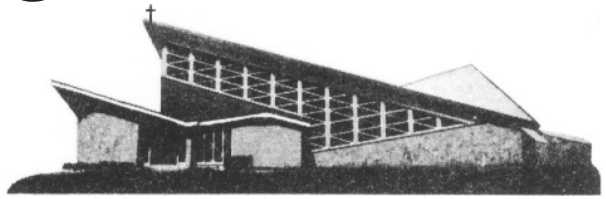


# St. John the Evangelist Church

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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.

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Finance Council	Brian McMonagle	905-668-8993

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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

Altar Servers	Breandán Orian McCallister	905-668-3676
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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
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
Rose of Durham (Young Parent Support Services)			905-432-3622

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<b>Durham Catholic District School Board</b>		905-576-6150	www.dcdsb.ca

## THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Message from the Pastor

The Peace of Christ be with you all!

We celebrate this Sunday the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time. On the First Reading, from the Book of the prophet Jeremiah, we see how the Lord brings back all the exiles to Jerusalem. Those who are in most distress, they will be guided and consoled by the Lord. The Second Reading, from the Letter to the Hebrews, it shows how Jesus Christ is our High Priest since He lives for ever to intercede for us. He has been appointed by God as the One who helps us in our time of need. To Him, we can rely on and find refuge when we find struggles and difficulties. In the Gospel, from St. Mark, we see how Christ heals a blind person as he enters the city of Jericho. Bartimaeus, the blind person, is aware of his blindness and he wants to be healed. He has heard that Christ has the power to heal him. He starts shouting but the disciples and Christ continues walking. It seems that Christ does not pay attention to the blind man, but He wants to see how far he can beg the Lord to heal him. It shows how much this person wanted to be healed. Christ finally stops and He heals him, and the blind man follows Him with great joy. When we are aware that we are in distress it is important to beg the Lord persistently so that He may stop and heal our blindness so that we can experience God's mercy in our lives. Let us beg the Lord insistently so that He may open our eyes to recognize God's love so that we can love others around us!

We are still asking 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. 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



*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!**

**Our meetings continue each Mon. & Thurs. at 7:30 PM  
In the Church**



### **CHRISTMAS GIVING – 2021**

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will be assisting our neighbours in need at Christmas.

Due to the restrictions of Covid 19, to safely assist our neighbours in need this year, we are not able to provide gifts. Only gift cards will be distributed. To support this endeavour, we are requesting your support with either cash or cheque donations. The Society provides **tax receipts for cash or cheque donations**. Donations of gift cards are also gratefully accepted. However, unfortunately we are not able to provide receipts for gift cards.

During the months of October and November, please use the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul envelopes which are available on the back counter in the Church. We will use your generous donations to purchase gift cards, and will distribute them to our neighbours in need in early December. It would be very helpful if we received your donation by November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO IDENTIFY YOURSELF ON THE FRONT OF THE ENVELOPE FOR TAX RECEIPT PURPOSES.**  
**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!**



**Society of St. Vincent de Paul**  
**St. John the Evangelist Conference**  
**BUNDLE WEEKEND**  
**November 13-14, 2021**

Our conference at St. John's will be holding a Bundle Weekend Collection drive to serve our neighbours in need living in the Durham community. A truck will be parked in St. John Parish parking lot over the weekend Nov 13/14 accepting gently used/new clothing, coats, linens, towels, bedding, textiles, drapery, shoes/boots.

We CANNOT accept furniture, appliances, mattresses, used baby equipment, books, dishes, construction material or video tapes.

**Please bring your items to the truck after mass Saturday at 5pm, Sunday 9am or 11am. A member of the conference will assist you with your donation. Thank you!**

OCTOBER 24, 2021

CONFIRMATION  
(Grade 7)

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)

Knights of Columbus, St John the Evangelist Council, meetings are the 1st Wednesday of each month from Sept to June. Next Meeting is Wednesday Nov 3, 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](mailto:bryan.childerhouse@rogers.com) or call 416-508-9877



Masses For The Week

Sat Oct 23 – 5:00pm

+Mary Farrell  
*req. by Noleen*

Mon Oct 25 – 8:20am

Int for Hugh Deane's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
*req. by Chris & Paula Campbell*

Tues Oct 26 – 8:20am

+Linda Campbell Testard  
*req. by Catherine Ingram*

Wed Oct 27 – 7:00pm

+Tina Saturno  
*req. by Tony & Rosa Cannella*  
+Eric Dumigan  
*req. by Kathy McGee*  
+Jeyarani Johnpillai  
*req. by Mary Selvarane*  
+Belshia Victor  
*req. by Mary Selvarane*  
+Thomas James & Jimmy Dashney  
*req. by Clare Dashney*

Thurs Oct 28 – 8:20am

+Elpidio Peralta  
*req. by Maria & Pablo Enrique*

Fri Oct 29 – 8:20am

+Bernard Kavanagh  
*req. by John & Chris Stafford*

Employment Opportunity

We are seeking a full-time custodian at St. John's for general cleaning and maintenance for the church, parish centre, parish office and grounds. You must be physically fit and able to lift 50 pounds. Please submit your resume by email to [stjohntheevangelistwh@archtoronto.org](mailto:stjohntheevangelistwh@archtoronto.org). No telephone calls please. Only those selected applicants considered for the position will be notified for an interview.

Life Teen This Week:

The first Life Night is this Thursday, October 28th from 6:15pm to 7:15pm in the St. Joseph Room. You still have the chance to register. Find the registration forms on the parish website.

This week we will begin our series *After Exodus* with the first three Commandments. We will learn about how to build a spiritual foundation based on God's love.

"Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed"

Our parish will hold a "Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed" mass on Tuesday November 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:00 p.m., in the church. The mass will also be live-streamed for those unable to attend in person and can be accessed via our parish website.

This mass is an opportunity for members of our parish family to come together, in remembrance of loved ones we have lost through death. There will be a special time for reflection on loved ones we have lost.

There is no need to pre-register for mass however there will be a need to sign-in when you arrive at the church. We encourage you to arrive early to accommodate the time required to sign-in and be seated.

We hope that you will accept this invitation to join fellow parishioners for this special mass.

If you would like additional information, please contact the parish office at (905) 668-3676.

 ShareLife

COLLECTION TO DATE,  
As of October 15, 2021  
\$117,321

*Living the Gospel by supporting the Deaf community*

We've all felt the pain of disconnection since the start of the pandemic. For the Deaf community, the connections severed by the pandemic are even more profound. Many became isolated from their peers and could no longer access the programs they relied upon.

Silent Voice is working to restore those connections. This ShareLife-funded agency is the only one in the area providing virtual programming for Deaf children, among its many services in American Sign Language. Your support of ShareLife is making the connections we need to get through this pandemic together.

Next Sunday, October 31 is the final ShareLife Sunday of 2021. Please give generously during the special collection or anytime at [sharelife.org](http://sharelife.org).

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