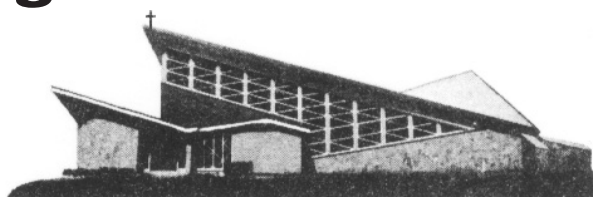


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## Pastoral Team

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Miss Susan Douglas	Lay Pastoral Asst.
Mrs. Vicki Morgan	Secretary
Mrs. Cathy Dykeman	Parish Home Catechism
Mr. Brendon Orian	Youth Ministry

## Support Staff

Mr. Troy Sabao	Caretaker
Mr. Kevin Dashney	Director of Music
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.  
 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

<b>SUNDAY LITURGY</b> —	Saturday	5:00 p.m.
	Sunday	9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
<b>SPANISH MASS</b> —	Sunday	2:00 p.m.
<b>WEEKDAY MASSES</b> —	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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Confirmation Preparation	Susan Douglas	905-668-3676
Parish Home Catechism Program	Cathy Dykeman	905-668-0724

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**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**SACRAMENT PREPARATION PROGRAMS**

2020 – 2021

<b>FIRST RECONCILIATION</b> (Grade 2)	<b>FIRST EUCHARIST</b> (Grade 2)	<b>CONFIRMATION</b> (Grade 7)
<b>REGISTRATION and INFORMATION NIGHT</b> <b>in the Church (parents only)</b> <b>Tuesday, October 20 at 7:00 pm</b> (please bring completed registration form, a \$35 fee for program expenses and a <b>photocopy</b> of your child's Baptism Certificate)		<b>REGISTRATION – Date to be determined</b>
<p align="center"><b>It is mandatory that all children who do not attend Catholic school participate in the Parish Home Catechism Program.</b></p>		

Peace to all of you!

In the past week, we have seen a surge in the cases of Covid-19 and together with the beginning of the school year, we may feel anxious about the possibility of a new lockdown or of getting sick. For now, I want to assure you that in the Church we are following all the health protocols of wearing masks and social distancing. The Church is a very safe place to come to worship and meet the Lord and each other from afar. We have wonderful and dedicated ushers and sanitizers that make sure that all this is carefully followed. I would like to encourage you to keep attending mass and all the other activities that we are having in the Church. It is very important for us, especially at this time, that we receive the Eucharist frequently and we have an opportunity to listen to the word of God. This is the nourishment that is going to strengthen us and is going to give us peace in this difficult time. Be assured of my prayers for all of you, the Lord is among us and He walks with us at this time consoling us and giving us fullness of life!

Pope Francis Homily, 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time A

In today's Gospel reading, there is the parable of the day labourers in the vineyard, which Jesus recounts in order to explain two aspects of the Kingdom of God: the first is that God wants to call everyone to work for his Kingdom; the second is that, in the end, he wants to give everyone the same reward, that is, salvation, eternal life. The owner of the vineyard who represents God, goes out at dawn and hires a group of workers, agreeing with them on the day's wages. It was a fair wage.

Then he goes out again [several times] later in the day — he goes out five times on that day — until the late afternoon to hire other unemployed laborers whom he sees. At the end of the day, the landowner orders that a denarius be paid to everyone, even to those who had only worked for a few hours. Naturally, the laborers who were hired first complain because they see that they are paid as much as those who worked for fewer hours. The landowner, however, reminds them about what had been agreed; if he then wants to be generous with the others, they should not be envious.

In reality, this "injustice" of the owner serves to provoke in those listening to the parable a leap to a new plane. Here Jesus does not want to speak about the issue of work or of a fair wage. He wanted to speak about the Kingdom of God!

This is the message: there are no unemployed people in the Kingdom of God.

Everyone is called to do their part; and there will be a reward from divine justice for everyone in the end not from human [justice], luckily! -, but the salvation that Jesus Christ acquired for us with his death and Resurrection, a salvation which is not deserved, but donated – salvation is free – thus, *“the last will be the first and the first last”* (Mt 20:16).

With this parable, Jesus wants to open our hearts to the logic of the Father's love which is free and generous.

It is about allowing oneself to be astonished and fascinated by the “thoughts” and the “ways” of God which, as the Prophet Isaiah recalls, are not our thoughts and not our ways (*Is 55:8 below*).

Human thoughts are often marked by selfishness and personal advantages, and our narrow and contorted paths are not comparable to the wide and straight streets of the Lord. He uses mercy, he forgives broadly. He is filled with generosity and kindness which he pours forth on each of us. He opens for everyone the boundless territory of his love and his grace, which alone can give the human heart the fullness of joy.

Jesus wants to make us contemplate the gaze of that landowner: the gaze with which he looks upon each of the labourers searching for work and calls them to go to his vineyard. It is a gaze which is filled with attention, kindness. It is a gaze which calls, invites one to get up and begin a journey because he wants life for each of us; he wants a full, committed life, safe from emptiness and inertia. God excludes no one and wants each of us to achieve his or her fullness. This is the love of our God, of our God who is Father.

May Mary Most Holy help us welcome into our lives the logic of love which frees us from the presumption of deserving God's reward and from the critical judgement of others. (September 24, 2017).

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

Cardinal Collins has designated this Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> as Stewardship Sunday.

Stewardship Sunday encourages us to use our gifts and talents for the betterment of the Parish Community.

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Masses For The Week

- Sat. Sept 19– 5:00pm  
**+Werner Kuenzle**  
*req. by Jenny & Heidi Kuenzle & Family*
- Mon Sept 21 –8:20am  
**+Norma Lukow**  
*req. by Brian & Gail McMonagle*
- Tues Sept 22 – 8:20am  
**+Tony Rinaldi**  
*req. by Lucy Rinaldi*
- Wed. Sept 23 – 7:00pm  
**+**  
*req. by*
- Thur. Sept 24 – 8:20am  
**Int for Jason Deehan**  
*req. by His Mom & Dad*
- Fri. Sept 25 – 8:20am  
**+Patricia & Harold Baird**  
*req. by Kathy Webb*
- Sat. Sept 26 – 5:00pm  
**In Thanksgiving for our 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary**  
*req. by John & Judy Morris*

*Tabernacle candle Sept 20-26, 2020 intention for Mariam*

**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. Space is limited.(905) 668-3676. Fee is \$150 per couple.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
**Thank you for your continued support to our neighbours in need.** During these (COVID) months, our Conference has not been able to make in-person deliveries and as such, continue to provide extra food vouchers by mail, in lieu of non-perishable food. We thank you for your support and please pray for those in need during these uncertain times. Please take our SSVDP donation envelopes from the back counter. Tax receipts are provided.

**Clothing/linen donation trailer**

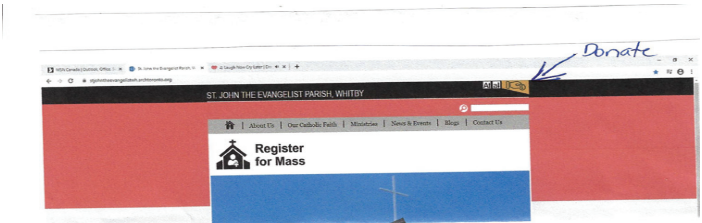
Over the summer months, our two donation bins were removed and a temporary trailer was installed for donations of clothing, linens and small household items. At the end of September, the trailer will be permanently removed and the Conference will begin Bundle Sunday! On a given weekend the parish community will be invited to bring their gently used clothing, shoes, linens and household items to the parish parking lot. A truck provided by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will collect donations and take it to their store for distribution. More information will be provided.

**Second Collections Rescheduled**

**If you already gave to any one of these collections, thank you! Please use the envelopes from your offertory box, or take one from the back counter. Thank you for your generosity.**  
 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

**Online Giving**

**One-time donations or recurring donations**  
**For Sunday Offertory, Renovation Giving, ShareLife and Other Collections go to:**  
<https://stjohntheevangelistwh.archtoronto.org/>  
**Click on the hand and coin icon (donate now) at the top right! It will guide you to select our parish through the Archdiocese list of selections.**



**ALZHEIMER'S MONTH**

September marks the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual World Alzheimer's Month. Its' goal is to raise awareness of Alzheimer's and to reduce the stigma associated with it. The World Health Organization indicates that 50 million people worldwide live with *dementia*. This number is projected to increase to 80 million people by 2030 as the population ages. *Alzheimer's* is one form of dementia. It affects thinking, remembering and reasoning skills which interfere with an individual's daily tasks and activities. It is a progressive disease and is the most common form of dementia. *Alzheimer's* is NOT a normal part of aging. People living with dementia can live well with the support of their family and community members. The local chapter of the Alzheimer's Association has many resources and supports which can help support families with a family member experiencing memory challenges. It has many useful resources and programs on their website. To view a brief video on reducing the risks of an individual living with *Alzheimer's* or to obtain further information contact: [www.alzheimer.ca/durham](http://www.alzheimer.ca/durham)

**LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY**

**OCTOBER 4, 2020**

**Please join us** to silently and prayerfully intercede to the Lord to end abortion and heal our nation, to partner our love and protection with God for local Preborns and to witness for the **millions** lost in Canada through abortion. Below are confirmed locations in Durham Region and their times to date:

**Whitby - Dundas St. E. (Hwy. #2) & Thickson Rd. N.**  
 Meet at the south-east corner.

*Time:* 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Contact Gwen Schultealbert at 905-435-4673 for Holy Family Church and Donna Shaddick at 905-620-0724 for St. Leo The Great Catholic Church.

**Attention High School Students!!!**  
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