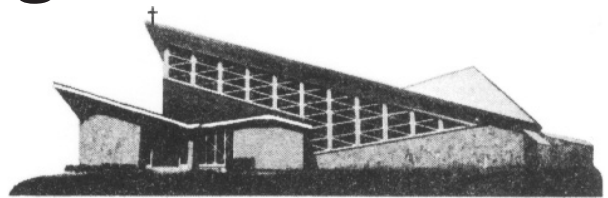


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## Pastoral Team

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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Parish Home Catechism Program	Cathy Dykeman	905-706-1126

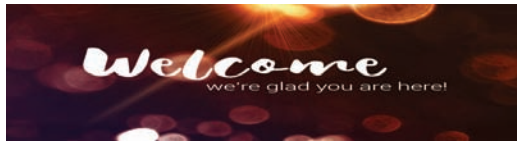
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Parish Prayer Group	Klara Bari	905-668-9579
Ushers	Sharon Weslake	905-668-4817

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Development & Peace (CCODP)	Estela Rios	905-430-7753
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## ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**We are so happy to see everyone again!**



**From the Pastor's Desk**

The Peace of Christ be with you all!

We celebrate this Sunday the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary time. God's word focuses on the enormous strength of life that it contains within it. The kingdom of God is compared to a seed which contains life in abundance. The grace and the peace that we receive in our hearts when we listen to God's word is an effect of the gratuity of God's mercy. It is a consequence of his sheer grace and not of our merits. The most that we can do is to have our hearts opened so that God's word can fill us with abundant life. The kingdom of God is also compared to a small seed which grows into a big shrub. God's word has itself a huge potency to bring life and peace into our hearts. Even though it seems very little when we pray with constancy and when we come to mass, if our hearts are widely open, we can then receive a lot of peace, consolation and fullness of life. We need to be aware and to take into account how much God's word can do in our lives when we receive it with an open attitude. It is like the rain, which always, when it falls on the grass, brings great fruit. Sooner or later, we are going to experience how fruitful it is to receive on a daily basis God's word in our lives.

It is very important to meditate on the Sunday readings and to be prepared beforehand when we come to Mass. You can read them at home or you can join us on Mondays at 7pm, where we will meditate on the Sunday readings by zoom. If you wish to know the zoom link please call the parish office. Now that the Churches are open again at 15% capacity, I really encourage you to come on a regular basis to the Eucharist. We have been waiting for this time to come back again to mass in person and to be strengthened and filled with the peace of Christ. Let us profit from having the mass again in person. It is going to fulfill our lives. The masses will be at 8:20am on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, and Wednesdays at 7pm. The weekend masses will be at 5pm on Saturdays, 9am, 11 am and 2 pm in Spanish on Sundays. Confessions will be available again on Saturdays from 4pm to 4:45pm. On Sundays it will be from 1:30pm to 2pm in Spanish.

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, 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel passage (cf. Mk 4:26-34), Jesus speaks to the crowd about the Kingdom of God and the dynamics of its growth, and he does so by recounting two brief parables. In the first parable (cf. vv. 26-29), the Kingdom of God is compared to the *mysterious growth of the seed*, which is cast upon the ground and then sprouts, grows and produces ears [of grain], independent of the care of the farmer who, when it is fully grown, sees to its harvest. This is the message that this parable conveys to us:

through Jesus' teaching and action, the Kingdom of God is proclaimed, has burst into the field of the world and, like the seed, grows and develops by itself, through its own strength and according to humanly incomprehensible criteria. In its growth and development in history, it does not depend much on man's doing, but is above all an expression of the power and goodness of God, of the strength of the Holy Spirit who brings forth Christian life in the People of God.

At times history, with its events and its protagonists, seems to go in the opposite direction of the design of the heavenly Father, who wants justice, fraternity and peace for all his children. But we are called to live out these periods as seasons of trial, of hope and of vigilant expectation of the harvest. Indeed, yesterday like today, the Kingdom of God grows in the world in a mysterious way, in a surprising way, revealing the hidden power of the little seed, its victorious vitality. Within the folds of personal and social events which at times seem to signal the failure of hope, it is important to remain confident in God's subdued but powerful way of acting. For this reason, in moments of darkness and of difficulty we must not lose heart, but remain anchored in faithfulness to God, to his ever-saving presence. Remember this: God always saves. He is the Saviour.

In the second parable (cf. vv. 30-32), Jesus compares the Kingdom of God to a *mustard seed*. It is a very small seed, yet it grows to become the greatest of all the plants in the garden: an unforeseeable, surprising growth. It is not easy for us to enter this logic of the unforeseeable nature of God and to accept it in our life. But today the Lord exhorts us to an attitude of faith which exceeds all our plans, our calculations, our predictions. God is always the God of surprises. The Lord always surprises us. It is an invitation to open ourselves more generously to God's plans, both on the personal level and on that of the community. In our communities it is important to pay attention to the little and big occasions of goodness that the Lord offers us, allowing ourselves to engage in his dynamics of love, of welcoming and of mercy toward others.

The authenticity of the Church's mission does not come through success nor through the gratification of the results, but by going forth with the courage of trust and the humility of abandonment to God. Going forth professing Jesus and with the power of the Holy Spirit. It is the awareness of being small and weak instruments which, in God's hands and with his grace, can accomplish great deeds, advancing his Kingdom which is "righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit" (Rom 14:17). May the Virgin Mary help us to be simple, to be attentive, to cooperate with our faith and with our work to develop the Kingdom of God in hearts and in history.

(June 17, 2018)

### **Postponed Celebrations of the Sacraments**

All First Communion and Confirmation celebrations have been postponed to the fall of 2021 for children who were registered in our programs during the 2020-21 school year. We have notified all parents of this, and we ask that parents check their email in August for details regarding the rescheduled Masses. For more information, please email Susan Douglas at [sdouglas.lpa@gmail.com](mailto:sdouglas.lpa@gmail.com).



Parish Goal: \$145,500

COLLECTION TO DATE, \$61,038



**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!

**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.

**Join us for Lectio Divina on Mondays at 7pm by Zoom! We read the upcoming Sunday readings and discuss how it pertains in our own lives. It's very spiritually enriching! Call the office for details on the meeting information.**

*Confessions will resume on Saturdays from 4:00pm to 4:45pm in the Altar Server's Room.*

**Please join us in welcoming Jesus Fernandez, our seminarian visiting during 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.



**Masses For The Week**

Sat June 12 – 5:00pm

**+Maria & Romolo D'Aurora**  
*req. by Paul & Geni D'Aurelio*

Mon June 14 – 8:20am

**Special Intention**  
*req. by Boris & Irena Stebih*

Tues June 15 – 8:20am

**+Brian Gallagher**  
*req. by John & Chris Stafford*

Wed. June 16– 8:20am

**+Brian Gallagher**  
*req. by Maureen LaBarre*  
**+Stanley DesRoches**  
*req. by Staff of St. John the Evangelist School*  
**+Nicolas Valletero Sr.**  
*req. by Leila & Sammy Samson*  
**+Marta Kellen**  
*req. by Brendon Orian & Family*

Thur. June 17 – 8:20am

**+AnnMarie Watson**  
*req. by Georgie Conboy*

Fri. June 18 – 8:20am

**+Lisa Gilchrist**  
*req. by Her Family*

Sat June 19 – 5:00pm

**+Werner Kuenzle**  
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