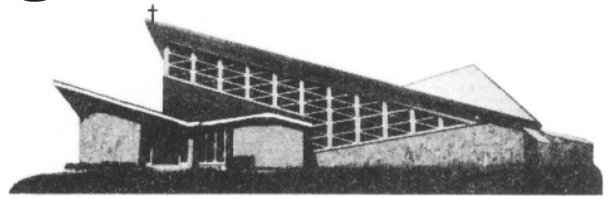


# St. John the Evangelist Church

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## Pastoral Team

Rev. Francisco Fernandez Siles	Pastor
Rev. Michael Holmes	Associate Pastor
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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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Parish Home Catechism Program	Cathy Dykeman	905-668-0724

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## TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### SACRAMENT PREPARATION PROGRAMS

2020 – 2021

FIRST RECONCILIATION (Grade 2)	FIRST EUCHARIST (Grade 2)	CONFIRMATION (Grade 7)
<b>REGISTRATION and INFORMATION NIGHT in the Church (parents only) 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>

**It is mandatory that all children who do not attend Catholic school participate in the Parish Home Catechism Program.**

Peace to all of you!

We are already entering the season of Autumn and ending the month of September. Time flies! As we are getting busy with our lives, I think that it is important to keep focused and to have our eyes fixed on Christ. In the midst of the business of our lives and of the worries that are caused by the coronavirus, it is essential to find strength and peace in Christ. I invite everybody to take into account and to realize that Christ walks with us and accompanies in our daily lives so that we can lean on Him and find refuge in Him especially in moments that we are overwhelmed. It is very important that everyday we pray to the Lord and we meditate on the Gospel. Take the Gospel of the day and read it and meditate it for few minutes and you are going to get abundant peace. I invite you attend Lectio Divina every Tuesday at the Parish Center at 7 pm. If you wish, you can also join through zoom. Please phone the office to get the passwords. We meditate on the Sunday readings and if anybody wishes, we share how they relate to our lives. It is very nourishing, and I have noticed that when parishioners come to Sunday mass, they are more touched by the readings. As we are approaching the month of October, month of the Rosary, we are going to introduce the Pilgrim Virgin Mary of Fatima. At each mass, a family is going to receive and is going have the statue of our Lady of Fatima at home so that for one week they can pray the rosary everyday as a family. The family that prays together stays together and they are going to grow in unity and peace. We are going to have sign-up sheets at the entrance of the church so that families book the week in which they would like to have the Virgin Mary visit their homes. May the Virgin Mary bring us closer to Christ so that the love and peace may increase and abound in our families!

Pope Francis Homily, 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time A

Today it challenges us with the parable of the two sons, who respond to the Father's invitation to go into his vineyard: One says no, but then goes; the second says yes, but then doesn't work. There is, however, a big difference between the first son, who is lazy, and the second, who is hypocritical. Let's try to imagine what happened inside them. In the heart of the first, after his no, the invitation of his father still rang out; in the second, however, despite his yes, the father's voice was buried. The memory of the father awakened the first child from laziness, while the second, although he knew the good, contradicted his word with his actions. In fact, he had become impervious to the voice of God and of conscience, and without any problems accepted the duplicity of life.

Jesus with this parable places two paths before us. Experience shows that we are not always willing to say yes in word and deed, because we are sinners. But we can choose whether to be sinners on the way, who listen to the Lord, and when they fall they repent and rise, like the first child; or sitting sinners, ready to always justify themselves and only with words according to what suits them.

This parable Jesus was addressed to some religious leaders of the time, the Son with his double life, while ordinary people often behaved like the other son. These leaders knew and explained everything, in a formally flawless way, like true intellectuals of religion. But they did not have the humility to listen, the courage to question themselves, and no strength to repent. And Jesus is very strict: he says that even tax collectors are more likely to enter the Kingdom of God. It is a harsh rebuke, because the tax collectors were corrupt traitors of the homeland. So what was the problem with these leaders? They were not simply mistaken about something, but they were mistaken in the way of life before God: they were, in words and with others, unyielding guardians of human traditions, unable to understand that life according to God is on the way and requires the humility to open up, repent and start again.

What does that say to us? That there is no Christian life designed on the drawing board, scientifically built, where it is sufficient to fulfil a few commandments to soothe consciences: Christian life is a humble path of a conscience never rigid and always relates to God, who knows how to repent and rely on Him in his poverty, without ever assuming that it is sufficient to itself. Thus we overcome the revised and up-to-date versions of that ancient evil, denounced by Jesus in the parable: hypocrisy, duplicity of life, clericalism that is accompanied by legalism, detachment from the people. The key word is repentance: it is repentance that allows us not to harden, to turn no to God into yes, and yes to sin into no for the sake of the Lord. The will of the Father, who every day gently speaks to our conscience, is carried out only in the form of repentance and continuous conversion. In the end, everyone has two paths ahead of them: to be repentant sinners or hypocritical sinners. But what matters is not the reasoning that justifies and attempts to save appearances, but a heart that moves forward with the Lord, struggles every day, repents and returns to Him. Because the Lord seeks the pure of heart, not pure "on the outside".

Thus we see, dear brothers and sisters, that the Word of God goes into the depths, "discerns the feelings and thoughts of the heart"(Heb 4:12). But it is also current: the parable also reminds us of the relationships, not always easy, between fathers and children. Today, at the rate at which one generation changes to the next, we

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feel more strongly the need for autonomy from the past, sometimes to the point of rebellion. But, after the closures and the long silences on one side or the other, it is good to recover the encounter, even if there are still conflicts simmering, which can become the stimulus to find a new balance. As in the family, so in the Church and in society: never give up encounter, dialogue, seek new ways to walk together.

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



Masses For The Week

**Sat. Sept 26– 5:00pm**  
**In Thanksgiving for our 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary**  
*req. by John & Judy Morris*

**Mon Sept 28 –8:20am**  
**+Chris, Brad, Adelaide & Joseph Traynor**  
*req. by The LaBarre, Demoe & Webb Families*

**Tues Sept 29 – 8:20am**  
**+Edna McAvoy**  
*req. by Brian & Gail McMonagle*

**Wed. Sept 30 – 7:00pm**  
**+Carmela & Francesco Princiotta**  
*req. by Filippo Princiotta*  
**+Albert Schranz**  
*req. by St Vincent de Paul Society, St John Conference*  
**+Alphons Kersten**  
*req. by Vijaya Kunar*

**Thur. Oct 1 – 8:20am**  
**+John Baird**  
*req. by Kathy Webb*

**Fri. Oct 2 – 8:20am**  
**+Deceased Members of the Coryat Family**  
*req. by Mary Yearwood*

**Sat. Oct 3 – 5:00pm**  
**+Werner Kuenzle**  
*req. by Jenny & Heidi Kuenzle*

**Tabernacle Candle Sept 27 – Oct 3, 2020**  
**Intention for Naomi, requested by her grandmother**

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.

Knights of Columbus  
Knights of Columbus, St John the Evangelist Council, meetings are the 1st Wednesday of each month from Sept to June and newsletters are available for those members without email at the back of the church in the Knights folder the weekend prior to our meeting. Next Meeting is Wednesday Oct 7th, 2020 at 8PM on Zoom( details to follow by member email) and at the Columbus Club Hall 133 Brock St North(Based on current Ontario Pandemic safety procedures in place). For further information assisting the St John's community and becoming a Knight through our online virtual application and exemplification process taking less than an hour, contact Grand Knight Bryan Childerhouse  
[bryan.childerhouse@rogers.com](mailto:bryan.childerhouse@rogers.com) or call 416-508-9877

### 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) & Thicksen Rd. N.** Meet at the south-east corner. *Time: 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.*

For those unable to join Life Chain in person a link to the Priests for Life Rosary covering all the mysteries of the Rosary that can be prayed at home during the hour of Life Chain from 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. It does not include the usual opening prayers; Apostles Creed, Hail Mary, Glory Be and the Fatima prayer.

<https://www.priestsforlife.org/prayers/Rosary.aspx>

### Holy Spirit Novena for Life

Holy Spirit, at the dawn of creation,  
You brought order out of chaos,  
Light out of darkness,  
Life out of nothingness.  
Breathe on us once again,  
And change the culture of death  
Into a Culture of Life.  
Inspire in your people  
A spirit of generous welcome  
For each and every life,  
No matter how unexpected or dependent  
That life may be.

Holy Spirit, You are the Advocate.  
As you fill us with Yourself,  
Make us advocates  
For the unborn and all the vulnerable.  
Until we are all united in the endless life and joy  
Of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
One God, forever and ever. Amen

### Attention High School Students!!!

Volunteer Community Service hours can be earned if you assist the parish with leaf raking on the parish centre grounds over the autumn months. Please contact [troybay5@gmail.com](mailto:troybay5@gmail.com)

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