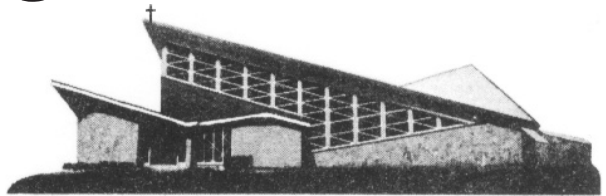


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 Mr. Breandán Orian McCallister Youth Ministry

Support Staff

Mr. Troy Sabaot Caretaker
 Mr. Kevin Dashney Director of Music
 Mrs. Sue McGee Bookkeeper
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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
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Parish Prayer Group	Klara Bari	905-668-9579
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Development & Peace (CCODP)	Estela Rios	905-430-7753
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St. Vincent de Paul Society - Help Line		905-430-6734

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Message from the Pastor

The Peace of Christ be with you all!

We celebrate this Sunday the Second Sunday of Advent. On the First Reading, from the Book of the prophet Baruch, we are presented with a prophecy in which the rebuilding of Jerusalem is foretold. The people of Israel are suffering in the exile of Babylon. It is proclaimed to them that they will come back to Jerusalem full of joy. Every time that we sin, we stray far from God and are dry and fruitless, but God reaches out to us to give us life through his faithful mercy. The Second Reading, from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians, invites us to rely in God to receive strength to grow in holiness and to be open to God's graces in our lives. If we pray constantly, we will respond more openly to God's faithful compassion, and our lives will be fruitful. In the Gospel, from St. Luke, we are presented with the figure of St. John the Baptist. He calls people to repentance and to return to the Lord. During this time of Advent, we are called to come back to the Lord with all our hearts. It is certain that God offers us salvation and peace, but we need to be prepared and open to receive his abundant mercy in our lives. Repentance means to realize that we need God in our lives to have peace, consolation and fullness of life. When we are aware of God's mercy and we are open to receive it, we are transformed by it and our lives are fruitful with love, patience, and gratefulness. Let us open our hearts so that the Lord may transform them with his life-giving mercy!

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. I encourage you to invite everyone you know to come back to meet with God and with the parishioners. We will love so see families and young people coming back to mass. 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. Let us experience the immense love of God for us and our families!

May God bless us with his peace!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant and your Pastor



Advent Wreath, Second Sunday in Advent

Leader: The Lord is our faith and our life.

All: May the Lord's peace be with us all.

Leader: And may his love shine in our hearts.

All: Our hope is in the coming of the Lord.

Light the candles. During the week, relight whenever the family gathers together.

Scripture Reading

Leader: Let us pray that our faith may be strengthened for the coming of the Lord.

All: Amen

2nd Week – Look to the Word

Two purple candles are lit.

Suggested Scripture Readings:

Sunday	God's Word is a Lamp	<i>Psalms 119: 103-105</i>
Monday	Virgin Shall Conceive	<i>Isaiah 7:10-14</i>
Tuesday	To us a Child is Born, A Son is Given	<i>Isaiah 9:2-7</i>
Wednesday	Behold, your King is coming	<i>Zechariah 9:9-10</i>
Thursday	Light Shines from Little Bethlehem	<i>Micah 5:2-5a</i>
Friday	A Light shining in a Dark Place	<i>2 Peter 1:16-21</i>
Saturday	Time to Wake from Sleep	<i>Romans 13:11 – 14</i>

Archdiocese Day of Confessions in St. John's Parish

Monday December 13, 2021

9:30am – 11:30am

2:00pm – 4:00pm, 7:00pm – 8:00pm

Reconciliation Evening Service

Sunday December 19, 2021 at 7pm in the church

Several priests available

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE IMPORTANT!!

EVENTBRITE TICKETS FOR CHRISTMAS

LITURGIES ARE MANDATORY.

DUE TO SPACE LIMITS OUR PARISH CENTRE WILL

ALSO BE AVAILABLE

NO WALK-IN FOR THESE MASSES

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2021

VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

5PM, 8PM, 11PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2021

NATIVITY OF THE LORD

9AM, 11AM, 2PM SPANISH

(NO EVENING LITURGY)

SUNDAY DECEMBER 26, 2021

HOLY FAMILY JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

9AM, 11AM, 2PM, 5PM

Gift Giving to our Migrant Workers

Envelopes are available on the back counter, to make cash, cheque (or gift card donations) to the Migrants Workers in our parish area for their Christmas in lieu of the annual Christmas dinner

this year. Your cash or cheques will be used to purchase gift cards for them. Thank you!

2021 CHRISTMAS STAMPS

The 2021 Christmas stamps are available in a secular or religious design. The religious stamps honour the angels that played a central role in the Nativity story according to the Gospel of Luke. Please ask for the religious Christmas stamps to grace your Christmas mailings so that this option may continue in future years.

CWL CHRISTMAS MEETING

CWL members and ladies of the parish are welcome to join us, virtually, for a Christmas Social. The zoom meeting will take place on Thursday, December 16th at 7:30 p.m. Not a CWL member? If you would like to join us, please email me at ichilderhouse@hotmail.com and I will include you in our meeting notice, by email.



Masses For The Week

Sat Dec 4 – 5:00pm

Int. for Dorothy Byrne
req. by Phil Bardoul

Mon Dec 6 – 8:20am

+John Robinson
req. by John & Helen Ecker

Tues Dec 7 – 8:20am

Int for Fr. Damian
req. by The Prior Family

Wed Dec 8 – 7:00pm

+Rosa de Pflucker & Frances Rodriguez
req. by Pedro & Amelia Lauer

+ John Robinson
req. by Don & Cathy Huppe

+Joanna Kearney
req. by Geraldine Gaboury & Family

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+Deceased Mbrs of the D'Souza Family & Michael Brugel
req. by Millicent Bower

Thurs Dec 9 – 8:20am

+Marcel Joseph LaBarre
req. by Maureen LaBarre & Family

Fri Dec 10 – 8:20am

+Dennis & Joan & Allan L'Estrange
req. by Godfrey & Jenny Cunningham

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.

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

Holy Land Articles are for sale today in the Parish Centre Rooms 1 & 2 after all masses. Your purchases assist Christians in the Holy Land. Thank you!

ATTENTION ENGAGED COUPLES! MARRIAGE PREPARATION CLASSES

Our next Marriage Preparation Course at St. John the Evangelist will be held on 6 Thursday evenings from January 20 to February 24, 2022 at 7:00pm to 9:00pm in the Parish Centre. Call 668-3676. Fee is \$200 per couple.



Office Hours Christmas to New Year

The parish office will close at noon on Friday, December 24th through to Tuesday, December 28th. The office will be open December 29th & 30th and until noon on December 31st. The office will reopen at 9am on Tuesday, January 4, 2022.

Mass Schedule for Octave of Christmas

Mon Dec 27	9am, Solemnity of St. John the Evangelist, Patron
Tues Dec 28	9am Holy Innocents, Martyrs
Wed Dec 29	7pm Fifth Octave Day
Thur Dec 30	8:20am Sixth Octave Day
Fri Dec 31	5pm Vigil of Mary, Mother of God
Fri Dec 31	6pm -7pm Adoration
Sat Jan 1	9am, 11am, 2pm Spanish Solemnity Mary, Mother of God
Sun Jan 2	9am, 11am, 2pm Spanish, 5pm

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