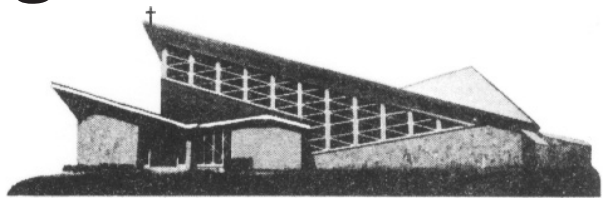


# St. John the Evangelist Church

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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
Finance Council	Brian McMonagle	905-668-8993

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

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
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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

<b>St. John the Evangelist School</b>	905-668-4011	<b>St. Marguerite d'Youville School</b>	905-666-9301
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<b>Durham Catholic District School Board</b>		905-576-6150	www.dcdsb.ca

## THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Peace of Christ be with you all!

We celebrate this Sunday the Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time. On the First Reading, from the Book of Deuteronomy, we are presented with the heart of the commandments. God asks the people of Israel to keep his precepts if they wish to have fullness of life. They are called to listen to the Lord and to love Him with all their hearts, mind, strength, and soul. This primordial commandment applies also to us. If we desire to have endless peace, we need to be guided by the Lord in our lives and correspond to His mercy. The Second Reading, from the Letter to the Hebrews shows that Jesus Christ is our High Priest who intercedes for us to save us from our sins. He has died, is risen and He lives for ever so that through his redemption He can transform our lives. We all can go to Him and ask Him to help us in a time of need. In the Gospel, from St. Mark, we see how Christ answers to a scribe that the first commandment is to love God and love our neighbour. Christ is the first one who has fulfilled this precept when He gave his life in the Cross to the Father and for all of us. For us it is difficult to keep this commandment since we are selfish, and we put ourselves beyond God and others. However, with Christ's grace, we can love God and our neighbor unconditionally. This is the plan that God is calling to. Many times, we fall short, and we feel frustrated because we do not reach our goal. Now, in Christ, this happiness is attainable, and Christ wants to share it with us. Let us open our hearts so that Christ may love us unconditionally and this immense mercy may transform our hearts to love our neighbour!

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 ensure that

everybody is welcomed. We really encourage everybody to come and attend mass in person. I encourage you to invite everyone you know to come back to meet with God and with the parishioners. The weekend masses are 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 how God wants to fill us with fullness of life and mercy!

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**

### Edge This Week:

Edge Night is this Wednesday, November 3rd from 6:15pm to 7:15pm in the Parish Centre Main Room. It's not too late to register. Registration forms are available on the parish website.

This week at Edge we will continue our series, **Awake O Dreamer**, by learning more about Joseph from the Old Testament.

### 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 31, 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

*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.

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


Double your impact on ShareLife Sunday

ShareLife Sunday is a special day for our parish, as we join together in support of those who are poor and marginalized. And we now have an opportunity to make an even greater difference with our donations. From now through November 15, our gifts to ShareLife will be matched by a generous donor up to a total of \$750,000.

"Thank you to each and every person who showed solidarity with those who suffer by making a sacrificial gift."  
- Cardinal Thomas Collins

**Today is the final ShareLife Sunday of 2021. Please give generously.**

**The Book of Life**

The month of November is traditionally known as the month of the Holy Souls, having at its' beginning, the two great feasts - All Saints and All Souls. To commemorate your faithful departed family and friends, you are invited to submit a page for the "Book of Life." This page should be 8 1/2" by 11" and fit into a standard 3-ring binder. On it you may type or print the names of whomever you would like to have remembered in a special way at all our parish Masses during November. You may decorate your "Family Page" in whatever way you wish, as long as it fits the above requirements. This "Book of Life" will be left in the sanctuary during November to remind us to pray, at church and at home for our loved ones. Please note previous years of pages are included already.

**Donation envelopes for All Souls are available to write the names of those you wish to be prayed for on All Souls Day November 2<sup>nd</sup> and each Wednesday evening in November at 7pm. Please include your name and address for tax receipt purposes.**



Masses For The Week

Sat Oct 30 – 5:00pm

+Deceased Members of the Timms & Morgan Families  
*req. by Pat & Vicki Morgan*

Mon Nov 1 – 8:20am

Int for Janice Baird  
*req. by Maureen LaBarre & Family*

Tues Nov 2 – 8:20am

Intentions for All Souls

Tues Nov 2 – 7:00pm

Commemoration for All Faithful Departed

Wed Nov 3 – 7:00pm

+Domenic Borg

*req. by Rita & Saviour Bonello*  
+Deceased Mbrs Bonello Family  
*req. by Rita & Saviour Bonello*  
+Broderick, Harrington & MacAllen Families  
*req. by Joy & Joe Broderick*  
+Martin Doleweerd  
*req. by Beppie Doleweerd & Family*  
+Shirley Barrett  
*req. by Her Family*  
Intention for Lesley DeSousa  
*req. by Judy Morris & Hilda Rembala*

Thurs Nov 4 – 8:20am

+Antonio, Divina & Maria Ciardullo  
*req. by Natale & Anna Ciardullo*

Fri Nov 5 – 8:20am

+Tony Drago

*req. by Angela Drago & Family*

**"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.



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