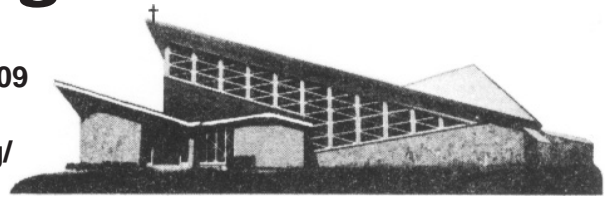


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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Mon – Fri 9 a.m. - 12 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 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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From the Pastor's Desk

Peace to all of you!

I hope that you have had a great and restful summer, it is nice to be back connecting with parishioners through the bulletin. This Sunday we celebrate the Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time. The First Reading, from the Book of Sirach, presents the greatness of the virtue of humility in the spiritual life. It is essential to be humble to receive all the graces that God wants to give us. It means to be conscious that we need God's help in our lives. It brings us to accept our weaknesses and to be open to God's gracious gifts. Humility is the basis of true life through which all other virtues are built upon. The Second Reading, from the Letter to the Hebrews, gives us a beautiful image of the Heavenly Jerusalem. We are all on a pilgrimage to meet the Lord fully in Heaven. For now, we are walking every day guided by our faith and hope focusing on the great goal that awaits us. Let us never lose heart during the pilgrimage of our lives because Jesus walks ahead of us and guides us. The Gospel, from St. Luke, gives us the account of parable of the wedding banquet. Jesus is encouraging us to have an attitude of humility, service, and love in our daily lives. We should not be looking to our own advantage and be first, but always looking for the good of others. Christ has come with an attitude of service always looking for our own good. We have received so much from Him; the Lord is inviting us to have the same attitude towards others. Let us receive the mercy of God so that we can do the same with others!

I hope that you have had a very restful and peaceful summer. We are waiting to see you at Church every weekend so that we can grow together in our faith. Have a great Sunday!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant and your Pastor

Pope Francis' Homily on the Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (September 1, 2019)

The Gospel of this Sunday (cf. Lc 14:1,7-14) shows us Jesus attending a banquet in the house of a Pharisee leader. Jesus watches and observes as the guests run, and hurry to get the top places. It is a rather widespread attitude, even in today, and not only when you are invited to a meal: usually, you look for the top place to assert a supposed superiority over others. In fact, this race to the top is bad for the community, both civil and ecclesiastical, because it ruins fraternity. We all know these people: climbers, who always climb to go higher, and higher... They hurt fraternity, they wound fraternity. Faced with that scene, Jesus recounts two short parables.

The first parable is addressed to the one who is invited to a banquet, and urges him not to put himself first, because, he says, "a more distinguished guest than you, may have been invited by him and the host who invited both of you may approach you and say: "Give your place to that person!" An embarrassment! "and then you would proceed with embarrassment to take the lowest place" (see Vv. 8-9). Jesus, on the other hand, teaches us to have the opposite attitude: "When you are invited, go and take the lowest place, so that when the host comes to you he may say : "My friend, move up to a higher position!" (see 10). Therefore, we

should not seek on our own initiative the attention and consideration of others, but rather let others give it to us. Jesus always shows us the way of humility - we must learn the way of humility! – because it is the most authentic one, which also allows us to have authentic relationships. True humility, not fake humility, that in the Piedmont is called quaciamiller, no, not that. But true humility.

In the second parable, Jesus addresses the one who invites and, referring to the way of selecting the guests, tells him: "When you offer a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because they of their inability to repay you" (v. 13-14). Here, too, Jesus goes completely against the tide, manifesting as always the logic of God the Father. And he also adds the key to interpreting His speech. And what's the key? A promise: if you do so, "you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous" (v. 14). This means that whoever behaves in this way will have the divine reward, much higher than any human exchange expected: I do you this favour and wait for you to give me one in return. No, this is not Christian. Humble generosity is Christian. Human exchange, in fact, usually distorts relationships, makes them "commercial", introducing self-interest into a relationship that should be generous and free. Instead, Jesus invites selfless generosity, to open the way to a much greater joy, the joy of being part of God's own love that awaits us, all of us, in the heavenly banquet.

May the Virgin Mary, "the humblest and highest of creatures" (Dante, Paradise, XXXIII, 2), help us to recognize ourselves as we are, that is, small; and to rejoice in giving without something in return.

Knights of Columbus, St John the Evangelist Council, meetings are the 1st Wednesday of each month from Sept to June. Next Meeting is Wednesday Sept7, 2022 at 8PM at the Knights Hall at 133 Brock St North with masking and social distancing still recommended but not mandatory. 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 Membership Director Bryan Childerhouse bryan.childerhouse@rogers.com or call 416-508-9877



Masses For The Week

Sat Aug 27- 5:00pm

+Brian McMonagle
req. by The Burke Family

Mon Aug 29 – 8:00am

A Special Intention
req. by Irena Stebih

Tues Aug 30 – 8:00am

+Lorraine Dandridge
req. by Dan Dandridge

Wed Aug 31 – 7:00pm

+Philip Bardoul
req. by A Parishioner
+Flossie Macdonnell
req. by Marjorie Shields

AUGUST 28, 2022

Thurs Sept 1 – 8:00am

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req. by

Fri Sept 2 – 8:00am

+
req. by

First Friday Sept 2, follows mass at 8:30am – 9:30am

Sat Sept 3 – 5:00pm

+**Stewart Hamilton**
req. by John Ecker & Michael Checkley

PARISH HOME CATECHISM PROGRAM (PHCP) 2022-23

St. John the Evangelist PHCP provides faith formation classes for elementary school children. Our mission is to assist parents in developing the Catholic Faith in their children. In order to help students who do not attend Catholic school develop the faith foundation necessary to receive the sacraments, they are required to attend PHCP from grades 1 through 7. The PHCP runs two Wednesday evenings per month, **6:15 – 7:15 p.m.**, September through to May. Classes begin **Wednesday, September 28th**.

PHCP REGISTRATION:

- Registration for PHCP **will be open until Wednesday, September 14, 2021.**
- For your convenience, registration forms are now available on the parish website.
- Please register in person in the parish office during regular business hours or you may place your registration package, labelled PHCP in the Sunday collection basket.
- The registration fee for PHCP is \$60 per child.

A PHCP Information Meeting for parents, guardians and catechists is planned for **Tuesday, September 13th at 7:00 pm in the Church.** For those unable to attend in person, the meeting will be broadcasted live.

If you are interested in registering your child for PHCP and would like more information about the program, please contact Lorraine Thomas, PHCP Coordinator, **905-409-1743.**

Please Note: Parents/guardians are required to provide at registration **baptismal records** for their children who are **NEW** to the PHCP and who were **not** baptized at St. John the Evangelist Church.

R.C.I.A.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) provides instruction and spiritual formation to anyone 16 years of age and older who are not baptized, or baptized in another Christian community, who would like to become a member of the Catholic Church. Catholic adults who have not yet celebrated their First Eucharist or the Sacrament of Confirmation may also take part. RCIA Sessions take place on Thursday evenings from 7pm to 9pm in the Parish Centre beginning soon. Interested participants should contact Fr. Francisco at the Parish Office **as soon as possible** to register: (905) 668-3676.

St. John the Evangelist Golf Outing Proceeds to the Parish building maintenance fund

4-Person Scramble (aka....Best Ball)
All abilities welcome!!!

Saturday, September 10, 2022
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Call Sylvie to register
or for more information 905-493-7999



Campaign Life Coalition

Life Chain Sunday, October 2, 2022

We meet at the corner of Dundas & Thicksen

A New Year for Youth Ministry:

St. John the Evangelist youth ministry is starting again this Fall! Youth ministry is a fun way for the youth of the parish to come together in community to learn about the love of Jesus Christ. Our youth groups are EDGE (Gr. 5-8) and Life Teen (Gr. 9-12). Both programs will run on alternating Thursday nights in the St. Joseph Room from 6:30pm-8:00pm from September 2022-June 2023. This year we're focusing on growing the youth ministry community here at the parish to be larger and more vibrant than ever before. Those youth who participated in and enjoyed the Totus Tuus summer camp should consider the EDGE and Life Teen programs.

A full schedule of both program dates and information about the programs is available on the parish website. If you have any questions contact **Breandán McCallister** at **bmccallister@archtoronto.org** or at the parish office.

Youth Ministry Core Team:

Do you have a passion for youth and a love for Christ? If so then the youth ministry Core Team may be for you. The Core Team is the team of volunteers who dedicate their time and talents to share with the youth of the parish during EDGE and Life Nights. If you have any questions about being on the Core Team please contact **Breandán McCallister** at **bmccallister@archtoronto.org** or at the parish office.

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