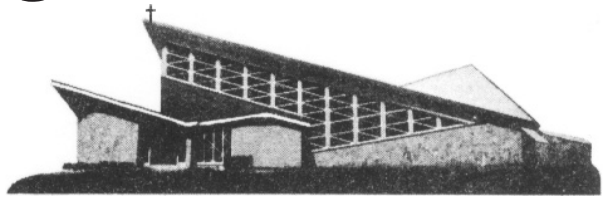


# St. John the Evangelist Church

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## Pastoral Team

Rev. Francisco Fernandez Siles Pastor  
 Miss Susan Douglas Lay Pastoral Asst.  
 Mrs. Vicki Morgan Secretary  
 Mrs. Cathy Dykeman Parish Home Catechism  
 Mr. Breandán Orian McCallister 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.

**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 Sundays 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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Parish Home Catechism Program	Cathy Dykeman	905-706-1126

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## TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Message from the Pastor

The Peace of Christ be with you all!

We celebrate this Sunday the Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. On the First Reading from the Book of Wisdom, it is presented to us a plot against a righteous person who claims to follow God's ways and be faithful to Him. This reading has been accomplished in Christ's Passion on which He was put to the test in order to see if He was going to be faithful to God in the midst of rejection and suffering. Sustained by submission to God, Christ remained at peace, and He did not defend Himself. It is an encouragement to realize that, relying in God, we can be at peace in front of all the struggles that we may face. The Second Reading, from the Letter to James, shows how when conflicts and disputes arise amongst people it is because we are not leaning on Christ. We need to turn to Him and ask God for God's wisdom so that it may touch our hearts so that we can live at peace with others. In the Gospel, from St. Mark, Christ announces for the second time to his disciples that He will be put to death, but He will rise from death. The disciples misunderstand the message, and they start arguing who is going to take over after Christ is gone. It is a temptation that all of us have: to be the first, to be in control, to be in command. However, when we put our foot down and we are in charge, it does not mean that we are at peace. There is the risk that we expect people to be in a certain way and we demand from them. The way of Christ is one of service. A person who "is in charge" is the one who serves the others, who looks for the benefit of others. Moreover, we do not expect people to be different and we do not demand anything from them. We serve them and love them, doing what is best for them. This is the path to fullness of life. We can think that that it is very hard because we are all selfish and proud. However, Christ is the first one who has served us and loved us. Transformed by God's love, we are able to serve and to love those around us. Let us be opened to God's mercy so that we can love in the same way that we have been loved by Christ!

We continue to ask you to register for weekend masses by going to our website ([stjohntheevangelistwh.archtoronto.org](http://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. We really encourage everybody to come and attend mass in person. Please encourage families and people that you know to come back to celebrate and worship with us. 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. From Thursday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30pm in the Church, we will start the announcement of the Good News. I strongly encourage you to come because we are going to experience in a very deep way how much God loves us and how He wants to fulfill our lives. It will be every Monday and Thursday at 7:30pm in the Church. Come and experience how much God wants to do for us!

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 Mon. & Thurs. at 7:30 PM  
In the Church**



### Masses For The Week

**Sat Sep 18 – 5:00pm**

**+Brian Gallagher**

*req. by Dick & Aggie Sandrelli*

**Mon Sep 20 – 8:20am**

**+Michelle Stairs**

*req. by Brian & Gail McMonagle*

**Tues Sep 21 – 8:20am**

**+Michelle Stairs**

*req. by Marjorie Shields*

**Wed Sept 22 – 7:00pm**

**+Andrew Marioselva**

*req. by Christine Marioselva*

**+Freddie Schranz**

*req. by Ed Schranz*

**+Sheila Gomes**

*req. by Lauren Daley*

**+Shirley Barrett**

*req. by Her Family*

**+Ria Rutte**

*req. by Peter & Aleida Vanroon*

**Thurs Sep 23 – 8:20am**

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*req. by*

**Fri Sep 24 – 8:20am**

**Int. for Jason Deehan**

*req. by His Family*

**Sat Sep 25 – 5:00pm**

**In Thanksgiving for 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary**

*req. by John & Judy Morris*

*Tabernacle candle for Miriam Sept 19-25, 2021 req. by Mary*

### **Lifchain Sunday October 3, 2021**

**Meet at corner of Dundas & Cochrane @ 3pm-4pm**

Life Chain is a prayerful and peaceful witness to the sanctity of human life and the evil of abortion. Participants pray and hold non-graphic signs with messages such as "Life, the first inalienable right" and "Abortion kills children" at hundreds of locations across North America for one hour. Please join us at on and be prepared to follow all local COVID-19 protocols. This is a family-friendly event appropriate for people of all ages and backgrounds and a unique opportunity to provide our neighbours a much-needed message of love, hope, and truth.

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

## 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.



### Thanksgiving Vegetable Fundraiser

St. John the Evangelist Parish is proud to partner with Willowtree Farm for this unique, Thanksgiving Fundraiser. We will be selling Fresh from the Farm, local

vegetables. Each recyclable bag will contain: 1 seasonal squash, 1 cauliflower or cabbage, 2 onions, garlic heads, beets, 2 lbs of carrots and 5 lbs of potatoes. The cost per bag is \$22.

Use these vegetables for your family OR give the Gift of Food by directing your Bag of Veggies to those in need. On the order form there is a place to indicate if you will pick up the vegetables or if you wish it to be distributed. Beginning this weekend, Order Envelopes are at the back of the church – Please take one home after mass today.

**Fill out the order form and return the envelope with your payment no later than Sunday September 26th.** You can place your orders in with the weekly collection basket at the back pew. The veggies will arrive to the Parish Centre on Friday October 1st and Bags of Veggies will be available for pick up at various times over the weekend of October 1<sup>st</sup> @7pm – 9pm Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> @8am – 10am or after 5pm mass, and Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> after all masses. After this time, anything not picked up will be donated to charity. Nothing will be stored after Sunday Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### Youth Ministry Starts Soon: Edge: Grades 6-8

Our first Edge Night will be Wednesday, October 20th from 6:15pm to 7:15pm in the Parish Centre main room. We'll be finishing off the Year of St. Joseph with a series called **Awake O Sleeper**. This Edge series follows the stories of two of the greatest dreamers in Scripture, Joseph of the Old Testament and St. Joseph, the foster father of Jesus. The series looks at the different ways that God spoke to them and directed their lives and, ultimately, salvation history.

Information for future Edge series (**Now and Forever & Love Is...**) can be found on the parish website.

### Life Teen: Grades 9-12

Our first Life Night will be Thursday, October 28th from 6:15pm to 7:15pm in the St. Joseph Room. The first Life Teen series will be **After Exodus**. This Life Night series helps teens understand the

Ten Commandments 'moral concepts to help guide their lives to be Jesus 'disciples. It also helps teens understand the Ten Commandments as more than just a set of rules, but a way to live life fully and freely.

Information for future Life Night series (**A Call From Within & Downside Up**) can be found on the parish website.

### Registration

Registration forms are now available on the parish website. Please register in person at the parish office during regular business hours or you may place your registration package, labelled Edge or Life Teen in the Sunday collection basket. The registration fee for Edge and Life Teen is \$40 per child.

If you have any questions about youth ministry, please contact Breandán McCallister, Youth Minister, [bmccallister@archtoronto.org](mailto:bmccallister@archtoronto.org) or at the parish office 905-668-3676 x223.



SHARELIFE COLLECTION TO DATE \$99,266

**Will you help us reach our ShareLife campaign goal?**

We have currently raised over \$99,000 toward our parish goal of \$145,000.

"Our goal can be met, but only with your help. I invite you to join today's generation of heroes by making a sacrificial gift to ShareLife. As you contemplate the blessings God has entrusted to you, please join me in giving to ShareLife to the best of your ability."  
– Cardinal Thomas Collins

**October 3 is the next ShareLife Sunday.**

**This week at a glance..**

**Sun Sept 19**

4pm First Eucharist Celebration

**Mon Sep 20** – Elections Cda, PC main

**Wed Sept 22** mass @7pm

6pm – 7pm – Edge Volunteer Mtg, St Jos Rm

8pm – Spanish Community, PC main

**Thu Sept 23**

6pm – 7pm Life Teen Volunteer Mtg, St. Jos Rm

7:30pm **"Come to Me"** catechesis, in church

**Sun Sept 25**

11am Confirmation Celebration

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