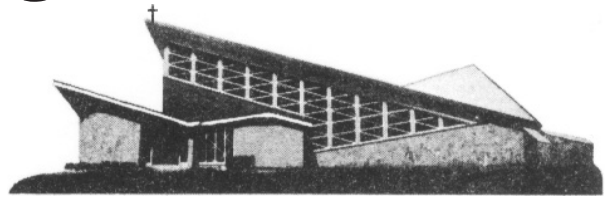


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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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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LABOUR DAY MONDAY SEPTEMBER 7TH, THE OFFICE IS CLOSED, AND MASS IS AT 9:00AM

Peace to all of you!

We are already at the beginning of September. Time flies! This year, for some of us, because of the pandemic, it has been difficult to have a restful summer, and perhaps we have taken few days here and there to visit family and to camp somewhere. It could be that we do not feel rested enough to enter into the daily routines; moreover, we feel tired as well because of seclusion and living in fear and anxiety for a few months. On top of that, there is the uncertainty for many families of how the new school year is going to be, whether it is safe and how to manage work with the activities of the children. For some people it is difficult to go through life at peace knowing that there are still so many uncertainties. I invite all of you to fix your eyes in Jesus Christ and to find in Him a gaze that will give us peace and support. He is with us and accompanies us in our daily lives. With Him and through his grace we can face the uncertainties of this unsettled time with hope and consolation knowing that He will take care of us all.

One thing that I have noticed during this time is that the parishioners are taking much more seriously, the practice of their faith and that is going to bring about abundant fruits of peace. Be assured of my prayers and support being sure that the Lord accompanies us and bring us to life everlasting.

Pope Francis Homily, 23 Sunday in Ordinary Time A

The Gospel this Sunday, taken from Matthew, Chapter 18, presents the theme of brotherly correction within the community of believers: that is, how I must correct another Christian when he does what is not good. Jesus teaches us that, should my Christian brother commit a sin against me, offend me, I must be charitable toward him and, first of all, speak with him personally, explain to him what he said or did that was wrong. What if the brother doesn't listen to me? Jesus proposes a progressive intervention: first, return and speak to him with two or three other people, so he may be more aware of his error; if, despite this, he does not accept the admonition, the community must be told; and should he also refuse to listen to the community, he must be made aware of the rift and estrangement that he himself has caused, weakening the communion with his brothers in the faith.

The stages of this plan show the effort that the Lord asks of his community in order to accompany the one who transgresses, so that he or she is not lost. It is important above all to prevent any clamour in the news and gossip in the community — this is the first thing, this must be avoided. "Go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone" (v. 15). The approach is one of sensitivity, prudence, humility, attention towards the one who committed a fault, to avoid wounding or killing the brother with words. Because, you know, words too can kill! When I speak, when I make an unfair criticism, when I "flay" a brother with my tongue, this is killing another person's reputation! Words kill too. Let us pay attention to this. At the same time, the discretion of speaking to him alone is to avoid needlessly humiliating the sinner. It is discussed between the two, no one is aware of it and then it's over. This requirement also takes into account the consequent series of interventions calling for the involvement of a few witnesses and then actually of the community. The purpose is to help the person realize what he has done, and that through his fault he has offended not only one, but

everyone. But it also helps us to free ourselves from anger or resentment which only causes harm: that bitterness of heart which brings anger and resentment, and which leads us to insult and aggression. It's terrible to see an insult or taunt issue from the mouth of a Christian. It is ugly. Do you understand? Do not insult! To insult is not Christian. Understood? To insult is not Christian.

Actually, before God we are all sinners and in need of forgiveness. All of us. Indeed, Jesus told us not to judge. Fraternal correction is a mark of the love and communion which must reign in the Christian community; it is, rather, a mutual service that we can and must render to one another. To reprove a brother is a service, and it is possible and effective only if each one recognizes oneself to be a sinner and in need of the Lord's forgiveness. The same awareness that enables me to recognize the fault of another, even before that, reminds me that I have likewise made mistakes and I am often wrong.

This is why, at the beginning of Mass, every time, we are called before the Lord to recognize that we are sinners, expressing through words and gestures sincere repentance of the heart. And we say: "Have mercy on me, Lord. I am a sinner! I confess to Almighty God my sins". And we don't say: "Lord, have mercy on this man who is beside me, or this woman, who are sinners". No! "Have mercy on me!". We are all sinners and in need of the Lord's forgiveness. It is the Holy Spirit who speaks to our spirit and makes us recognize our faults in light of the Word of Jesus. And Jesus himself invites us all, saints and sinners, to his table, gathering us from the crossroads, from diverse situations of life (cf. Mt 22:9-10). And among the conditions in common among those participating in the Eucharistic celebration, two are fundamental in order to go to Mass correctly: we are all sinners and God grants his mercy to all. These are the two conditions which open wide the doors that we might enter Mass properly. We must always remember this before addressing a brother in brotherly correction.

(September 7, 2014).

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant and your Pastor
Fr. Mike Holmes, Associate Pastor

Rescheduled First Eucharist Celebrations

We have been given permission to reschedule First Eucharist celebrations (that were postponed in the spring) for those children who were registered in our program during the 2019-20 school year. These Masses will be taking place on selected Sundays over the next few months and we have notified all parents of this. For more information please email Susan Douglas at sdouglas.lpa@gmail.com.



Masses For The Week

Sat. Sept 5– 5:00pm

+Salvatore, Rosina & Carmelo Molica Lazzaro
req. by Angela D'Angelo & Family

Mon Sept 7 –9:00am LABOUR DAY

+Michael Holmes Sr.
req. by Denise & Shirley Washburn

SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

Tues Sept 8 – 8:20am

+Lynda Garland
req. by Kathy Webb

Wed. Sept 9 – 7:00pm

In Thanksgiving for 25th Wedding Anniversary
req. by Irena & Boris Stebih

+Sean Coburn
req. by Dick & Rita Hadden

Thur. Sept 10 – 8:20am

+Els Jansen
req. by Her Husband & Family

Fri. Sept 11 – 8:20am

+Albert Schranz
req. by Frank & Iris McNulty

Sat. Sept 12– 5:00pm

+Georgette Boulos
req. by Fred & Jacqui Shady

ATTENTION ENGAGED COUPLES!

Our next Marriage Preparation Class at St. John the Evangelist will be held on Tuesday evenings from 7:30pm to 9:30pm February 23, 2021 to March 30, 2021 To register, contact the parish office (905) 668-3676. Fee is \$150 per couple.

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

Outdoor Family Movie Night:

As a welcome back to the new school year the Youth Ministry will be holding an outdoor family movie night on **Friday, September 18th**. The night will run from **7pm-9pm** and we will be watching Frozen 2. This is open to all families in the parish. There will be a limit of 100 people allowed at the event. Families attending are encouraged to bring their own peanut/nut free snacks, non-alcoholic drinks, and lawn chairs/blankets. Those wishing to know more are to contact Brendon Orian at the parish office or by email at sjewhitbyyouth@gmail.com.

Return of Youth Ministry:

Both our Middle School and High School youth groups will be returning for the 2020/2021 school year. We will be starting late October. We will also be flipping between in person and online youth night for the remainder of 2020 and will reassess the 2021 nights depending on how the pandemic response changes.

Volunteering with the Youth:

Do you have a dynamic relationship with Christ? Do you have a love for youth and the Church? Do you have a desire to share how your life has been changed by Jesus with others? If you've answered yes to any or all of these questions I would love to get to talk to you more. As the youth ministry continues to grow the more support we will need for the youth. Anyone interested in volunteering with youth in the upcoming year please contact me: Brendon at sjewhitbyyouth@gmail.com or at the parish office. I would gladly like to schedule a time to talk and learn how you can find a place to fit within our youth ministry family.

The Archdiocese of Toronto announced that during the coming weeks, several second collections will be included with the regular offertory donations. These include:

Needs of the Holy Land (Good Friday collection), Sept 12-13; Needs of the Church in Canada Sept 26-27; Pope's Pastoral Works Oct 3-4.; World Mission Sunday Oct 17-18; Shepherds' Trust Nov 14-15.

Three ShareLife collection dates
September 12-13, October 10-11, November 7-8, 2020.

Bible Study – Jesus, The Way, The Truth and the Life

There are a few books remaining, for anyone wishing to join us for the upcoming bible study: “Jesus, The Way, The Truth and the Life”.

10 sessions every Monday beginning September 14th from 7pm to 8:45pm. \$40 per person includes study guide and workbook. (\$60 for a couple sharing the book).

We will watch the video in the church, seated social distance, or on zoom connecting with the people in the church for discussion.

Please email the parish office or call as soon as possible.

Looking Ahead

Mon Sept 7 Labour Day

Office closed, Mass at 9:00am

Thur Sept 10

7pm Holy Hour with Confessions, in Church

Mon Sept 14

7pm Bible Study, in Church

Tue Sept 15

7pm Lectio Divina, PC main

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.

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