

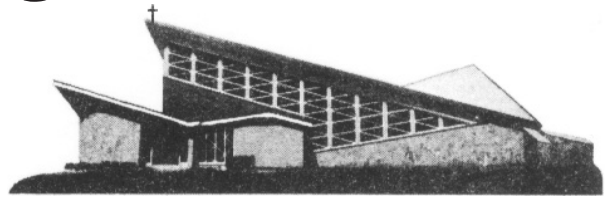
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 Mr. Brendon Orian Youth Ministry

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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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Catholic Family Services	1-800-241-3534	or	905-428-1984
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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peace to all of you!

We celebrate this the third Sunday in Ordinary Time. On this weekend, God calls us to repent and to follow Him in order to experience a new life. Jesus Christ offers us to live here and now the kingdom of God in our daily lives. What do we need to do so that it can be part of our daily existence? We need to repent and believe in the Good News. The concept of repentance asks for a clarification. Most of the time we understand to repent as the effort in our lives to change our sinful ways. However, all of us realize that as much as we try, we are weak and keep failing. What is to repent then? It is the desire to stop sinning, but with God's grace and relying in Him, a new life is offered to us. Therefore, to repent means that God is the one who transforms our sinful ways and makes it possible for us to live out a new life. What a consolation that Christ has gained this new life for us? Then, what do we need to do? We are called to follow Him, to say yes to this invitation of new life, which depends on God's grace and not in our own efforts. To repent and believe in the Good News is a call to be transformed by the Lord, a breath of new air. I encourage everybody to be attached to the Lord and to pray for each other so that we do not become discouraged. The Lord is the one who keeps us standing and at peace. He will make us go through these tough times sustained by His love. God bless you all!

Pope Francis Homily, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you" (Jon 3:2). With these words the Lord spoke to Jonah and directed him to set out towards that great city, which was about to be destroyed for its many evils. In the Gospel, we also see Jesus setting out towards Galilee to preach the Good News (cf. Mk 1:14). Both readings reveal a God who turns his gaze towards cities past and present. The Lord sets out on a journey: to Nineveh, to Galilee, to Lima, to Trujillo and Puerto Maldonado... the Lord comes here. He sets out to enter into our individual, concrete histories. We celebrated this not long ago: he is Emmanuel, the God who wants to be with us always. Yes, here in Lima, or wherever you are living, in the routine of your daily life and work, in the education to hope that you impart to your children, amid your aspirations and anxieties; within the privacy of the home and the deafening noise of our streets. It is there, along the dusty paths of history, that the Lord comes to meet each of you.

Sometimes what happened to Jonah can happen to us. Our cities, with their daily situations of pain and injustice, can leave us tempted to flee, to hide, to run away. Jonah, and we, have plenty of excuses to do so. Looking at the city, we can start by saying that there are "citizens who find adequate means to develop their personal and family

life – and that pleases us – yet the problem is the many "non-citizens", "the half-citizens" or "urban remnants"[1]. They are found along our roadsides, living on the fringes of our cities, and lacking the conditions needed for a dignified existence. It is painful to realize that among these "urban remnants" all too often we see the faces of children and adolescents. We look at the face of the future.

Seeing these things in our cities and our neighbourhoods – which should be places of encounter, solidarity and joy – we end up with what we might call the Jonah syndrome: we lose heart and want to flee (cf. Jon 1:3). We become indifferent, and as a result, anonymous and deaf to others, cold and hard of heart. When this happens, we wound the soul of our people. As Benedict XVI pointed out, "the true measure of humanity is essentially determined in relationship to suffering and to the sufferer... A society unable to accept its suffering members and incapable of helping to share their suffering and to bear it inwardly through 'com-passion' is a cruel and inhuman society".[2]

After they arrested John, Jesus set out to Galilee to proclaim the Gospel of God. Unlike Jonah, Jesus reacted to the distressing and unjust news of John's arrest by entering the city; he entered Galilee and from its small towns he began to sow the seeds of a great hope: that the Kingdom of God is at hand, that God is among us. The Gospel itself shows us the joy and the rippling effect that this brought about: it started with Simon and Andrew, then James and John (cf. Mk 1:14-20).

Jesus invites his disciples to experience in the present a taste of eternity: the love of God and neighbour. He does this the only way he can, God's way, by awakening tenderness and love of mercy, by awakening compassion and opening their eyes to see reality as God does. He invites them to generate new bonds, new covenants rich in eternal life.

Jesus walks through the city with his disciples and begins to see, to hear, to notice those who have given up in the face of indifference, laid low by the grave sin of corruption. He begins to bring to light many situations that had killed the hope of his people and to awaken a new hope. He calls his disciples and invites them to set out with him. He calls them to walk through to the city, but at a different pace; he teaches them to notice what they had previously overlooked, and he points out new and pressing needs. Repent, he tells them. The Kingdom of Heaven means finding in Jesus a God who gets involved with the lives of his people. He gets involved and involves others not to be afraid to make of our history a history of salvation (cf. Mk 1:15, 21). (January 21, 2018).

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant and your Pastor

A HUGE THANK YOU FROM THE SOCIETY OF ST.
VINCENT DE PAUL

Through the generosity of the Parish Community of St. John the Evangelist, the Society of St. Vincent De Paul was able to provide Christmas help in the form of gift cards to 154 needy families within the Parish boundaries. Even though Covid-19 did not allow us to provide families with the actual Christmas gifts, as we have done in the past, we were still able to provide them with vouchers with which they could purchase gifts for their families, and for this they were very grateful.

We wish to thank the students and staff of All Saint's Catholic Secondary School, St. Marguerite D'Youville School, St. John the Evangelist School, and St. Luke the Evangelist School, and St. Bridgid's Catholic School Brooklin, for their generous monetary donations and their donations of gift cards, which in turn allowed us to provide assistance to our neighbours in need.

A big thank you to the following businesses that graciously collected donations of cash and giftcards from MacAskill Chiropractic, Hearing Life, the Celtic Club, Daughters of Isabella – St. Bernadette Circle.

Thank you to the many Parishioners of St. John the Evangelist Church for your overwhelming generosity in the form of monetary gifts and gift cards. We truly applaud and appreciate the spirit of generosity from all of you. Tax receipts will be mailed out for cash and cheque donations of \$25 and up.

Again, a heartfelt thanks to all of you, from all of the members of The Society of St. Vincent De Paul.

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.

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facebook.com/stjohnwhitby **every Saturday at 5pm, or
Sunday at 10am in English, 2pm in Spanish.**
Weekdays Monday through Friday at 9am,
followed by the Rosary

Church Hours – Private Prayer during lockdown
Saturday and Sunday Closed
Weekdays 10am – 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.

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: lhilderhouse@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 23 – 5:00pm

+Judy Tayeb

req. by Gail Stewart & Family

Mon Jan 25 – 9:00am

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req. by

Tues Jan 26 – 9:00am

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req. by

Wed. Jan 27 – 9:00am

+Angie Hendsbee

req. by the Sunday Coffee Group

Thur. Jan 28 – 9:00am

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req. by

Fri. Jan 29 – 9:00am

+Alice McCann

req. by Tom Troy

Sat. Jan 30 – 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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