St. John the Evangelist Church

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Mrs. Vicki Morgan So Mrs. Cathy Dykeman Pa	ay Pastoral Asst. ecretary	Mrs. Sue McGee	Caretaker Director of Music Bookkeeper 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.
MI. Dieandan Onan McCallister K	outri Ministry			5:00 p.m 8:00 p.m.
Sun SPANISH MASS — Sun WEEKDAY MASSES — Mon	,			EUCHARISTIC 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.

Pastoral Council Finance Council	Fr. Francisco Fernandez905-668-3676Brian McMonagle905-668-8993
Christian Initiation of Adults - RCIA Baptism First Reconciliation & First Eucharist Preparation Confirmation Preparation Parish Home Catechism Program	Christine Hannon 905-444-9913 Fr. Francisco 905-668-3676 Susan Douglas 905-668-3676 Susan Douglas 905-668-3676 Cathy Dykeman 905-706-1126
Altar Servers Auxiliary Ministers of Communion Choir Feed the Hungry Home Communion Lay Pastoral Visitation Lectors Liturgy of the Word with Children (JK-Gr.2) Sun. 9:00 a.m. Mass Ministers of Consolation Parish Prayer Group Ushers	Breandán Orian McCallister 905-668-3676 Fred Shady 905-668-1081 Kevin Dashney 905-432-1173 Paula Campbell 905-668-2293 Clark Weddell 905-668-3218 Iris McNulty 905-665-6360 Phyllis Pereira 905-665-5917 Anne Marie Yaraskavitch 905-668-3260 Klara Bari 905-668-9579 Sharon Weslake 905-668-4817
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The Peace of Christ be with you all!

We celebrate this Sunday the Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. On this Sunday, we continue reading from the Gospel of Mark. On the readings today, God is calling us to have a personal and truthful relationship with God. In the First Reading, from the Book of Deuteronomy, that to follow God's commandments and to do His will is a gift because through them we receive the fullness of life that God has prepared for us. He is a God who is cares for us and who is close to us whenever we are in need of Him. In the Second Reading, from the letter of St. James, it tells us that everything we do in our lives is a fruit of God's gracious giving so that we can live a life full of peace and good deeds. In the Gospel, from St. Mark, we are told that the Pharisees and scribes are doing deeds in order to please God and to appear that they are good in the eyes of the people. However, their hearts are far from God. Christ has come to heal and to transform what is in our hearts so that we can carry out acts of love, mercy and peace. All of our actions come from the mercy and goodness that we have received from Christ. His love and compassion transform our hearts so that our actions are tainted with peace, mercy and love. Let us open our hearts to Him so that we can be more like Him every single day!

We are still asking you 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 seating, and we want to make sure that everybody is welcome.

I also want to inform the parishioners that Deacon Ray Del Castilho, 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. I am still at Granada (Spain) for vacation and to visit my family. I will be praying for you please pray for me. During my time away, the weekday masses will be moved from 8:20am to 8am so that Fr. Ravi from Holy Family can celebrate mass for us. On September 1st and 8th the mass will be at 7pm. On Friday, September 3rd, First Friday, mass is at 8am followed by Adoration from 8:30am to 9:30am. On September 5th, Labour Day, the mass will be at 9am. I am glad that God has provided for us priests to come and help us with the weekday and weekend masses. We continue to 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. 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

Volunteer required for IT assistance

Fr. Francisco is looking for assistance from parishioners who are IT professionals to offer their expertise when required on a volunteer basis. Please call the parish office and ask for Fr. Francisco.

Wednesday Prayer Group

The Prayer Group will return to meeting on Wednesday September 1st at 1pm in the church. You are welcome to join us in prayer and music. For more information call Klara Bari, 905-668-9579.

Youth Ministry Update:

As the new school year approaches a lot of changes are happening for youth ministry. We will be moving back to in person ministry for the new ministry year. All Covid-19 protocols will be followed to ensure the safety of the youth & volunteers.

Edge (Gr 6-8) will be moving from Friday nights to Wednesday nights. Edge will run on Wednesdays that PHCP will not be running. Life Teen (Gr 9-12) will continue running on Thursdays. Both programs will generally run from 6:15pm-7:15pm. A full schedule of both programs can be found on our parish website. Go to "Our Ministries" and then move down to "Youth Ministry" and click on the appropriate grade level for more information.

Registration forms will also be uploaded to the website. The fee for each program is \$40 per youth. This helps subsidize the cost of the program materials that we use to run both Edge and Life Teen. Forms can be submitted electronically, however, payment must be made in person.

If you have any questions regarding youth ministry please contact Breandán McCallister by email at <u>bmccallister@archtoronto.org</u> or by phone at the parish office.

Volunteer for Youth Ministry:

We have had an amazing group of teen and adult volunteers these last few years and we're looking to expand. To volunteer for youth ministry you need a heart for Christ, want to serve youth, and a willingness to be challenged to grow in your faith. The time commitment for a volunteer will generally be from 6:00pm - 7:30pm twice a month. You can choose to volunteer for Edge (teens & adults), Life Teen (adults), or both.

If you have any questions regarding volunteering please contact Breandán McCallister by email at <u>bmccallister@archtoronto.org</u> or by phone at the parish office.

Knights of Columbus, St. John the Evangelist Council hold meetings on the 1st Wednesday of each month from September to June. Our next meeting is Wednesday September 1st, 2021 at 8pm on "Zoom". Details to follow by member email. For further information assisting the St. John's community and becoming a Knight through our online virtual application and exemplification process taking less than one hour, contact Grand Knight Bryan Childerhouse. <u>Bryan.childerhouse@rogers.com</u> or call 416-508-9877.

Humanitarian Aid Relief for Haiti

The Archdiocese of Toronto has opened a humanitarian relief fund to assist Haiti, stricken by a 7.2 magnitude earthquake and a subsequent tropical storm. Donations can be made in the following ways: Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto

www.archtoronto.org

By phone through the Development Office 416-934-3411 Through the parish making cheques payable to St. John the Evangelist – Haiti Disasters Relief

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.

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.

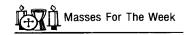
PHCP REGISTRATION:

- Registration for PHCP <u>begins August 30th and ends</u> <u>September 10th</u>.
- 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 <u>not</u> baptized at St. John the Evangelist Church.



Sat Aug 28 – 5:00pm +Mario Veltri req. by The Newman Family

Time change **Mon Aug 30 –8:00am +Douglas Smith req. by Alan Keefer & Family

Time change **Tues Aug 31 – 8:00am +Dorothy LeBlanc req. by Felix LeBlanc & Family

Time change **Wed Sept 1 – 8:00am +Nicolas Vallestero Sr. req. by Nicolas Vallestero Jr. & Family

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.

+Stephen Childerhouse

req. by Mary Louise LaBarre & Ken Reilly & Family Int for the Dumigan Family req. by Mary Louise LaBarre & Ken Reilly & Family Int. for Nieves Siles req. by Gail Stewart +Robert Lamadeleine req. by Breandan & Family

Time change ** Thurs Sep 2 – 8:00am In Thanksgiving req. by Mary Yearwood

Time change **Fri Sep 3 – 8:00am +Joanne Chilco req. by John Deehan

Sat Sep 4 - 5:00pm

+Cecilia Hannon reg. by The Hannon 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 <u>as soon as possible</u> to register: (905) 668-3676.



On Labour Day Monday September 6th, Mass is at 9:00am The Parish Office is closed. May God bless all students returning to school.

