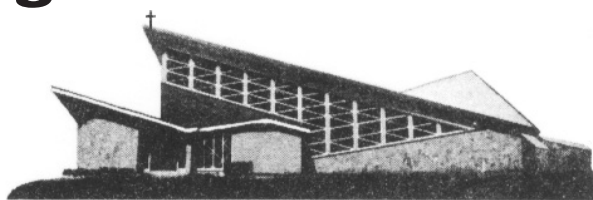


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## Pastoral Team

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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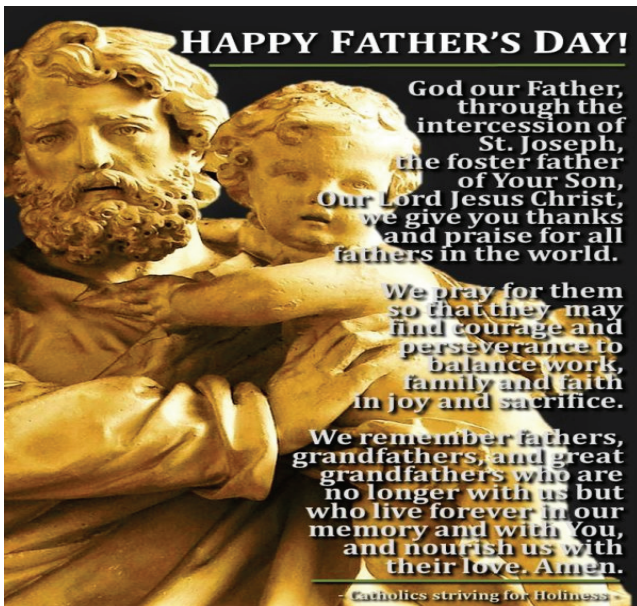
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Parish Prayer Group	Klara Bari	905-668-9579
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Development & Peace (CCODP)	Estela Rios	905-430-7753
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## TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The Peace of Christ be with you all!

We celebrate this Sunday the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time. God's word focuses on the power of Christ over the storms of our lives. All of us have had or are passing through hardships and struggles. In the Gospel's reading of this Sunday the struggle and suffering are compared to a windstorm. When there is a windstorm and we are in the sea, we get agitated and we fear that we are going to drown. This comparison applies to what we experience in our lives when we pass through hardships. When we face any difficulty and problem, it is easy to feel discouraged and overwhelmed. We feel as if we are drowning, we lose our peace and anxiety kicks in. Sometimes, we can blame God or question where He is as though it seemed that He has abandoned us. However, the Gospel shows us that, even though Christ appears to be silent and does not act swiftly, He is close to us, and He has more power than all our struggles and hardships. Christ is with us; He intervenes, and we can raise with Him victorious over our difficulties and receive peace. Let us trust in Him, even though at times everything seems dark and overwhelming, He is with us, He reaches down to us, and He rescues us from our fears and anxieties.

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, 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 back to 15%, I really encourage you to come on a regular basis to the Eucharist. We have been waiting for this time to come back to mass in person, and to be strengthened and filled with the peace of Christ. Let us profit from having the mass in person, it is going to fulfill our lives. It is far better to participate in the mass in person than online. The online masses were the only thing that we had when we were closed, but if you are able, please come to celebrate in person. The masses will be again at 8:20am on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Wednesdays at 7pm. The weekend masses are at 5pm 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, confessions 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, 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the Opening Prayer, we prayed: "Give your people, Father, the gift of living always in veneration and love for your Holy Name, so that Your grace may not be deprived from those whom you have established on the rock of your love". The readings that we have heard show us how God's love for us is: it is a faithful love, a love that re-creates everything, a stable and secure love.

The Psalm invites us to give thanks to the Lord for "his love is everlasting". Thus, a faithful love, fidelity: it is a love that does not disappoint, it never fails. Jesus embodies this love, He is the Witness. He never tires of loving us, of supporting us, of forgiving us, and thus He accompanies us on the path of life, according to the promise He made to the disciples: "I am with you always, to the close of the age" (Mt 28:20). Out of love He became man, out of love He died and rose again, and out of love He is always at our side, in the beautiful moments and in the difficult ones. Jesus loves us always, until the end, without limits and without measure. And He loves us all, to the point that each one of us can say: "He gave his life for me". For me! Jesus' faithfulness does not fail, even in front of our infidelity. St Paul reminds us of this: "If we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot deny himself" (2 Tim 2:13).

Jesus remains faithful, even when we have done wrong, and He waits to forgive us: He is the face of the Merciful Father. This is a faithful love.

The second aspect: the love of God re-creates everything, that is He makes all things new, as we are reminded in the Second Reading. To recognize our limits, our weaknesses, is the door that opens the forgiveness of Jesus, to his love that can deeply renew us, that can re-create us. Salvation can enter in the heart when we open ourselves to the truth and recognize our mistakes, our sins; now let us make an experience, that beautiful experience of He who has come not for the healthy, but for the sick, not for the just ones, but the sinners (cf. Mt 9:12-13); let us experience his patience, his tenderness, his will to save all. And what is the sign? The sign that we have become "new" and that we have been transformed by the love of God is to strip off the worn out and old clothes of grudges and enmities to wear the clean robes of meekness, goodness, service to others, of peace in the heart, of children of God. The spirit of the world is always looking for something new, but it is only the faithfulness of Jesus that is capable of true innovation, of making us new men, of re-creating us.

Finally, the love of God is stable and secure, as the rocky shores that provide shelter from the violence of the waves. Jesus manifests this in the miracle recounted in the Gospel, when He calms the storm, commanding the wind and the sea (cf. Mk 4:41). The disciples are afraid because they realize that they will not make it, but He opens their hearts to the courage of faith. In front of the man who shouts: "I can't do it anymore", the Lord meets him, offers the rock of his love, to which everyone can cling, assured of not falling. How many times we feel that we can't do it anymore! But He is near us, with his outstretched hand and open heart.

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Do we believe that the Lord is faithful? How do we live the newness of God that transforms us everyday? How do we live the steady love of the Lord, that is placed as a secure barrier against the wakes of pride and false innovation? May the Holy Spirit help us to always be aware of this "rocky" love that makes us stable and strong in the small and great sufferings, may we not close ourselves in front of difficulties, to confront life with courage and look to the future with hope. As in the Sea of Galilee, also today in the sea of our existence, Jesus overcomes the forces of evil and the threats of desperation. The peace that He gives us is for all; also for so many brothers and sisters who flee from war and persecution in search of peace and freedom.

(June 21, 2015)

**Father Arthur Lee** who was recently ordained in the Archdiocese of Toronto, will celebrate at all the masses with us on the weekend of June 26/27 prior to his first parish assignment. Father Arthur was our "summer seminarian" in 2016. Please join us!

#### 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).

#### R.C.I.A

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) provides instruction and spiritual formation to anyone 16 years of age and older who are not baptized, or baptized in another Christian community, who would like to become a member of the Catholic Church. Catholic adults who have not yet celebrated their First Eucharist or the Sacrament of Confirmation may also take part. RCIA Sessions take place on Thursday evenings from 7pm to 9pm in the Parish Centre beginning soon. Interested participants should contact Fr. Francisco at the Parish Office as soon as possible to register: (905) 668-3676.



#### Masses For The Week

Sat June 19 – 5:00pm

+Werner Kuenzle  
req. by Jenny & Heidi Kuenzle

Mon June 21 – 8:20am

+Brian Gallagher  
req. by Mary-Louise LaBarre & Ken Reilly & Family

Tues June 22 – 8:20am

+Andrew Marioselva  
req. by Christine Marioselva

Wed. June 23 – 8:20am

+Brian Gallagher  
req. by Kevin Murphy  
+Bridget Carolan  
req. by Mac & Chris Beynon  
+Michael Jack

req. by Mary-Louise LaBarre & Ken Reilly & Family  
+Mary King  
req. by The King Family

Thur. June 24 – 8:20am

+Jacques Prior  
req. by Christiane & Family

Fri. June 25 – 8:20am

A Special Intention  
req. by Boris & Irena Stebih

Sat June 26 – 5:00pm

+Salvatore, Rosina & Carmela Molica Lazzaro  
req. by Angela D'Angelo & Family

#### 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.

Please join us in welcoming Jesus Fidel 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.**

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