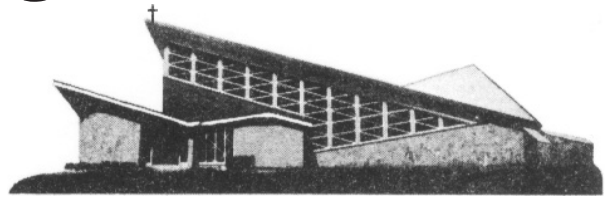


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 Mr. Brendon Orian Youth Ministry

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Mr. Troy Sabaot Caretaker
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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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Christian Initiation of Adults - RCIA	Christine Hannon	905-444-9913
Baptism	Fr. Francisco or Fr. Michael	905-668-3676
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Parish Home Catechism Program	Cathy Dykeman	905-668-0724

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

The peace of Christ to all you!

As most of Ontario has already moved to stage 3 in the re-opening phase, we are still stuck on phase 2 but not for too long. It is great to see how more and more parishioners are coming back to mass and how well are adjusting to all the regulations that we have in place in the Church. During these weeks, we are meditating on the importance of the word of God in our lives. During these difficult times, the word of the Lord has been nourishing us and consoling us. It has provided us with the peace to pass through this difficult time with serenity. I encourage you to keep up this great endeavour of mediating regularly the word of God in your daily lives. It is an amazing nourishment when we discover how much the word of God can impact our daily struggles in order to find consolation and peace. We have twice a year bible studies at the parish and right now we are having lectio divina. It is a prayerful meditation on the Sunday readings, opening our hearts to what the Lord speaks to our lives and it gives us the opportunity to be transformed by it. We are still doing it every Monday from 7 pm to 8 pm through zoom. You can call the office to get the password and ID and you will get a lot out of it. I also noticed that this period has been very stressful for some people. If you feel the need to open up or to vent about something, I am always available to listen and to help you. I am praying for all of you that you find peace and consolation in the Lord Jesus!

POPE FRANCIS ON THE 16th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME A (JULY 23As, 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 Today's Gospel reading offers three *parables* through which Jesus speaks to the crowds about the Kingdom of God. I will focus on the first: that of *the good wheat and the weeds*, which illustrates *the problem of evil* in the world and highlights *God's patience* (cf. Mt 13:24-30, 36-43). How much patience God has! Each one of us too can say this: "How much patience God has!". The narrative takes place in a field with two antagonists. On one side is the master of the field, who represents God and who sows good seed; on the other is the enemy, who represents Satan and scatters weeds.

As time passes, the weeds grow among the wheat, and the master and his servants express different opinions regarding this fact. The servants would like to intervene and uproot the weeds; but the master, who is concerned above all with saving the wheat, is against this, saying: "No; lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them" (v. 29). With this image, Jesus tells us that in this world good and evil are so intertwined that it is impossible to separate them and eradicate all evil. God alone can do this, and he will do so at the Last Judgment. With its ambiguities and its composite character, the present situation is the field of freedom, the field of Christian freedom, in which the difficult exercise of discernment is made between good and evil.

This field then, involves reconciling, with great trust in God and in his providence, two seemingly contradictory approaches: *decision* and *patience*. Decision is that of *wanting to be good wheat* — we all want this — with all our might, and thus keeping away from the evil one and his seduction. Patience means preferring a Church that acts as leaven in the dough, that is unafraid to sully her hands washing her children's clothes, rather than a Church of "purists" who presume to judge ahead of time who will be in the Kingdom of God and who will not.

Today the Lord, who is Wisdom incarnate, helps us to understand that good and evil cannot be identified with neatly defined areas or specific human groups: "These are the good, those are the bad". He tells us that the boundary line between good and evil *passes through the heart of each person; it passes through the heart of each of us, that is: We are all sinners*. I would like to ask you: "Whoever is not a sinner raise your hand". No one! Because we are all sinners, all of us are. Jesus Christ, with his death on the Cross and his Resurrection, has freed us from the slavery of sin and given us the grace to journey in a new life; but along with Baptism he also gave us Confession, because we all need to be forgiven for our sins. Looking always and only at the evil that is outside of us means not wanting to recognize the sin that is also inside us.

Then Jesus teaches us a different way of looking at the field of the world, of observing reality. We are called to learn God's time — which is not our time — and also God's "gaze": thanks to the beneficial influence of uneasy anticipation, what were weeds or seemed to be weeds can become a good product. It is the reality of conversion. It is the prospect of hope!

May the Virgin Mary help us to accept, in the reality that surrounds us, not only filth and evil, but also good and beauty; to unmask the work of Satan, but above all to trust in the action of God who fertilizes history.

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>

**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/UCcurVzr1Wq6GK2uRFKmd80Q> 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
Phone 905-706-1126

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

Tabernacle Candle Intention in Thanksgiving, requested by Mary



Masses For The Week

Sat. Jul 18– 5:00pm

+Elpidio Peralta
req. by His Family

Mon Jul 20 –8:20am

+Tom Fitzsimmons
req. by Chris & Jim Foy

Tues Jul 21 – 8:20am

+Buster & Margueite DaCosta
req. by The Family

Wed. Jul 22 – 7:00pm

+Dean & Mary Grills

req. by Peter Owens

+Tom Fitzsimmons

req. by Maggie Dawson, Frank Mackey & Patty Cluff

+Marcel LaBarre

req. by Mary-Louise LaBarre & Ken Reilly & Family

+Ante Barich

req. by Mirjana Barich & Family

Thur. Jul 23 – 8:20am

+Paolina Princiotta

req. by Filippo Princiotta

Fri. Jul 24 – 8:20am

+Tom Fitzsimmons

req. by D'Arcy Demoe

Sat. Jul 25– 5:00pm

+Werner Kuenzle

req. by Jenny & Heidi Kuenzle

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 15th 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!

Our email will be changing to stjohnwhitby@gmail.com in the coming months.

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