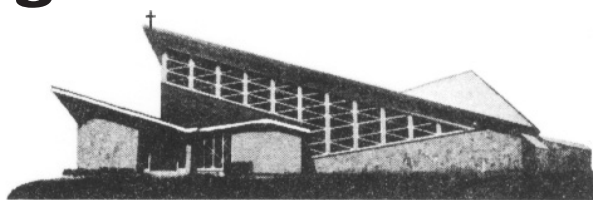


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## Pastoral Team

Rev. Francisco Fernandez Siles	Pastor
Rev. Mr. Raymond Del Castilho	Permanent Deacon
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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.

<b>SUNDAY LITURGY</b> —	Saturday	5:00 p.m.
	Sunday	9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
<b>SPANISH MASS</b> —	Sunday	2:00 p.m.
<b>WEEKDAY MASSES</b> —	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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Development & Peace (CCODP)	Estela Rios	905-430-7753
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St. Vincent de Paul Society - Help Line		905-430-6734

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Rose of Durham (Young Parent Support Services)	1-800-241-3534	or	905-432-3622

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## THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Message from the Pastor

The Peace of Christ be with you all!

We celebrate this Sunday the Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. God's word focuses on the power of Christ over sickness and death. The reality of sickness and death represented in the Scriptures, is the result and the consequence of our sins. When we sin, out of pride, anger, complaint, impatience, or judgement, we all experience that we lose our peace. We feel drained and with a heavy burden in our shoulders. Christ understands with compassion this situation that at some point, we all experience. Christ reaches out to us with his mercy and touches us so that we can be forgiven, restored, and healed. As the woman that was suffering from hemorrhages, we are called to approach Christ with humility and faith. We are invited to come to Him, especially in the sacrament of Reconciliation, we can open our hearts to Him through confession and beg Him to pour out His mercy upon us. His touch of mercy has the power to forgive us and to bring us back to life. His healing merc gives us peace and restores our relationship with those around us. As the little girl that is brought to life in the Gospel, Christ extends his hand to us to raise us to life when we feel dead because of our sins. Let us all experience the immense power of his life-giving mercy 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, 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 again to mass in person and to be strengthened and filled with the peace of Christ. Let us profit from having again the mass in person, it is going to fulfill our lives. It is much better to follow 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 will be 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, confessions will be from 1:30pm to 2pm in Spanish. You can also book an appointment for confession by calling the parish office.

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

This Sunday's Gospel passage (cf. Mk 5:21-43) presents two miracles performed by Jesus, almost describing them as a type of triumphal march toward life. Initially the Evangelist speaks about a certain Jairus, one of the rulers of the Synagogue, who approaches Jesus and beseeches Him to go to his home because his 12-year-old daughter is dying. Jesus agrees and goes with him; but, along the way, word arrives that the girl is dead. We can imagine that father's reaction. But Jesus says to him: "Do not fear, only believe" (36). When they arrive at Jairus' house, Jesus sends out the people who were weeping — there were also women mourners

who were wailing loudly — and He enters the room with just the parents and the three disciples, and speaking to the dead girl He says: "Little girl, I say to you, arise" (v. 41). And immediately the girl gets up, as if waking from a deep sleep (cf. v. 42).

Within the narrative of this miracle, Mark adds another: the healing of a woman who suffers from a haemorrhage and is healed as soon as she touches Jesus' garment (cf. v. 27). Here what is striking is the fact that this woman's faith attracts — to me the word "robs" comes to mind — the divine saving power that is in Christ, who, feeling that "power had gone forth from him", tried to understand who it was. And when the woman, with much shame, comes forward and confesses the whole truth, He tells her: "Daughter, your faith has made you well" (v. 34).

It is a matter of two interlocking narratives, with a single core: faith; and they show Jesus as the wellspring of life, as the One who restores life to those who trust fully in him. The two protagonists, that is, the little girl's father and the sick woman, are not disciples of Jesus yet they are satisfied through their faith. They have faith in that man. From this we understand that all are permitted on the Lord's path: no one should feel as an intruder, an interloper or one who has no right. To have access to His heart, to Jesus' heart, there is only one requirement: to feel in need of healing and to entrust yourself to Him. I ask you: do each of you feel that you need to be healed? Of something, of some sin, of some problem? And, if you feel this, do you have faith in Jesus? These are the two requirements in order to be healed, in order to have access to his heart: to feel in need of healing and to entrust yourself to Him. Jesus goes to discover these people among the crowd and removes them from anonymity, frees them from the fear of living and of taking risks. He does so with a look and a word which sets them back on the path after much suffering and humiliation. We too are called to learn and to imitate these freeing words and this gaze which restores the will to live to those who lack it.

In this Gospel passage the themes of faith and of new life, which Jesus came to offer to all, are intertwined. When he enters the house where the dead girl lies, he sends outside those who are weeping and making tumult (cf. v. 40), and he says: "The child is not dead but sleeping" (v. 39). Jesus is Lord, and before him physical death is like a dream: there is no reason to despair. Another death is the one to fear: that of the heart hardened by evil! Yes, we should be afraid of that one! When we feel we have a hardened heart, a heart that is hardened, allow me to say, a mummified heart, we should be afraid of this. This is the death of the heart. But sin too, the mummified heart too, is never the last word with Jesus, because he has brought us the infinite mercy of the Father. And even if we have hit rock bottom, his tender and strong voice reaches us: "I say to you, arise!". It is beautiful to hear that word of Jesus addressed to each one of us: "I say to you, arise! Go. Stand up. Take courage, arise!". Jesus restores life to the little girl and restores life to the healed woman: life and faith to both.

Let us ask the Virgin Mary to accompany our journey of faith and of concrete love, especially toward those who are in need. Let us invoke her maternal intercession for our brothers and sisters who are suffering in body and in spirit.

(July 1, 2018)

JUNE 27, 2021

### 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 two Wednesday evenings per month, **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.

### PHCP REGISTRATION:

- Registration for PHCP **begins August 30<sup>th</sup> and ends September 10<sup>th</sup>**.
- For your convenience, registration forms are now available on the parish website.
- Please register in person in the parish office during regular business hours or you may place your registration package, labelled PHCP in the Sunday collection basket.
- The registration fee for PHCP is \$60 per child.

A PHCP Information Meeting for parents and guardians is planned for **Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Church**. Details are to follow.

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

**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.

“Young people are the window through which the future enters the world.”~Pope Francis

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### Office Hours

The office is open for walk-in visits Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 9am to 4pm.

### ARE YOU MOVING THIS SUMMER?

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**905-668-3676.**



### 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 26 – 5:00pm

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

Mon June 28 – 8:20am

**+Greg Steffler**  
*req. by Kathie Steffler*

Tues June 29 – 8:20am

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

Wed. June 30 – 7:00pm

**In Thanksgiving for Pablo's 65<sup>th</sup> Birthday**  
*req. by His Wife*

**+Sheila Gomes**

*req. by Allan & Lauren Daly*

**+Rosemary Forbes Dufresne**

*req. by Mary-Louise LaBarre & Ken Reilly & Family*

**Intention for Myra Brignole**

*req. by Herself*

**+Margaret Todd**

*req. by John Lennon*

Thur. July 1 – 9:00am



**+Andrew Marioselva**

*req. by Christine Marioselva*

Fri. July 2 – 8:20am

**+Terry McDonald**

*req. by Pat McDonald*

Sat July 3 – 5:00pm

**+Joe Balogh**

*req. by Karl & Beth Clancy*



### **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.**

**The parish office will be closed on Thursday July 1 and Friday July 2 for the Canada Day long weekend. Have a safe and blessed weekend.**



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