# St. John the Evangelist Church

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	5:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. sday & Friday 8:20 a.m. at 6:30 p.m.) 7:00 p.m. (OLPH Devotions)	<b>EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR</b> 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 Sudays 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 Finance Council	Fr. Francisco Fernandez Paul D'Aurelio	905-668-3676 905-665-3056
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#### Message from the Pastor

#### Peace to all of you!

This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of the most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. Today, we focus on the importance of the Eucharist as the source and summit of our Christian life. The First Reading, from the Book of Genesis, presents the account of the priest Melchizedek who offers bread and wine to Abraham. This priest is a prefiguration of Christ, who will later offer bread and wine at the Last Supper as a perpetual memorial of His Death and Resurrection. Let us approach this Eternal Priest to receive peace and consolation in our daily lives. The Second Reading, from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians, gives us the earliest account of the consecration of bread and wine, which is used at every mass. We are very familiar with these words that at times, we do not grasp how deep and beautiful they are. Christ has used bread because at the Passover supper bread signified the haste by which the people of Israel left the slavery of Egypt. At the Last Supper, Christ wants that now it signifies His Body, a sign of the Death that has suffered on the Cross for us. Christ has used wine because at the Passover Vigil it signified the freedom that the people of Israel enjoyed in the Promised Land. At the Last Supper Christ wants that it signifies His Blood that was shed on the Cross and by which we pass from death to life. Every time that we share in the Eucharist we participate in the Death and Resurrection of Christ. The Gospel, from St. Luke, presents to us the episode of the multiplication of the loaves. It prefigures the Eucharist that Christ is going to offer to us as a source of life for all time. This event underlines that in front of our difficulties and precariousness, Christ gives us His Body and Blood which really satisfies and nourishes us. It is very important to receive communion constantly because it is what really supports and helps us to go on with our lives. It is in Christ in whom we find life, sustenance, and comfort. Let us feed constantly on Him to find strength and courage!

I want to thank the members of the Social Committee who helped organize our Parish BBQ last Saturday. Thanks also to everybody who attended. It was a very wonderful event to meet with each other again!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant and your Pastor

#### Pope Francis' Homily on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (May 26, 2016)

Twice the Apostle Paul, writing to the community in Corinth, recalls this command of Jesus in his account of the institution of the Eucharist. It is the oldest testimony we have to the words of Christ at the Last Supper.

"Do this". That is, take bread, give thanks and break it; take the chalice, give thanks, and share it. Jesus gives the command to repeat this action by which he instituted the memorial of his own Pasch, and in so doing gives us his Body and his Blood. This action reaches us today: it is the "doing" of the Eucharist which always has Jesus as its subject, but which is made real through our poor hands anointed by the Holy Spirit.

"Do this". Jesus on a previous occasion asked his disciples to "do" what was so clear to him, in obedience to the will of the Father. In

the Gospel passage that we have just heard, Jesus says to the disciples in front of the tired and hungry crowds: "Give them something to eat yourselves" (Lk 9:13). Indeed, it is Jesus who blesses and breaks the loaves and provides sufficient food to satisfy the whole crowd, but it is the disciples who offer the five loaves and two fish. Jesus wanted it this way: that, instead of sending the crowd away, the disciples would put at his disposal what little they had. And there is another gesture: the pieces of bread, broken by the holy and venerable hands of Our Lord, pass into the poor hands of the disciples, who distribute these to the people. This too is the disciples "doing" with Jesus; with him they are able to "give them something to eat". Clearly this miracle was not intended merely to satisfy hunger for a day, but rather it signals what Christ wants to accomplish for the salvation of all mankind, giving his own flesh and blood (cf. Jn 6:48-58). And yet this needs always to happen through those two small actions: offering the few loaves and fish which we have; receiving the bread broken by the hands of Jesus and giving it to all.

Breaking: this is the other word explaining the meaning of those words: "Do this in remembrance of me". Jesus was broken; he is broken for us. And he asks us to give ourselves, to break ourselves, as it were, for others. This "breaking bread" became the icon, the sign for recognizing Christ and Christians. We think of Emmaus: they knew him "in the breaking of the bread" (Lk 24:35). We recall the first community of Jerusalem: "They held steadfastly... to the breaking of the bread" (Acts 2:42). From the outset it is the Eucharist which becomes the centre and pattern of the life of the Church. But we think also of all the saints - famous or anonymous - who have "broken" themselves, their own life, in order to "give something to eat" to their brothers and sisters. How many mothers, how many fathers, together with the slices of bread they provide each day on the tables of their homes, have broken their hearts to let their children grow, and grow well! How many Christians, as responsible citizens, have broken their own lives to defend the dignity of all, especially the poorest, the marginalized and those discriminated! Where do they find the strength to do this? It is in the Eucharist: in the power of the Risen Lord's love, who today too breaks bread for us and repeats: "Do this in remembrance of me".

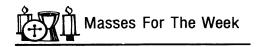
May this action of the Eucharistic procession, which we will carry out shortly, respond to Jesus' command. An action to commemorate him; an action to give food to the crowds of today; an act to break open our faith and our lives as a sign of Christ's love for this city and for the whole world.

## Corpus Christi Prayer

Oh Lord Jesus Christ, we come before You today, we thank You for the gift of Your Holy Body and Blood through which we get strengthened body, soul and mind. We solemnly pledge that we will offer You our undivided love and also service to our brothers and sisters as it is Your Holy will. We pray this in the Name of the <u>Father, and</u> <u>the Son and the Holy Spirit</u>. Amen.

# **GRAND IN YOUR HAND - WINNER**

Thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket. The ballots were spun in a spinner cage at the family fun day. Estela Rios was the winner. Again, thank you for your support of St. John's CWL.



Sat. June 18 – 5:00pm +Clarence Alvares req.by Roberta Alvares & Family

Mon June 20 - 8:20am

req. by

Tues Jun 21 – 8:20am

req. by

Wed June 22 – 7:00pm +Andrew Marioselva <u>req. by Christine Marioselva</u> +Deceased Members of the Broderick, Howard & Harrington <u>req. by Joe & Joy</u> +Louisito Molano <u>req. by His Family</u>

Thurs June 23 – 8:20am +Margaret Davidson req.by St. John's Parish Staff

Fri June 24 – 8:20am

+Jacques Prior req.by Christiane Prior

Sat. June 25 – 5:00pm

+Edward Ecker req.by John & Helen Ecker

Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services Annual Mass for the Departed Wednesday, August 17, 2022 at 7pm Resurrection Cemetery 355 Taunton Road East, Whitby On the grounds All are welcome!

### TOTUS TUUS July 3rd-8th 2022

Totus Tuus is a summer camp for the youth of the parish. During this camp we have four missionaries who come from the Archdiocese to share their life of Christ with the youth of our parish. It is both extremely fun and educational. It's an opportunity for the youth of the parish to get to know each other.

There are two programs for Totus Tuus, the Evening and the Day program. The Evening Program runs from Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> to Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup> 7pm-9pm and costs \$30 per camper. The Day Program runs from Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup> to Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup> 9am-2:30pm and costs \$60 per camper.

Volunteers are also needed to support the Totus Tuus camp. Teen volunteers can receive their hours towards volunteering by assisting at the Day Program. Adult volunteers are also needed for assistance with the Day Program and the Evening Program.

A more detailed schedule of the program and information can be found on the parish website under "Ministries" listed as "Totus Tuus." If you have any questions please contact Breandán McCallister at <u>bmccallister@archtoronto.org</u>.



Whispering Ridge Golf Fundraiser The Great Early-Bird Rate is Here! Saturday September 10<sup>th</sup> 9am Shotgun Start over 18 holes Best Ball Format Includes an on-course BBQ Lunch Includes Closest-to-the-Pin Prizes on 3 holes

Be eligible for Raffles and Silent Auctions \$120 per person *BUT NOT in JUNE.....* 

Our June Registration Rate: \$100 per person

How do I register my name(s) and telephone number(s)? Call Sylvie Forte (to leave a message) at 905 493 7999 Email Sylvie Forte at <u>sylvieforte18@gmail.com</u> How do I pay? Drop a cheque payable to St. John the Evangelist Church (memo golf fundraiser), or cash along with Golfer(s) Name(s) and telephone number(s) to the Parish Office Do I need to have a foursome to register? No. Setting the foursomes can wait - CATCH the EARLY-BIRD RATE Proceeds go to the Parish Building Fund

