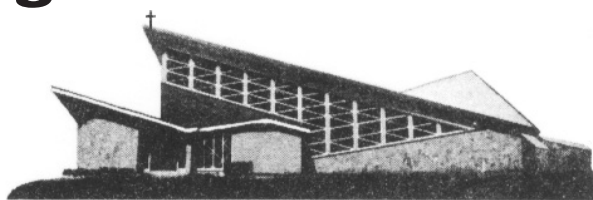


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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Mon & Fri - Closed Thursday
 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Evening Reception
 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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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peace to all of you!

With this Sunday, we begin Ordinary Time on the liturgical calendar. This period is one of encountering Jesus in our everyday lives. We are called to look back at our lives and to reflect in God's presence in the events of our lives.

Now, we have time on our hands to ponder, to pray, and to connect with the Lord. All of us are always on the go and we live on the run and just coping with events. At this time, we are invited to step back, to wonder, "how am I doing and how God is acting in my personal life?" We are afraid and we do not like to think about ourselves, but it is actually very healthy if we do it together with Christ. Christ comes to us and asks us to follow Him and to spend time with Him. I encourage you to reflect on the daily readings of the mass and to spend time meditating how they relate to what you are passing through. We can spend the day trying to get busy, watching videos, exercising, working and many other ways; however, we need to spend a bit of time with the Lord in prayer and meditation. We are going to experience that the Lord walks beside us and He accompanies us with his peace. Even though, we feel we do not have time to pray and to read the Bible; on the contrary, just a bit of time with the Lord is going to benefit us greatly. Therefore, I encourage you to do it and you will get enormous fruits and you will live these harsh times at peace.

I remind you that we broadcast the daily mass at 9 am followed by the prayer of the Rosary through [facebook.com/stjohnwhitby](https://www.facebook.com/stjohnwhitby) and on our YouTube channel St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church Whitby. The Church is open for prayer from 10 am to 4 pm every weekday. On weekends we broadcast the mass on Saturday at 5 pm and on Sundays at 10 am and 2 pm in Spanish. I encourage you to participate on the mediation of the Sunday readings that takes place on Tuesdays at 7 pm through zoom. Please call the parish office to get the password, or for anything you need. Let us be connected with the Lord and with each other! I keep praying for you! God bless you all!

Pope Francis Homily, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

As in the Feast of the Epiphany and in that of the Baptism of Jesus, so too today's Gospel passage (cf. Jn 1:35-42) proposes the theme of the manifestation of the Lord. This time it is John the Baptist who points Him out to his disciples as "the Lamb of God" (v. 36), thus inviting them to follow Him. And thus it is for us: the One whom we have contemplated in the Mystery of Christmas, we are now called to follow in daily life. Therefore, today's Gospel passage introduces us perfectly into Ordinary Liturgical Time, a time that helps to invigorate and affirm our journey of faith in ordinary life, in a dynamic that moves between epiphany and sequela, between manifestation and vocation.

The Gospel narrative indicates the essential characteristics of the journey of faith. There is a journey of faith, and this is the journey of the disciples of all times, ours too, beginning with the question that Jesus asks the two who, urged by the Baptist, set out to follow Him: "What do you seek?" (v. 38). It is the same question that the Risen One asks Mary Magdalene on Easter morning: "Woman, whom do you seek?" (cf. Jn 20:15). Each of us, as a human being, is seeking: seeking happiness, seeking love, a good and full life. God the Father has given us all this in his Son Jesus.

In this search, the role of a true witness — of a person who first made the journey and encountered the Lord — is fundamental. In the Gospel, John the Baptist is this witness. For this reason, he is able to direct the disciples toward Jesus, who engages them in a new experience, saying: "Come and see" (Jn 1:39). And those two [disciples] will never forget the beauty of that encounter, to the extent that the Evangelist even notes the time of it: "It was about the tenth hour" (ibid.). Only a personal encounter with Jesus engenders a journey of faith and of discipleship. We will be able to experience many things, to accomplish many things, to establish relationships with many people, but only the appointment with Jesus, at that hour that God knows, can give full meaning to our life and render our plans and our initiatives fruitful.

It is not enough to build an image of God based on the words that are heard; one must go in search of the divine Master and go to where he lives. The two disciples ask Jesus, "where are you staying?" (v. 38). This question has a powerful spiritual meaning: it expresses the wish to know where the Lord lives, so as to abide with him. The life of faith consists in the wish to abide in the Lord, and thus in a continuing search for the place where he lives. This means that we are called to surpass a methodical and predictable religiosity, rekindling the encounter with Jesus in prayer, in meditating on the Word of God and in practicing the Sacraments, in order to abide with him and bear fruit thanks to him, to his help, to his grace.

Seeking Jesus, encountering Jesus, following Jesus: this is the journey. Seeking Jesus, encountering Jesus, following Jesus.

May the Virgin Mary support us in this prospect of following Jesus, of going to abide where he lives, in order to listen to his Word of life, to adhere to him who takes away the sin of the world, to recover in him hope and spiritual impulse.

(January 14, 2018).

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant and your Pastor

Modified Instructions for Confirmation Registration

Due to the current lockdown, we will be modifying the registration process for Confirmation. We can no longer use the church for an in-person meeting, so we are asking parents to drop off items for registration at our parish office. Our office is currently closed, but we ask that you drop off in the mail slot (outside the front door of our office) a sealed envelope clearly marked 'Confirmation Registration', which is to include the following three items:

- **completed Confirmation registration form (this was included in the package that was sent home with your child in December from his/her school)**
- **photocopy of your child's Baptismal certificate**
- **payment of \$40 (cash or cheque made out to St. John the Evangelist Church)**

We ask that you please submit these items before **Tuesday, January 19** if you would like to register your child for the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. We will still be having an **Information Meeting on Tuesday, January 19 at 7:00 pm**, but this will be done virtually (more information will be provided).

Church Hours – Private Prayer during lockdown
Sundays 11am – 1pm, 3pm – 5pm
Weekdays 10am – 12noon, 2pm – 4pm
At this time, only 10 people are permitted in the church at a time. You must wear a mask and leave a post-it note on the pew where you sat, in order for proper sanitizing to take place.

Join Us for live stream mass on [facebook.com/stjohnwhitby](https://www.facebook.com/stjohnwhitby) every Sunday at 10am in English, 2pm in Spanish.
Weekdays Monday through Friday at 9am, followed by the Rosary

An Act of Spiritual Communion
My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if
You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

CWL

January is membership month - time to renew or join the Catholic Women's League. Due to the pandemic, please provide your complete address, telephone number and email address, along with your permission to email you. Your membership information and \$25.00 membership fee should be placed in an envelope clearly marked CWL and:

Drop it in the mail slot at the rectory office.

- Place it into the collection basket (behind the last pew), if you visit the church for personal prayer, Father Francisco has given us permission to do this.
- Mail it to the church, CWL, 903 Giffard St., Whitby, ON L1N 2S3
- Drop off or mail your envelope to my home: 122 Robinson Cres., Whitby, ON L1N 6W5
- Email transfer your membership fee to my email address: lchilderhouse@hotmail.com. Please send your contact information in a separate email. Don't forget to include permission to email you.
- If you are unable to get out, please let me know (905.431.6582); I'll arrange for a pick up.



Masses For The Week

Sat. Jan 16 – 5:00pm

+Werner Kuenzle

req. by Jenny & Heidi Kuenzle

Mon Jan 18 – 9:00am

+Antonius G. van Galen

req. by Mr & Mrs Vanroon

Tues Jan 19 – 9:00am

Int. for Bridget Carolan

req. by Mary Yearwood

Wed. Jan 20 – 9:00am

In thanksgiving for John & Alice Deehan

req. by Their Family

+Giacomo Bellotto

req. by Elisa Bellotto & Family

Thur. Jan 21 – 9:00am

+Aleida G. van Galen

req. by Mr & Mrs Vanroon

Fri. Jan 22 – 9:00am

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Sat. Jan 23 – 5:00pm

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PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH
Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted His only Son;
In you Mary placed her trust;
With you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
Show yourself a father
And guides us in this path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
And defend us from every evil.
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