

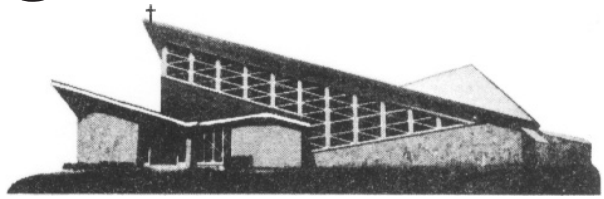
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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 — Two Sudays per month at 4:00 p.m. 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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Catholic Women's League	Lynne Childerhouse	905-431-6582
Development & Peace (CCODP)	Estela Rios	905-430-7753
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Catholic Family Services	1-800-241-3534	or	905-428-1984
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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Peace of Christ be with you all!

We celebrate this Sunday the Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time. On this Sunday readings, God reminds us of the importance of relying on Him in order to receive life. Both the First Reading, from the Book of Joshua and the Gospel, from St. John, underlines how essential it is to look for happiness and peace in the Lord alone. All of us look for happiness, peace, health, and a life that endures no matter what. We are all aware that money, success, career, health, family and friends and other things cannot fulfill us. These are realities that are fragile, don't last, and don't satisfy us completely. With the reality of COVID, we have all experienced how vulnerable our life is and how everything on which we were thinking to place our security collapses. God is offering us in Christ a life that is fulfilling and lasts forever. We are invited to put our trust in Christ and realize that only in Him, can we find fullness of life. Only in Christ our deepest aspirations are truly realized. During this last period of a restful summer on which we are preparing to come back to school and work, we are encouraged to focus in the Lord. In Him, we find strength and peace to face what awaits us for the upcoming year. I will be praying for all of you, please pray for me that I keep serving you. Let us keep our eyes fixed in Christ so that He may fill us with everlasting life!

We continue to ask everyone to register for weekend masses by going to our website (stjohntheevangelistwh.archtoronto.org) and click for **register for mass** with Eventbrite. The capacity of the Church is limited because of social distance, and we want to make sure that everybody is welcomed.

I also want to inform you that Deacon Ray del Castillo, who has been serving our parish for three years, is retiring from ministry. I want to thank him for all his assistance to us. May God continue to bless him in his journey of faith.

From August 24th to September 8th, God willing, I will be going home to Granada (Spain) for vacation and to visit my family. I will be praying for you and please pray for me. During my time away, the weekday masses will be changed from 8:20am to 8am so that Fr. Ravi from Holy Family can celebrate mass for us. On Wednesday, August 25th mass will change times from 7pm to 8am and September 1st and 8th it will be at 7pm. I am grateful that God has provided for us with priests to come and help us with the weekday and weekend masses. We still have Lectio Divina on Mondays at 7pm through zoom. You can join us and if you wish to know the zoom link please call the parish office. For this coming week, the masses will be at 8:20am on Monday and Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 8am. 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.

May God bless us with his peace!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant and your Pastor

Pope Francis Homily, 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today the Sixth Chapter of the Gospel of John concludes the discourse on the Bread of Life, which Jesus gave the day after the multiplication of the loaves and fish.

At the end of that discourse, the great enthusiasm of the previous day had dissipated, for Jesus said that he was the Bread which came down from heaven, and that he would give his flesh as food and his blood as drink, thereby clearly alluding to the sacrifice of his life. Those words gave rise to dismay in the people, who deemed such words unworthy of the Messiah, not "winning" words. Thus, several regarded Jesus as a messiah who should have spoken and acted in such a way as to bring success to his mission, straight away. But they were mistaken precisely in this: in the way of understanding the mission of the Messiah! Not even the disciples managed to accept the unsettling words of the Teacher. And today's passage refers to their discomfort: "This is a hard saying", they commented, "who can listen to it?" (Jn 6:60).

In reality, they had certainly understood Jesus' discourse. So well that they did not want to heed it, because it was a discourse which threw their mind-set into crisis. Jesus' words always throw us into crisis, for example, the worldly spirit, worldliness. But Jesus offers the key for overcoming this difficulty; a key consisting of three elements. First, his divine origin: he came down from heaven and will ascend again to "where he was before" (v. 62). Second: his words can be understood only through the action of the Holy Spirit. The One who "gives life" (v. 63) is precisely the Holy Spirit who enables us to understand Jesus properly. Third: the true cause of incomprehension of his words is the lack of faith: "there are some of you that do not believe" (v. 64), Jesus says. In fact from that time, the Gospel says, "many of his disciples drew back" (v. 66). In the face of these desertions, Jesus does not compromise and does not mince words, indeed he demands that a precise choice be made: either to stay with him or leave him, and he says to the Twelve: "Will you also go away?" (v. 67).

At this point Peter makes his confession of faith on behalf of the other Apostles: "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life" (v. 68). He does not say "where shall we go?", but "to whom shall we go?". The underlying problem is not about leaving and abandoning the work undertaken, but to whom to go. From Peter's question we understand that fidelity to God is a question of fidelity to a person, to whom we bind ourselves to walk together on the same road. And this person is Jesus. All that we have in the world does not satisfy our infinite hunger. We need Jesus, to be with him, to be nourished at his table, on his words of eternal life! Believing in Jesus means making him the centre, the meaning of our life. Christ is not an optional element: he is the "Living Bread", the essential nourishment. Binding oneself to him, in a true relationship of faith and love, does not mean being tied down, but being profoundly free, always on the journey. Each one of us can ask him- or herself: who is Jesus for me? Is he a name, an idea, simply an historical figure? Or is he truly that person who loves me and gave his life for me and walks with me? Who is Jesus for you? Are you with Jesus? Do you try to comprehend him in his word? Do you read the Gospel, each day a passage from the Gospel to learn to know Jesus? Do you carry a small Gospel in your pocket, handbag, to read it, in whatever place? Because the more we are with him the more the desire to be with him grows. Now I ask you, please, let us have a moment of silence and let each one of us silently, in our hearts, ask ourselves the question: "Who is Jesus for me?". Silently, each one, answer in your heart.

May the Virgin Mary help us to always "go" to Jesus to experience the freedom he offers us, allowing it to cleanse our choices from worldly incrustations and fears.

(August 23, 2015)

AUGUST 22, 2021

Celebrations of Sacraments

First Eucharist

The Masses that were cancelled in the spring due to the lockdown have been rescheduled and will take place in September and October. We have notified all parents of this by email.

Confirmation

The Confirmation Masses that were cancelled in the spring due to the lockdown have been rescheduled and will take place in September. We have notified all parents of this by email.

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.



Masses For The Week

Sat Aug 21 – 5:00pm

+Andrew Marioselva

req. by Christine Marioselva & Family

Mon Aug 23 – 8:20am

In Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered

req. by America Vasconez

Tues Aug 24 – 8:20am

+Bonnie Kay Latour

req. by Margaret Lance

Time change **Wed. Aug 25– 8:00am

+Grant Davidson

req. by Evangeline Davidson

+Stephen Childerhouse

req. by Florence & Liam Venner

+Patricia Robbins Baird

req. by Maureen LaBarre & Family

+William Harold Clark

req. by Maureen LaBarre & Family

****Time change**Thur. Aug 26 – 8:00am**

+All Souls in Purgatory

req. by Mary Louise LaBarre

****Time change**Fri. Aug 27– 8:00am**

+Lawrence Stark

req. by Catherine Ingram

Sat Aug 28 – 5:00pm

+Mario Veltri

req. by The Newman Family

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Would you like to join in the mission of Jesus to make disciples and enrich your own faith? If so, you are invited to assist as a Catechist in the Confirmation Program in our parish.

We are looking for volunteers to lead classes in February and March 2022. It would be a time commitment of four Saturday mornings in total. No formal teaching experience is required. Preparation and support will be provided, with step-by-step instructions for each class.

If you feel that God may be calling you to this important ministry to our young people, please call the parish office at (905) 668-3676 and provide your name and phone number.

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.

SHARELIFE COLLECTION TO DATE

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Weekday Mass Time Change

A temporary change to weekday masses in order to accommodate a priest to cover for Fr. Francisco's vacation:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time Changes to:</u>
Wed Aug 25	8:00am
Thur Aug 26	8:00am
Fri Aug 27	8:00am
Mon Aug 30	8:00am
Tue Aug 31	8:00am
<i>(Wed Sep 1 remains at 7:00pm)</i>	
Thur Sep 2	8:00am
Fri Sep 3	8:00am
<u>Holy Hour begins at 8:30am on Friday</u>	

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