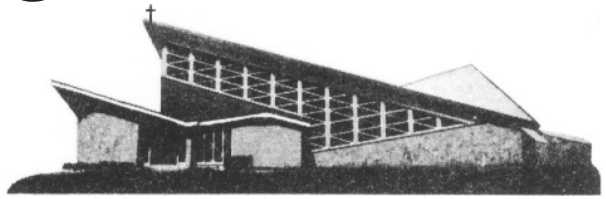


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 Mr. Breandán Orian McCallister Youth Ministry

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Mr. Troy Sabaot Caretaker
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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 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.

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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
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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
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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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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Message from the Pastor

The Peace of Christ be with you all!

We celebrate this Sunday the Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time. In the first reading from the *Book of Numbers*, we see how there are seventy elders that received the Spirit of God to help Moses guiding the people of Israel. As a community, it is important to work together to bring people closer to God. We need to collaborate for the good of the other; it is not a one man's ministry. The second reading, from the *Letter to James*, it shows how when we are attached to money and riches, it leaves us empty-handed. When we put our heart into money, it shrinks our hearts, we are unable to see the needs of others, and we fail to love them. Often, the people attached to money are considered as blind to others and with hearts that are frozen. Let us open our hearts to God so that He may soften them and make them ready to come out of ourselves to love others. In the Gospel, from St. Mark, Christ encourages the disciples to be grateful that God works through different people to reach others. The disciples, like us, are very possessive of their ministry. We need to ask the Lord to realize that God's grace can work through different kinds of people. We should not be envious, but happy that many people can receive the Good News. Christ talks about different parts of our body that can be cause of falling and temptation. He talks in a figurative way saying that whatever situation or thought brings us to sin, we should altogether avoid it and cast it out from our lives. We cannot make compromises with sin; Christ is invited to avoid the occasion of sin so that we can remain whole and at peace. Let us ask the Lord to fight for us so that we do not fall into sin when we are tempted. He will give us the grace to avoid the occasions of sin and to remain closed to the Lord. With the Lord, we can be strong when we face temptation and struggles. Even if we fall, the Lord is always ready to pick us up and keep us going in the way of salvation. Let us never give up, let us never get tired of falling, the Lord never gets tired of our incapacities, He always forgives us with compassion!

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, 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. I strongly encourage you to come the announcement of the Good News that is happening on Mondays and Thursday at 7:30 pm in the Church. Through it, we are going to experience in a very deep way how much God loves us and how He wants to fulfill our lives. 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

Thank you to Dan & Victoria Humphries, coordinators of our Ministry Screening. Dan & Victoria are retiring from this ministry. We welcome Cathy Fernandes and Minnie Chillingworth who are taking over the Screening.

Youth Ministry Updates:

A reminder that the start of youth ministry is fast approaching. **Edge (Grades 6-8)** will be starting on Wednesday, October 22nd, 6:15pm-7:15pm, in the Parish Centre Main Room. **Life Teen (Grades 9-12)** will be starting Thursday, October 28th, 6:15pm-7:15pm, in the St. Joseph Room. For more information about both programs please visit the parish website. Registration forms are 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 or at the parish office **905-668-3676 x223**. Breandán will be out of office between October 1st and October 18th.

Prayer Group

St John's Parish has a prayer meeting every Wednesday at 1pm in the church, all are welcome. For more information, call Klara (905) 668-9579.



SHARELIFE COLLECTION TO DATE \$105,771
ShareLife Sunday is next weekend

Your gift to ShareLife facilitated the arrival of 528 refugees through the Office of Refugees of the Archdiocese of Toronto last year. They are among the 150,000 people helped by generous donors like you.

As we emerge from the pandemic, let's not forget the plight of those facing hardship and persecution, and continue our efforts to welcome them to Canada.

Next Sunday, October 3 is the next ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously during the special collection or anytime at sharelife.org.

Knights of Columbus, St John the Evangelist Council, meetings are the 1st Wednesday of each month from Sept to June. Next Meeting is Wednesday Oct 6, 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 an hour, contact Grand Knight Bryan Childerhouse bryan.childerhouse@rogers.com or call 416-508-9877



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

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**Beginning Thursday September 23, 2021
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In the Church**

SACRAMENT PREPARATION PROGRAMS

2021 – 2022

FIRST EUCHARIST (Grade 2)	CONFIRMATION (Grade 7)
<p>REGISTRATION and INFORMATION NIGHT in the Church (one parent only to attend) 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)</p>	<p>REGISTRATION and INFORMATION NIGHT in the Church (one parent & candidate to attend) Tuesday, November 9 at 7:00 pm (please bring completed registration form, a \$40 fee for program expenses and a photocopy of your child's Baptism Certificate)</p>
<p>It is mandatory that all children who do not attend Catholic school participate in the Parish Home Catechism Program.</p>	

Let's Put People and Planet First with Development and Peace/Caritas Canada's new Campaign!

In Canada, most people can speak out freely when injustice is committed. In many countries of the Global South, however, communities are threatened when they seek to protect their rights, especially their right to a healthy environment. The climate insecurity is often fuelled by the presence and influence of corporations, some of which are Canadian.

Undaunted, many vulnerable communities fight courageously to defend their rights, their lands and the environment against corporate harm.

This year, Development and Peace's **People and Planet First** campaign invites you to stand in solidarity with them and celebrate their work!

To learn more about the campaign, join us for an introductory virtual workshop from **9:30am – 12:30pm on Saturday, October 2nd.**

You can register [here](#). The [campaign poster](#) is available for download on Development and Peace's website for promotion! For more information, contact: Dean Dettloff at ddettloff@devp.org or visit <https://www.devp.org/en/campaign/people-planet-first/>



Masses For The Week

Sat Sep 25 – 5:00pm
In Thanksgiving for 50th Wedding Anniversary
req. by John & Judy Morris

Mon Sep 27 – 8:20am
 +
req. by

Tues Sep 28 – 8:20am
 +
req. by

Wed Sept 29 – 7:00pm
+Dave Fissenden
req. by The Allen Family
+Michelle Stairs
req. by Jim & Rosemarie Abdee
+Michelle Stairs
req. by Mike & Judy Drake
Special Intention
req. by Fred & Jacqui Shady
+Betty Church (Glasgow Scotland)
req. by John Lennon

Thurs Sep 30 – 8:20am
+Maureen Littlejohn
req. by DDL

Fri Oct 1 – 8:20am
 +Deceased members Coryat Family
req. by Mary Yearwood

Sat Oct 2 – 5:00pm
+Brian Gallagher
req. by Carol Jeffers & Family

Tabernacle candle for Naomi – Sept 26-Oct 2, 2021 req. by Mary



Thanksgiving Vegetable Fundraiser

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 1st @7pm – 9pm Oct 2nd @8am – 10am or after 5pm mass, and Oct 3rd after all masses. After this time, anything not picked up will be donated to charity. Nothing will be stored after Sunday Oct 3rd.

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.

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