

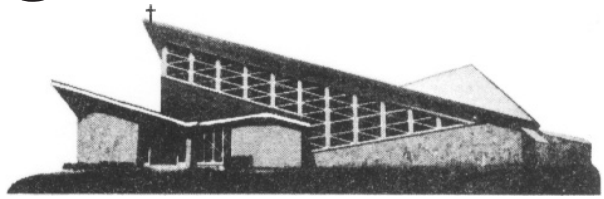
St. John the Evangelist Church

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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.

Pastoral Council	Fr. Francisco Fernandez	905-668-3676
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Christian Initiation of Adults - RCIA	Christine Hannon	905-444-9913
Baptism	Fr. Francisco	905-668-3676
First Reconciliation & First Eucharist Preparation	Susan Douglas	905-668-3676
Confirmation Preparation	Susan Douglas	905-668-3676
Parish Home Catechism Program	Cathy Dykeman	905-706-1126

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Feed the Hungry	Paula Campbell	905-668-2293
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Lectors	Deidre Newman	905-665-6360
Liturgy of the Word with Children (JK-Gr.2) Sun. 9:00 a.m. Mass	Phyllis Pereira	905-665-5917
Ministers of Consolation	Anne Marie Yaraskavitch	905-666-3860
Parish Prayer Group	Klara Bari	905-668-9579
Ushers	Sharon Weslake	905-668-4817

Catholic Women's League	Lynne Childerhouse	905-431-6582
Development & Peace (CCODP)	Estela Rios	905-430-7753
Knights of Columbus #4895	Bryan Childerhouse	416-508-9877
St. Vincent de Paul Society - Help Line		905-430-6734

Catholic Cemeteries	Oshawa 905-725-3513	Ajax	905-668-8912
Catholic Family Services	1-800-241-3534	or	905-428-1984
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St. John the Evangelist School	905-668-4011	St. Marguerite d'Youville School	905-666-9301
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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Message from the Pastor

The Peace of Christ be with you all!

We celebrate this Sunday the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. On the readings for this Sunday, God shows us how He has come with power to transform our lives. In the First Reading, from the Book of the prophet Isaiah, we can notice that God is calling us to hope because his coming always produces healing and new life. In front of our weaknesses, God acts bringing out of our difficult situations new paths of transformation and renewal. In the Second Reading, from the letter of St. James, it encourages us to have an attitude of love and respect to all kinds of peoples. We tend to make groups with people that we feel comfortable with, or feel connected to. But God wants us to expand our relationships so that we can love and accept everybody no matter what their background. In the Gospel, from St. Mark, we are presented with the healing of a deaf person. Christ recognizes the immense suffering of that person being isolated because he cannot communicate with anybody. Christ heals him and now he can listen and talk. All of us need to listen and experience how much God loves us even when situations are difficult. If we allow God's word to come into our hearts we are filled with hope. Moreover, we can bless God for his deeds and we can use words that edify and build up those around us. Let us allow Christ to touch our ears and our lips with his healing and transformative mercy!

We are still asking you to register for weekend masses by going to our website (stjohntheevangelistwh.archtoronto.org) and click on "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. Next Tuesday, we go back to our work, to school and to our busy lives. Let us go back relying in God and realizing that He is the one who accompanies us and strengthens us. On September 5th, Labour Day, the mass will be at 9am. The office will be closed. On Thursday, September 9th at 7pm there will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with an opportunity for those who wish to go to confession. Starting Thursday, September 23rd at 7:30pm and then every Monday and Thursday, we will have the announcement of the Good News in the Church. I really encourage all of you to come in person and experience how God's word can do marvelous deeds in our lives. 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. The weekend masses are at 5pm on Saturdays, 9am, 11 am and 2 pm in Spanish on Sundays. Confessions are available again on Saturdays from 4pm to 4:45pm. On Sundays, confessions are from 1:30pm to 2pm in Spanish.

May God bless us with his peace!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant and your Pastor



Come to me

*all you who labour and are overburdened
and I will give you rest Mt 11, 28*

Where is your life going?

Do you suffer and don't understand why?

Do you feel lonely? Would you like to be happy?

Courage, Jesus Christ has all answers for you!

**Beginning Thursday September 23, 2021
continuing each Monday and Thursday at 7:30 PM
In the Church**



Children's Liturgy resumes on September 19th at 9am Sunday

Children ages 4 to 7 years prior to their First Communion, are invited to join us during the 9am Mass to listen to the Gospel on their understanding level. Fr. Francisco will ask the children to come forward after the opening prayer and our team of children's liturgy members will lead them to the St. Joseph's Room during the readings and will return to their family immediately following the homily. This is a great way for the children to have a better understanding of God's word to them.

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We encourage you to support this work by making a gift to ShareLife via the www.stjohntheevangelistwh@archtoronto.org, or at sharelife.org.

**October 3 is the next ShareLife Sunday.
Please give generously.**



Masses For The Week

Sat Sep 4 – 5:00pm

+Cecilia Hannon

req. by The Hannon Family

Time change **Mon Sep 6 – 8:00am

+Monica Paynter

req. by Dave & Agnes Slack

Time change **Tues Sep 7 – 8:00am

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req. by

Wed Sep 8 – 7:00pm

+Stephen Childerhouse

req. by Dennis & Nora Jay

Thurs Sep 9 – 8:20am

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req. by

Fri Sep 10 – 8:20am

+Herb & Dorothy Radford

req. by the Timms Family

Sat Sep 11 – 5:00pm

In Thanksgiving

req. by Anne & Peter Struna

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 bmccallister@archtoronto.org or by phone at the parish office.

SACRAMENT PREPARATION PROGRAMS

2021 – 2022

FIRST EUCHARIST (Grade 2)

CONFIRMATION (Grade 7)

REGISTRATION and INFORMATION NIGHT in the Church (parents only)

Tuesday, September 28 at 7:00 pm

(please bring completed registration form, a \$35 fee for program expenses and a photocopy of your child's Baptism Certificate)

REGISTRATION – To Be Announced

It is mandatory that all children who do not attend Catholic school participate in the Parish Home Catechism Program.

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 **will be open until September 14, 2021.**
- 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. ***Please make cheques out to St. John the Evangelist Church***

A **PHCP Information Meeting** for parents, guardians and catechists is planned for **Tuesday, September 14th at 7:00 pm in the Church**. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, please remember to wear a mask. Social distancing protocols will be in effect. For those unable to attend in person, the meeting will be broadcasted live from the Church..

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.



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

BAPTISM PREPARATION FOR SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN

St. John the Evangelist Parish offers a process for Christian initiation for children of catechetical age (7 years and older) who are unbaptized. The purpose of this program is to prepare children to become full members of the Church with the help and support of their parents and guardians.

Each September, we invite children **in grades 2 to 5** to participate in our Baptism preparation program, so that they may be eligible to participate in the parish sacramental preparation programs for Reconciliation and Eucharist during the current school year.

Baptism Preparation Classes (grades 2-5) will run over three Wednesday evenings: **October 6th, October 13th and October 27th, 6:15-7:15 pm in the St. Joseph Room.**

Classes for older students (grades 6 and up), will take place later in the 2021 fall term. Details to follow.

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

Please note: All families seeking Baptism for their children are required to meet with Father Francisco to register for the sacrament. Please contact the parish office at 905-668-3676 to make an appointment.

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 Breandan McCallister by email at bmccallister@archtoronto.org or by phone at the parish office.

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