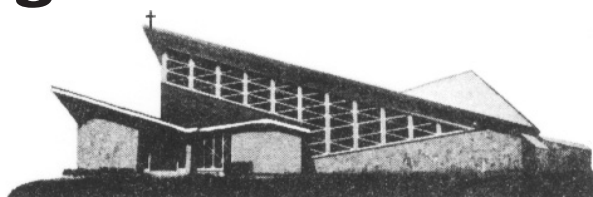


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Mr. Brendon Orian	Youth Ministry

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Mr. Troy Sabao	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.
 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.

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
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Development & Peace (CCODP)	Estela Rios	905-430-7753
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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peace to all of you!

As we are approaching the beginning of the school year, I pray for so many parents, students and teachers who are worried and concerned for the well-being of everybody, especially the most vulnerable. May God enlighten you and give you discernment and peace to make the right decision. It is true that it is a very uncertain and precarious time but God will help you to walk through this period at peace. It is important our involvement and relationship with the Catholic Schools and we are going to work together so that the students receive the good news. They are the future of the Church and we need to care for them. On another note, this Sunday Gospel reading emphasizes the importance of forgiveness in our lives. It is true that all of us struggle with forgiving people, but God wants us to give us the gift of realizing how much He forgives us so that we can do the same with others. Let us offer to Him our fragile and weak heart that at times is unable to forgive and find peace and He will give us a new heart able to forgive without keeping grudges. What a sense of relief comes when we can forgive and make peace with somebody and God is going to help us to make it possible!

Pope Francis Homily, 24 Sunday in Ordinary Time A

This Sunday's Gospel passage (see Mt 18:21-35 below) offers us a lesson on forgiveness which does not deny wrongdoing, but recognizes that human beings, created in God's image, are always greater than the evil they commit.

Saint Peter asks Jesus: "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" (v. 21). To Peter, forgiving the same person seven times already seemed the maximum possible.

And perhaps to us it may already seem too much to do so twice. But Jesus answers, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven" (v. 22), meaning always. You must always forgive.

And he confirms this by telling the parable of the merciful king and the wicked servant, in which he shows the inconsistency of the man who was first forgiven and then refused to forgive. The king in the parable is a generous man who, spurred by compassion, forgives an enormous debt "10,000 talents": enormous to a servant who beseeches him. That same servant, however, as soon as he meets another servant like himself who owes him 100 dinarii which is much less behaves in a ruthless way and has him thrown in prison.

The servant's inconsistent behaviour is the same as ours when we refuse to forgive our brothers and sisters. Whereas the king in the parable is the image of God who loves us with a love that is so rich in mercy as to welcome us, love us and forgive us continuously.

From the time of our Baptism, God has forgiven us, releasing us from an intractable debt: original sin. But that is the first time. Then, with boundless mercy, he forgives us all our faults as soon as we show even the least sign of repentance. This is how God is: merciful.

When we are tempted to close our heart to those who have offended us and tell us they are sorry, let us remember our Heavenly Father's words to the wicked servant: "I forgave

you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?" (vv. 32-33). Anyone who has experienced the joy, peace and inner freedom which come from being forgiven should open him or herself up to the possibility of forgiving in turn. Jesus wished to introduce the teaching of this parable into the *Our Father*. He linked the forgiveness which we ask from God with the forgiveness that we should accord our brothers and sisters: "And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors" (Mt 6:12).

God's forgiveness is the symbol of his "overflowing" love for each of us.

It is the love that leaves us free to distance ourselves, like the prodigal son, but which awaits our return every day. It is the resourceful love of the shepherd for the lost sheep. It is the tenderness which welcomes each sinner who knocks at his door.

The Heavenly Father, our Father is filled, is full of love and he wants to offer it to us, but he cannot do so if we close our heart to love towards others.

May the Virgin Mary help us to become ever more aware of the gratuitousness and the greatness of the forgiveness received from God, to become merciful like him, Good Father, slow to anger and great in love. (September 14, 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 12– 5:00pm

+Georgette Boulos

req. by Fred & Jacqui Shady

Mon Sept 14 –8:20am

+

req. by

Tues Sept 15 – 8:20am

+Oscar Ciceri

req. by The Siciliano Family

Wed. Sept 16 – 7:00pm

+Walter Belej

req. by Ann Belej-Corrigan & Jim Corrigan

+Mary Norton

req. by St. John the Evangelist Consolation Ministry

+Michael Holmes Sr.

req. by Mike & Monica Morrison

+Mary Norton

req. by St. John the Evangelist Refugee Committee

SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

Thur. Sept 17 – 8:20am

+All Souls in Purgatory
req. by Kathy Webb

Fri. Sept 18 – 8:20am

+Shirley MacDonald
req. by Anne & Chris McHale

Sat. Sept 19 – 5:00pm

+Werner Kuenzle
req. by Jenny & Heidi Kuenzle

ATTENTION ENGAGED COUPLES! – NEW DATES!!!

Our next Marriage Preparation Class at St. John the Evangelist will be held on 6 Tuesday evenings from January 5 to February 9, 2021 at 7:00pm to 9:00pm To register, contact the parish office (905) 668-3676. Fee is \$150 per couple.



SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR SHARELIFE

September 12-13, October 10-11, November 7-8

From the office of ShareLife at the Archdiocese of Toronto

We are grateful for the support of our parish communities who have maintained their contribution to ShareLife in these difficult times. In order to meet our goal, please continue to consider giving to ShareLife at our second collection.

Second Collections Rescheduled

If you already gave to any one of these collections, thank you! In order to catch up with these very important collections, we kindly ask you to review these dates. Please use the envelopes from your offertory box, or take one from the back counter.

Thank you for your generosity.

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

OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

FROZEN II

SEPTEMBER 18 • 7PM- 9:30PM

TICKETS ONLINE VIA PARISH WEBSITE (FREE)

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RAIN DATE SEPTEMBER 25TH

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 attend PHCP from grades 1 through 7. The PHCP runs alternate Wednesday evenings, **6:15 – 7:15 p.m.**, September through to May. Classes begin **Wednesday, September 30th**.

In person and on-line classes will be offered as required this year.

If you are interested in registering your child for PHCP, please contact Cathy Dykeman, PHCP Coordinator, **905-706-1126** or cdykeman.phcp@gmail.com for details on how to register.

Please Note: Parents/guardians are required to provide at registration **baptismal records** for their children who are **NEW** to the PHCP and who were **not** baptized at St. John the Evangelist Church.

ATTENTION PHCP PARENTS AND GUARDIANS!

An important COVID-19 Safety Protocol Meeting for PHCP Parents/Guardians will take place in the Church on Tuesday, September 15th, 7:00 pm.

So that we may plan accordingly, please RSVP to Cathy Dykeman by **Monday, September 14th**, and indicate whether you will be attending in person or on-line.

PHCP Catechist Needed:

The PHCP is in need of one new catechist for grade 1 this year. If you feel that the Lord might be calling you to help as a catechist in the PHCP, please contact Cathy Dykeman at **905-706-1126** or cdykeman.phcp@gmail.com. All catechism materials will be provided and experience in teaching is not necessary. All that is required is a genuine desire to pass along our faith to the next generation, our young people who are the future of our Church.

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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