

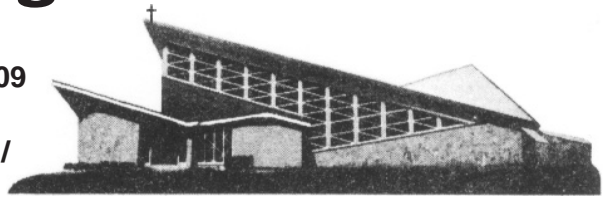
St. John the Evangelist Church

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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
Tues & 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 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.

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

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peace to all of you!

This Sunday we celebrate the Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The First Reading, from the First Book of Kings, presents the calling of Elisha to follow Elijah the prophet. To enter a new role in his life, Elisha leaves his family, his relatives, friends, and his own land. It is not that God wants to deprive him of all those things, but He wants to give Him what really endures. Whenever we follow God, it seems that we give up something, but God wants to give us much more. The Second Reading, from the Letter of St. Paul to the Galatians, gives us a wonderful message in which Paul calls us to remain in the freedom that Christ has gained for us. To be free does not mean to do what I want, to follow my own desires, but it is to love the others. All of us tend to look for our own advantage, but Christ has redeemed us so that whatever we do is beneficial to the others. When we follow our inclinations, we remain empty, but whenever we love others, we are fulfilled. The Gospel, from St. Luke, gives us three different examples of what it means to follow Christ. First, to be a disciple is not a privilege, but it is an invitation to a fulfilled life that Christ offers to all of us without considering our merits and deeds. To follow Christ is a response to the wondrous call to new life that Christ gives us, and it is not our own initiative. Second, we will realize that Christ completely satisfies our deepest desires for happiness and fulfillment. Third, we cannot follow Christ with regrets half-heartedly. We need to follow Him completely since He is going to fulfill our lives.

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant and your Pastor

Pope Francis' Homily on the Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (June 30, 2019)

In today's Gospel (cf. Lk 9: -51 - 62), Saint Luke begins the story of Jesus' last journey to Jerusalem, which will end at chapter 19. It's a long march not only spiritually, theologically and in geographical space, towards the fulfilment of the mission of the Messiah. The decision of Jesus is radical and total, and those who follow him are called to grapple with it. Today the evangelist presents us with the three people – three cases of vocation, we might say – which highlights what is required of those who want to follow Jesus all the way to the end.

The first character promises: "I will follow you wherever you go" (v. 57). Generous! But Jesus replies that the son of man, unlike the foxes that have dens and birds have nests, "has nowhere to lay his head" (v. 58). The absolute poverty of Jesus. Jesus, in fact, left the family home and has renounced all security to proclaim the Kingdom of God to the lost sheep, His people. So Jesus showed us his disciples that our mission in the world cannot be static, but that of travelling from place to place to preach the good news. The Christian is a travelling exhibition. The Church by its nature is in motion, it is not sedentary and quiet in its own enclosure. Is open to the widest horizons. Sent-the Church is sent! -to bring the Gospel to the streets and reach the human existential suburbs. This is the first person.

The second character that Jesus meets receives the call directly from Him, however replies: "Lord, let me first go and bury my father" (see para. 59). It is a legitimate request, based on the commandment to honour your father and mother (cf. Es 20.12). However, Jesus replies, "let the dead bury their dead" (see para. 60). With these words, deliberately provocative, he intends to

assert the primacy of discipleship and the proclamation of the Kingdom of God, even on the most important, such as the family. The urgency to announce the Gospel, that breaks the chain of death and inaugurates eternal life, does not admit delays, but it requires readiness and availability. Therefore, the Church is itinerant, and the Church is decided, it acts quickly, on time, without waiting.

The third character wants to follow Jesus but on one condition: he will do so after going to take leave from his relatives. And the master says: "no one who puts his hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the Kingdom of God" (see para. 62). The following of Jesus excludes regrets and backward looks, it requires the virtue of decision.

The Church, following Jesus, is itinerant, acts immediately, quickly, and is determined. The value of these conditions imposed by Jesus – itinerancy, promptitude and decision – don't come from a number of "no's" to good things and important things in life. Rather, emphasis should be placed on the main goal: to become a disciple of Christ! A free and informed choice, made for love, to respond to the priceless grace of God, and not done as a way to promote oneself. It's sad that! Woe to those who think to follow Jesus is a way to help to promote themselves, i.e. to get ahead, to feel important or acquire a place of prestige. Jesus wants us to be passionate about Him and the Gospel. A passion of the heart which translates into concrete acts of proximity, closeness to the neediest brothers, and gestures of care. Just as He himself lived.

May the Blessed Virgin Mary, icon of the Church on the move, help us to follow the Lord Jesus with joy and to announce the good news of salvation to others with renewed love.



COLLECTION TO DATE

As of June 15, 2022

\$82,220

Help homeless youth through ShareLife

Covenant House is one of the agencies you support through ShareLife. It's located in Toronto, but its young clients – largely homeless youth – arrive from throughout the archdiocese.

"Your commitment to love and care for the youth experiencing homelessness and trafficking who come to Covenant House truly means so much," says the agency's director. "Your support gives hope to young people who need hope right now – and you give youth a real chance for a better future."

Our goal this year is \$137,000. To date we have achieved \$82,220. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org.

Looking for a special person to help!

We received a request from a family member of a parishioner who resides at Fairview Lodge. They are looking for assistance for their father in the form of visits to take him outdoors in the summer months between 10am and 12 noon Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Chats, walks etc.

The requirements can be discussed further, however you must be capable of pushing a wheelchair and be fully vaccinated. If you are interested, please contact the parish for contact information. The family are open for it to be a paid position. Contact the parish.



Masses For The Week

Sat. June 25 – 5:00pm

+Edward Ecker

req.by John & Helen Ecker

Mon June 27 – 8:20am

+Jack & Marie Talbot

req. by Joan Cover

Tues Jun 28 – 8:20am

+Catherine

req. by Yesu Naveen

Wed June 29 – 7:00pm

+Fred Vanroon

req. by Peter & Aleida Vanroon

+ Margaret Davidson

req. by John Ecker & Deacon Michael Checkley

+Caterina Vitro

req. by Maurizio Vitro

+Christopher John Harte

req. by Mary Louise LaBarre & Ken Reilly & Family

+Joseph Apolcer

req. by His Family

Thurs June 30 – 8:20am

+

req.by

****Fri July 1 – 9:00am** CANADA DAY HOLIDAY**

+Joan Morris

req.by Anne Gallagher

Sat. July 2 – 5:00pm

+Brian, Ruth & William McMonagle

req.by The McMonagle Family

Parish Home Catechism Program

A learning partnership between parents and catechists to teach children about the help them grow in their Catholic faith. Children need to know about their faith and live it to receive the sacraments. Traditionally, the program is for children in public and private schools, however our program is for any child grades 1-8. The program runs from September to early May on Wednesday evenings 6:15pm – 7:15pm, taught by a wonderful group of catechists. Registration will begin in August. If you are interested in becoming a catechist, please contact the parish office.

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 3rd to Thursday, July 7th 7pm-9pm and costs \$30 per camper. The Day Program runs from Monday, July 4th to Friday, July 8th 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 bmccallister@archtoronto.org.



Whispering Ridge Golf Fundraiser **The Great Early-Bird Rate is Here!** **Saturday September 10th**

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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 sylvieforte18@gmail.com

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

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