPE FRANCIS ON THE 15<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME A (JULY 16, 2017):**

When Jesus spoke, he used simple words and he also used images which were examples taken from daily life, in order to be easily understood by all. This is why they listened to him willingly and appreciated his message which directly touched their heart. And it was not that complicated language which was difficult to understand, as that used by the Doctors of the Law of that time, which was not easily understood, was very rigid and distanced people. And with this language Jesus made the mystery of the Kingdom of God understood; it was not complicated theology. And one example is that of today’s Gospel passage: the parable of the sower (cf. Mt 13:1-23).

The sower is Jesus. With this image, we can see that he presents himself as one who does not impose himself, but rather offers himself. He does not attract us by conquering us, but by donating himself: he casts seeds. With patience and generosity, he spreads his Word, which is not a cage or a trap, but a seed which can bear fruit. And how can it bear fruit? If we welcome it.

Therefore, the parable concerns us especially. In fact, it speaks more of the soil than of the sower. Jesus carries out, so to speak, a “spiritual X-ray” of our heart, which is the soil on which the seed of the Word falls. Our heart, like the soil, may be good and then the Word bears fruit — and a great deal — but it can also be hard and impermeable. This happens when we hear the Word but it bounces off of us, just as on a street: it does not enter.

Between the good soil and the street; the asphalt — if we throw a seed on the “*sanpietrini*” (cobblestones), nothing grows — there are however, two intermediate types of soil which, in different amounts, we can have within us. The first, Jesus says, is *rocky*. Let us try to imagine it: rocky ground is a terrain that “does not have much soil” (cf. Mt 13:5), so the seed sprouts but is unable to put down deep roots. This is how the superficial heart is: it welcomes the Lord, wants to pray, love and bear witness, but does not persevere; it becomes tired and never

“takes off”. It is a heart without depth, where the rocks of laziness prevail over the good soil, where love is fickle and fleeting. But whoever welcomes the Lord only when they want to does not bear fruit.

Then, there is the last ground, the *thorny* one, filled with briars which choke the good plants. What do these thorns represent? “The cares of the world and the delight in riches” (v. 22), as Jesus says explicitly. The thorns are the vices which come to blows with God, which choke his presence: above all these are the idols of worldly wealth, living avidly, for oneself, for possessions and for power. If we cultivate these thorns, we choke God’s growth within us. Each of us can recognize his or her big or small thorns, the vices that inhabit the heart, those more or less deeply rooted briars that God does not like and that prevent us from having a clean heart. It is necessary to tear them out, otherwise the Word cannot bear fruit, the seed will not grow.

Dear brothers and sisters, Jesus invites us today to look inside ourselves: to give thanks for our good soil and to tend the soil that is not yet good. Let us ask ourselves if our heart is open to welcome the seed of the Word of God with faith. Let us ask ourselves if our rocks of laziness are still numerous and large; let us identify our thorns of vice and call them by name. Let us find the courage to *reclaim the soil*, to effect a nice conversion of our heart, bringing to the Lord in Confession and in prayer our rocks and our thorns. In doing this, Jesus, the Good Sower will be glad to carry out an additional task: purify our hearts by removing the rocks and the thorns which choke his Word.

*May the Mother of God, whom we remember today with the title of Blessed Virgin of Mount Carmel, unparalleled in welcoming the Word of God and putting it into practice (cf. Lk 8:21), help us to purify our hearts and welcome the Lord’s presence there.*

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, your servant and your Pastor

Fr. Mike Holmes, Associate Pastor

**Lectio Divina is changing to Mondays at 7pm on Zoom for the month of July. It will continue in September.**

**We reflect on the Sunday Gospel and readings.**

### **LINK TO REGISTER FOR MASS**

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/o/st-john-the-evangelist-parish-30493069714>

## **WELCOME BACK TO MASS!**

- ***As of July 10<sup>th</sup>, masks are mandatory at mass***
- **The main entrance and handicap entrance will be open 30 minutes prior to the start of Mass. No entry prior will be permitted.**
- **Sanitize your hands upon entry.**
- **Please maintain physical distancing at all times. Stay 2 metres (or 6 feet) away from others.**

- Please follow the direction provided by ushers/volunteers for seating.

**Are you feeling discouraged or need to talk?  
Are you dealing with stress or worry about anything in your life?  
Is there a family member who is sick or suffering?  
Father Francisco encourages parishioners who need to talk or to make an appointment, please feel free to call him anytime!  
905-668-3676**

#### Rectory Office Hours (Temporary)

At this time of re-opening, our office will be available for appointment visits and walk-in visits on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am to 4pm. If you are not well, please DO NOT come to the office. You will be expected to sanitize your hands and sign-in with your name and phone number.

Now that we have returned to Mass in the church, the Sunday 9am Mass will continue to be recorded and then posted onto YouTube, as well as facebook live.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcurVzr1Wq6GK2uRFKmd8OQ> for Fr. Francisco's direct channel to download the Mass. Subscribe to the channel for new Mass downloads.

#### **PARISH HOME CATECHISM PROGRAM (PHCP) 2020/21**

St. John the Evangelist PHCP provides faith formation classes for elementary school children who attend public, private or alternative schools. Our mission is to assist parents in developing the Catholic Faith in their children. In order to help students develop the faith foundation necessary to receive the sacraments, they are required to participate in PHCP from grades 1 through 7.

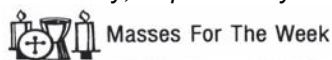
Typically, PHCP runs alternate Wednesday evenings, 6:15 – 7:15 p.m., September through to May. In these uncertain days of COVID-19, and with safety as our main focus, we are not yet sure how we will deliver the program to the children. At this time, we are reaching out to new and returning families for information that will assist us in our planning for September.

If you are considering enrolling your children in the PHCP this coming year, please contact Cathy Dykeman, PHCP Coordinator, as soon as possible:

Email [cdykeman.phcp@gmail.com](mailto:cdykeman.phcp@gmail.com)  
Phone 905-706-1126

“Young people are the window through which the future enters the world.” ~Pope Francis

Tabernacle Candle Intention for Phil & Giselle's Wedding Anniversary, requested by Mary



Sat. Jul 11– 5:00pm

+Lado Cot

req. by The Stebih-Zor Family

Mon Jul 13 –8:20am

+David Burke

req. by Brian & Gail McMonagle

Tues Jul 14 – 8:20am

+Jim & Dorothy Sheedy

req. by Peter Owens

Wed. Jul 15 – 7:00pm

In Thanksgiving For Our Wedding Anniversary,

Enrique & Maria Peralta

req. by Enrique & Maria Peralta

Intention for Joe Balogh

req. By Cathy & Don Huppe

Thur. Jul 16 – 8:20am

+Mary Bennett

req. by The Hannon Family

Fri. Jul 17 – 8:20am

+Helen Lecours

req. by Pat Catterall

Sat. Jul 18– 5:00pm

+Elpidio Peralta

req. by His Family

#### **Prayer Group**

An invitation to all our parishioners to come and join us at St John's Prayer Group which will be held in the Church (because of social distancing not in the Parish Hall.) We will begin on Wed July the 15<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 2pm. There will be no singing but songs will be played with Scripture reading for praise and worship before the Blessed Sacrament. Masks are still required and all are welcome, see you there, God bless you all.

#### **ARE YOU MOVING THIS SUMMER?**



**Please contact the parish office so that we may update our records!  
905-668-3676.**

#### **ATTENTION PARISHIONERS!**

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