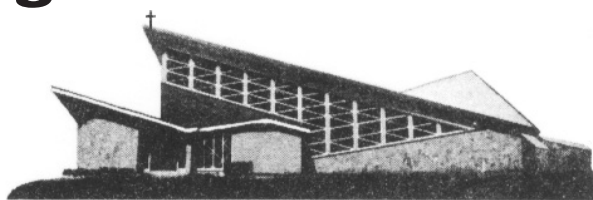


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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Message from the Pastor

The Peace of Christ be with you all!

We celebrate this Sunday the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. On this Sunday's readings, we focus on how God's word and God's intervention passes through human weakness. We all would like that God should act in a powerful way, taking away from our lives all causes of problems and difficulties. We all face struggles in our lives and at times we think that the best solution is to get rid of them. Problems happen in our lives; however, what does God do about them? Christ has come to walk with us in our pains and difficulties. He has come to take upon Himself all our struggles in order to give us peace. On a regular basis, when we encounter difficulties, we get discouraged and we feel overwhelmed. Christ is with us so that with Him we can face our struggles with His grace, and we can find peace. The peace that Christ wants to give us is that even though we are in the midst of the struggle of the situation, that problem does not take away our peace. Rather, God sustains us and allows us to overcome the problem so that we can be calm no matter what. We can find in Christ the support to our problems so that in Him we find the strength to walk over the problems. Christ helps us every day to overcome our fears and discouragements so that in Him we may find peace and consolation. With Christ it is possible to overcome any difficulty at peace!

I would like to ask for forgiveness in the name of the parish for everything that happened at the residential schools. We pray for all the children and the families and we want to walk together with the First Nation's peoples so that in Christ, we all may find healing and reconciliation.

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. From June 30th, the Churches will be open at 25%, which means we could have 133 people at mass. I really encourage you to come on a regular basis to the Eucharist. 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, 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel passage (cf. Mk 6:1-6) narrates the story of when Jesus returns to Nazareth and begins to teach in the synagogue on a Saturday. Ever since he had left it and begun preaching in the nearby hamlets and villages, he had never

again set foot in his country. He has returned. Therefore, the whole town must have been there to listen to this son of theirs, whose fame as a wise master and powerful healer had by now spread throughout Galilee and beyond. But what could have stood out as a success, turned into a resounding rejection, to such an extent that Jesus could not perform any mighty work but only a few healings (cf. v. 5). The dynamics of that day are reconstructed in detail by Mark, the Evangelist: At first the people of Nazareth listen [to him] and are astonished; then perplexed, they ask themselves "Where did this man get all this?", this wisdom? and in the end they take offence, recognizing him as the carpenter, Mary's son whom they had seen grow up (cf. v. 2-3). Thus Jesus sums it up with the expression which has become proverbial: "A prophet is not without honours, except in his own country" (v. 4).

We may ask ourselves: why do Jesus' fellow townsmen go from astonishment to disbelief? They make a comparison between Jesus' humble origins and his current abilities: he is a carpenter; he did not study and yet he preaches better than the scribes and he performs miracles. And instead of opening up to the reality, they take offence. According to the people of Nazareth, God is too great to humble himself to speak through such a simple man! It is the scandal of the Incarnation: the unsettling event of a God made flesh who thinks with the mind of a man, works and acts with the hands of a man, loves with a human heart, a God who struggles, eats and sleeps like one of us. The Son of God overturns every human framework: it is not the disciples who washed the feet of the Lord, but it is the Lord who washed the feet of the disciples (cf. Jn 13:1-20). This is a reason for scandal and incredulity, not only in that period, but in all ages, even today.

The radical change Jesus brought about commits his disciples of both yesterday and today to a personal and community [self] examination. Indeed, even in our day it can happen that we harbour some prejudices that prevent us from seeing reality. But, today, the Lord asks us to adopt an attitude of humble listening and docile expectation because God's grace often manifests itself in surprising ways that do not match our expectations. Together, let us think about Mother Teresa of Calcutta, for example. A tiny sister — no one took her very seriously — who went around the streets to gather up the dying so that they could have a dignified death. With prayer and her work, this tiny sister performed wonders! A small woman revolutionized charity work in the Church. She sets an example for our times. God does not conform to human prejudices. We must make an effort to open our heart and mind to welcome the divine reality which comes to encounter us. It is a case of having faith: lack of faith is an obstacle to God's grace. Many people who have been baptized live as though Christ did not exist. They repeat the gestures and the signs of faith but these do not correspond to a true bond with Jesus' person and his Gospel. Each Christian — all of us, each of us — is called to deepen this fundamental belonging, and try to bear witness to it with a consistent conduct in life, always motivated by charity.

Through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, let us ask the Lord to melt the hardness of hearts and the narrowness of minds so that we can be open to his grace, to his truth and to his mission of goodness and mercy which is addressed to all, with no exception. (July 8, 2018)

JULY 4, 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 29th**.

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 30th and ends September 10th**.
- 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 14th 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
which the future enters the world."*

*through
-Pope Francis*



Masses For The Week

Sat Jul 3 – 5:00pm

+Joe Balogh
req. by Karl & Beth Clancy

Mon Jul 5 – 8:20am

+Brian Gallagher
req. by The Scott Family

Tues Jul 6 – 8:20am

+Roy Evans
req. by Terry & Nicky & Family

Wed. Jul 7 – 7:00pm

+Brian Gallagher
req. by Joan Morris & Family
Int. for Frank McNulty
req. by The Members of Society of St. Vincent de Paul, SJE Conf.
+Peter Duffy
req. by Mary-Louise LaBarre & Ken Reilly
+Ruby DSouza
req. by Mary Mullen
+Joebet Q. Gan
req. by Leila & Sammy & Thess

Thur. July 8 – 8:20am

+Michael Jack
req. by Paul & Mary Neubauer

Fri. July 9 – 8:20am

+Paul Morgan
req. by Pat & Vicki Morgan & Family

Sat July 10 – 5:00pm

Int. for Dave & Joanne
req. by The Ellis Family

St. Vincent de Paul - Bundle Sunday

A HUGE THANK YOU to all our parishioners who donated or who shared the information to donate to our **Bundle Sunday drive weekend June 19/20.** Thanks to you, the truck was too small for all the bags! Two trips were necessary. Thank you so very much!

Youth Ministry Updates

Hello everyone! After more than a year of the pandemic we are getting closer to a time where we can meet in person again. This hopefully means a return to in person youth ministry next year. Brendon, our youth minister, is already planning the next ministry year. Edge (Gr 6-8) and Life Teen (Gr 9-12) will be coming back again. Edge will be running on Wednesdays that PHCP is not running and Life Teen will running on Thursdays. Both programs will run from 6:15-7:15pm. The fee for each program is \$40 per youth. This helps cover the cost of the program materials. A full schedule and permission forms will be shared on the parish website under youth ministry.

As the ministry continues to grow so do our needs for volunteers. We are especially in need of volunteers for Life Teen. If you love Jesus and love youth please prayerfully consider volunteering next year for either program. Anybody interested in finding out more about Edge or Life Teen can contact Brendon at sjewhitbyyouth@gmail.com



Baptism Hospitality

New members are desperately needed to assist with Baptisms at 4pm every other Sunday. Baptism hospitality ministers work in teams of 2 people by welcoming the families as they enter the church, direct them to their pews, and assist Father Francisco with the celebration. Please call the office if you are interested. (905) 668-3676.



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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