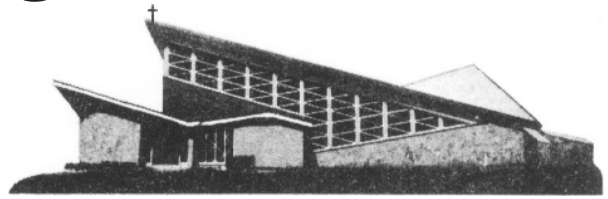


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## Pastoral Team

Rev. Francisco Fernandez Siles Pastor  
 Rev. Mr. Raymond Del Castilho Permanent Deacon  
 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 Sabaot Caretaker  
 Mr. Kevin Dashney Director of Music  
 Mrs. Sue McGee Bookkeeper  
 Mrs. Gail Stewart Cook/Housekeeper

## **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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## THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

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### Message from the Pastor

The Peace of Christ be with you all!

We celebrate this Sunday the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. It is very important to have a Sunday dedicated to the importance of the Eucharist in our lives. During this time of the pandemic, when we have had times in which we have not been able to receive communion or come to mass, we have realized how important and essential the Eucharist is for our lives. We are used to come to mass every Sunday, but it is very good for us to rekindle how amazing the Eucharist is. Soon, we will be able to have mass in person again and it would be nice to have a disposition to receive the Lord with open hearts. What does it happen at each mass then? It is a deep encounter with the Risen Christ in our lives. We all come with our struggles, difficulties and the joys of the week. The word of God that we listened to tells us what God wants to give us in front of our difficulties and how He wants to fill us with His peace and consolation. During the consecration, the Death and Resurrection of Christ becomes present for us. When we receive communion the Death and Resurrection of Christ becomes active in our lives. It means that we can pass from a situation of distress, worries, and impatience to one of peace, consolation and trust. It is really extraordinary and amazing that at each Eucharist we are given the opportunity to pass from death to life, from sadness to joy, from anxiety to peace. Let us come with eagerness to experience and meet the Risen Lord at each mass so that our lives can be wonderfully transformed by His love. The Eucharist is the source and summit of our lives as disciples of Jesus Christ.

A reminder that on Tuesdays at 7pm, we will meditate on the Sunday readings by zoom. If you wish to know the zoom link please call the parish office. I encourage you also to receive communion on the weekends by reserving your ticket for Communion services on Saturdays from 2pm to 4pm, Sundays from 10:30 am to noon, and 3pm to 4:30pm. You can reserve your ticket by going to our website starting Thursday mornings at 10am. I also encourage you to follow the mass online every day at 9am and Saturdays at 5pm and Sundays at 9am and 2pm in Spanish. We are going to get a lot out of it. Please if you need to avail of the

sacrament of Confession and experience the life-giving mercy of Jesus Christ, please call the parish office to make an appointment. It is essential that we experience the mercy of God for us in the midst of our struggles and difficulties.

May God continue to fill you with hope and peace during this time! Please keep praying for me and I pray for all of you!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant and your Pastor

### Pope Francis Homily, Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ

The Gospel we just heard speaks of the Last Supper, but surprisingly, pays more attention to the preparations than to the dinner itself. We keep hearing the word “prepare”. For example, the disciples ask: “Where do you want us to go and *prepare* for you to eat the Passover?” (Mk 14:12). Jesus sends them off with clear instructions to make the necessary preparations and they find “a large room... furnished and ready” (v. 15). The disciples went off to prepare, but the Lord had already made his own preparations.

Something similar occurs after the resurrection, when Jesus appears to the disciples for the third time. While they are fishing, he waits for them on the shore, where he has already prepared bread and fish for them. Even so, he tells the disciples to bring some of the fish that they have just caught, which he had shown them how to catch (cf. Jn 21:6.9-10). Jesus has already made preparations and he asks his disciples to cooperate. Once again, just before the Passover meal, Jesus tells the disciples: “I go to *prepare* a place for you... so that where I am, there you may be also” (Jn 14:2.3). Jesus is the one who prepares, yet before his own Passover he also asks us urgently, with exhortations and parables, to be prepared, to remain ever ready (cf. Mt 24:44; Lk 12:40).

Jesus, then, prepares for us and asks us to be prepared. What does Jesus prepare for us? He prepares *a place and a meal*. A place much more worthy than the “large furnished room” of the Gospel. It is our spacious and vast home here below, the Church, where there is, and must be, room for everyone. But he has also reserved a place for us on high, in heaven, so that we can be with him and with one another for ever. In addition to a

place, he prepares a meal, the Bread in which he gives himself: “Take; this is my body” (Mk 14:22). These two gifts, a place and a meal, are what we need to live. They are our ultimate “room and board”. Both are bestowed upon us in the Eucharist. A place and a meal.

Jesus prepares *a place* for us *here below*, because the Eucharist is the beating heart of the Church. It gives her birth and rebirth; it gathers her together and gives her strength. But the Eucharist also prepares for us *a place on high*, in eternity, for it is the *Bread of heaven*. It comes down from heaven – it is the only matter on earth that savours of eternity. It is the bread of things to come; even now, it grants us a foretaste of a future infinitely greater than all we can hope for or imagine. It is the bread that sates our greatest expectations and feeds our finest dreams. It is, in a word, the *pledge* of eternal life – not simply a promise but a pledge, a concrete anticipation of what awaits us there. The Eucharist is our “reservation” for the heavenly banquet; it is Jesus himself, as food for our journey towards eternal life and happiness.

In the consecrated host, together with a place, Jesus prepares for us *a meal*, food for our nourishment. In life, we constantly need to be fed: nourished not only with food, but also with plans and affection, hopes and desires. We hunger to be loved. But the most pleasing compliments, the finest gifts and the most advanced technologies are not enough; they never completely satisfy us. The Eucharist is simple food, like bread, yet it is the only food that satisfies, for *there is no greater love*. There we encounter Jesus really; we share his life and we feel his love. There you can realize that his death and resurrection are for you. And when you worship Jesus in the Eucharist, you receive from him the Holy Spirit and you find peace and joy. Dear brothers and sisters, let us choose this food of life! Let us make Mass our priority! Let us rediscover Eucharistic adoration in our communities! Let us implore the grace to *hunger for God*, with an insatiable desire to receive what he has prepared for us.

(June 3, 2018)

## Sacred Heart of Jesus – Pastoral Letter & Resources Available

Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto are encouraged to read Cardinal Collins' latest Pastoral Letter, "Heart Speaks to Heart", a deep reflection on the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Visit

[www.archtoronto.org/sacredheart](http://www.archtoronto.org/sacredheart) to read the letter and to access numerous resources that can be used in the home, school or parish setting.

**The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is observed in 2021 on Friday, June 11 and you are encouraged to offer a special focus on the Sacred Heart in the month of June.**

### Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day for all of the intentions of your Sacred Heart, in union with the holy sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, in thanksgiving for your favours, in reparation for my sins, for the intentions of all my relatives and friends, and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father, Amen.



**Society of St. Vincent de Paul**  
**St. John the Evangelist Conference**

### BUNDLE WEEKEND June 19/20, 2021

Our conference at St. John's will be holding a Bundle Weekend Collection drive to serve our neighbours in need living in the Durham community. A truck will be parked in St. John Parish parking lot over the weekend June 19/20 accepting gently used/new clothing, coats, linens, towels, bedding, textiles, drapery, shoes/boots.

We CANNOT accept furniture, mattresses, used baby equipment.

**Please bring your items to the truck after mass Saturday at 5pm, Sunday 9am or 11am. A member of the conference will assist you with your donation. Thank you!**



CONFÉRENCE DES EVÊQUES CATHOLIQUES DU CANADA  
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## Statement from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops following the recent discovery at the former Kamloops Indian Residential School on the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation

On behalf of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCBC), I express our deepest sorrow for the heartrending loss of the children at the former Kamloops Indian Residential School on the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation.

The news of the recent discovery is shocking. It rekindles trauma in numerous communities across this land. Honouring the dignity of the lost little ones demands that the truth be brought to light.

This tragedy profoundly impacts Indigenous communities, with whom many people across this land and throughout the world now stand in solidarity.

As we see ever more clearly the pain and suffering of the past, the Bishops of Canada pledge to continue walking side by side with Indigenous Peoples in the present, seeking greater healing and reconciliation for the future.

We lift up prayers to the Lord for the children who have lost their lives and pledge our close accompaniment of Indigenous families and communities. May our Creator God bless all of us with consolation and hope.

+ Richard Gagnon  
Archbishop of Winnipeg and  
President of the Canadian  
Conference  
of Catholic Bishops  
31 May 2021



Masses For The Week

Sat June 5 – 5:00pm

+Grant Davidson

req. by Evangeline & Amarie Davidson

Mon June 7 – 9:00am

A Special Intention

req. by Gail Stewart

Tues June 8 – 9:00am

+Erlinda Saldares

req. by Pablo & Maria Enrique

Wed. June 9 – 9:00am

+Richard & Mary Reilly

req. by Jeff & Yvonne Cuthbert

Thur. June 10 – 9:00am

+Shirley Barrett

req. by Her Family

Fri. June 11 – 9:00am

+Placida Coryat & Deceased Family Members

req. by Mary Yearwood

Sat June 12 – 5:00pm

+Maria & Romolo D'Aurora

req. by Paul & Geni D'Aurelio

## PARISH HOME CATECHISM PROGRAM (PHCP) 2021-22

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 29<sup>th</sup>**.

### NEW FOR 2021-22:

- **Beginning September 2021, the St. John the Evangelist PHCP would like to invite all school-age children in the parish (grades 1-7) to join us in the PHCP.**
- **Registration: Application Forms will be made available on-line mid-June.**

If you are interested in registering your child for PHCP but would like more information the program, please contact Cathy Dykeman, PHCP Coordinator, **905-706-1126** or

[cdykeman.phcp@gmail.com](mailto:cdykeman.phcp@gmail.com) for details

**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.



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