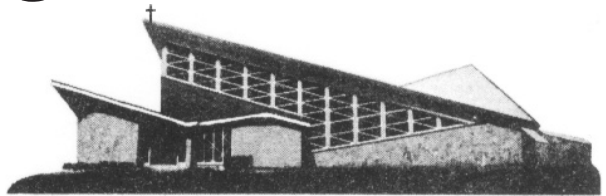


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 Mr. Breandán Orian McCallister Youth Ministry

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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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Parish Home Catechism Program	Cathy Dykeman	905-706-1126

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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
Rose of Durham (Young Parent Support Services)			905-432-3622

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Message from the Pastor

The Peace of Christ be with you all!

We celebrate this Sunday the Third Sunday of Advent. This Sunday is called *Gaudete* or the Sunday of rejoicing. We can be full of joy because the Lord is very near at the door. On the First Reading, from the Book of the prophet Zephaniah, it is offered to us a prophecy in which the Lord is going to console and act with mercy over Jerusalem. After the hardship of the exile and the disloyalty of the people of Israel, God promises them that He will forgive them and rebuild them with joy and gladness. When we fall into sin, if we repent and return to the Lord, the Lord welcomes us with mercy and transform our hearts. The Second Reading, from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians, invites us to trust in the Lord so that in Him we may find true gladness and we may always live at peace. We need to realize that when we place our hope in God, we do not worry so much, but our lives are guided by the mercy of God, which bring us to be at peace. In the Gospel, from St. Luke, we are presented with the preaching of St. John the Baptist. He calls people to prepare themselves for the coming of the Lord by doing specific works of mercy. The Lord is coming soon, and we need to open our hearts so that He can transform our hearts. The grace of God opens our hearts so that we are not only concentrated in our own desires, but we are concerned about the needs of the others. When we do this, we are widely open to receive the salvation and new life that Jesus offers to us. Let us receive with joy and expectation the One who helps us to love others with compassion and without limit!

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 to 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. We will have the Day of confessions in the Church on Monday, December 13th, from 9:30am to 11:30am, 2pm to 4pm, and 7pm to 8pm. The evening of Reconciliation with five priests available for confession will be on Sunday, December 19th at 7pm in the Church. Let us experience God's mercy that fills us with new life and joy!

May God bless us with his peace!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant and your Pastor

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!!

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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.

DECEMBER 12, 2021

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 11 – 5:00pm

+Ted Kapuscinski

req. by Doreen & Family

Mon Dec 13 – 8:20am

+Gonzalo Zevallos

req. by Guillermo & Marisa Lanfranco

Tues Dec 14 – 8:20am

+Austin Schranz

req. by John & Helen Ecker

Wed Dec 15 – 7:00pm

+Broderick, Harrington & MacAllen Families

req. by Joy & Joe Broderick

+Guadalupe Pulito Nevarez

req. Andrea Losier

+Rosario Cannella

req. by Giuseppina Cannella & Family

+Ivan Hrovat

req. by Anne & Peter Struna

+Shirley Barrett

req. by Her Family

Thurs Dec 16 – 8:20am

+Michele LaBarre Huinink

req. by Maureen LaBarre & Family

Fri Dec 17 – 8:20am

+Deceased Members of the Cunningham & Fernandes Families

req. by Godfrey & Jenny Cunningham

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



The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday which is called Gaudete Sunday. It is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the **midpoint of Advent**, when their preparation is now half over, and they are close to Christmas.

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 candle(s). 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

3rd Week – Look to the Angels

Two purple candles and the one pink candle are lit.

Suggested Scripture Readings:

Sunday Are they not all ministering Spirits Hebrews 1:5-14

Monday Gabriel Appears to Zechariah Luke 1:5-17

Tuesday The Annunciation to Mary Luke 1:26-33

Wednesday Joseph's Angelic Dream Matthew 1:18-25

Thursday Zechariah Foresees the Dawning Light Luke 1:67-79

Friday The Glory of the Lord Shone Luke 2:8-12

Saturday A Multitude of the Heavenly Host Luke 2:13-14

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