

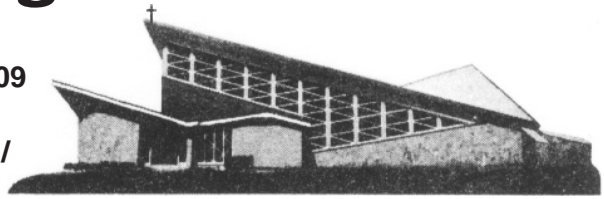
# St. John the Evangelist Church

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Mr. Francisco Perez Caretaker  
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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 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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## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Message from the Pastor

Peace to all of you!

This Sunday we celebrate the Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time. The First Reading, from the Book of Wisdom, presents the futility and vanity of human life. Everything in life passes away, it is precarious. In front of the precariousness of life, we are called to put our trust in the Lord. He wants to give us a wisdom that brings us to look for what really lasts, what endures forever. Let us open our hearts to the wisdom from above. The Second Reading, from the Letter of St. Paul to Philemon, gives us a presentation of the beautiful advice that St. Paul shares with Onesimus regarding welcoming wholeheartedly his slave of Philemon. He has run away from him but has met with Paul in jail. Now, St. Paul is asking him to forgive him and treat him like a fellow Christian. At times, we all have resentments and disagreements, but the Lord wants to help us to find reconciliation and peace. The Gospel, from St. Luke, offers us the words on discipleship. We are called to follow the Lord in our daily lives. The Lord wants to be the center of our hearts so that we may receive fullness of life from Him. All of us are called to follow Him with our own situations and hardships. If we rely in the Lord, we will realize that He gives us the grace to be at peace even during struggles. Let us open our hearts and follow the Lord with all our hearts so that in Him we may find life to the fullest!



As we are about to begin a new school year, let us pray for the children, adolescents, youth, teachers, and parents from our parish. Let us ask the Lord that they may be filled with strength, wisdom and guidance so that they can accomplish wonderful things. God bless you during the school year ahead!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant and your Pastor

### Pope Francis' Homily on the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (September 8, 2013)

In today's Gospel Jesus insists on the conditions for being his disciples: preferring nothing to the love of Christ, carrying one's cross and following him. Many people in fact drew near to Jesus, they wanted to be included among his followers; and this would happen especially after some miraculous sign which accredited him as the Messiah, the King of Israel. However Jesus did not want to disappoint anyone. He knew well what awaited him in Jerusalem and which path the Father was asking him to take: it was the Way of the Cross, the way of sacrificing himself for the forgiveness of our sins. Following Jesus does not mean taking part in a triumphal procession! It means sharing his merciful love, entering his great work of mercy for each and every man and for all men. The work of Jesus is, precisely, a work of mercy, a work of forgiveness and of love! Jesus is so full of mercy! And this universal pardon, this mercy, passes through the Cross. Jesus, however, does not want to do this work alone: he wants to involve us too in the mission that the Father entrusted to him. After the Resurrection he was to say to his disciples: "As the Father has sent me, even so I send you"... if you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven" (Jn 20:21-22). Jesus' disciple renounces all his possessions because in Jesus he has found the greatest Good in which every other good receives its full value and meaning: family ties, other relationships, work, cultural and economic goods and so forth.... The Christian detaches him or

herself from all things and rediscovers all things in the logic of the Gospel, the logic of love and of service.

To explain this requirement, Jesus uses two parables: that of the tower to be built and that of the king going to war. The latter says: "What king, going to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and take counsel whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends an embassy and asks terms of peace" (Lk 14:31-32). Jesus does not wish to address the topic of war here; it is only a parable. Yet at this moment in which we are praying intensely for peace, this word of the Lord touches us to the core, and essentially tells us: there is a more profound war that we must all fight! It is the firm and courageous decision to renounce evil and its enticements and to choose the good, ready to pay in person: this is following Christ, this is what taking up our cross means! This profound war against evil! What is the use of waging war, so many wars, if you aren't capable of waging this profound war against evil? It is pointless! It doesn't work.... Among other things this war against evil entails saying "no" to the fratricidal hatred and falsehood that are used; saying "no" to violence in all its forms; saying "no" to the proliferation of weapons and to the illegal arms trade. There is so much of it! So much of it! And the doubt always remains: is this war or that war — because wars are everywhere — really a war to solve problems or is it a commercial war for selling weapons in illegal trade? These are the enemies to fight, united and consistent, following no other interests than those of peace and of the common good.

### WELCOME BACK TO CWL

CWL sisters and ladies of the parish, you are welcome to attend our first in-person general meeting on Thursday, September 22nd, 2022. Our meeting will take place in the Parish Centre at 7:30 p.m. If you are planning to attend, please let Lynne Childerhouse know by telephone 905.431.6582 or by email [lchilderhouse@hotmail.com](mailto:lchilderhouse@hotmail.com). Looking forward to getting together.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Would you like to join in the mission of Jesus to make disciples and enrich your own faith? If so, you are invited to assist as a Catechist in the Confirmation Program in our parish.

We are looking for volunteers to lead classes in February and March 2023. It would be a time commitment of four Saturday mornings in total. No formal teaching experience is required. Preparation and support will be provided, with step-by-step instructions for each class.

If you feel that God may be calling you to this important ministry to our young people, please call the parish office at (905) 668-3676 and provide your name and phone number.

### SERVE WITH JOY!

Our Church needs the gift of your time and talent to assist with Sacramental Preparation for Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation. If you are able to help with registration nights, catechetical / preparation sessions, or at the celebrations (Masses), please contact Susan Douglas at (905) 668-3676.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:bmccallister@archtoronto.org) or at the parish office.



## Masses For The Week

**Sat Sept 3 – 5:00pm**

**+Stewart Hamilton**

*req. by John Ecker & Michael Checkley*

**Mon Sept 5 – 9:00am**

**+Michelle Stairs**

*req. by The Fennessey Family*

**Tues Sept 6 – 8:00am**

**+Lorraine Dandridge**

*req. by Dan Dandridge*

**Wed Sept 7 – 7:00pm**

**+Louis McKenna**

*req. by The Burke Family*

**+William Gilligan**

*req. by Vicki Morgan*

**Thurs Sept 8 – 8:20am**

**+Katherine Barbolini**

*req. by Iris & Frank McNulty*

**Fri Sept 9 – 8:20am**

**+Dorothy & Felix LeBlanc**

*req. by Their Family*

## 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 28<sup>th</sup>**.

## 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Life Chain

**Sunday, October 2, 2022 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**  
**At the northwest corner of Cochrane & Dundas streets**

*"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land." II Chronicles 7:14*

Join us in order to defend life from conception to natural death in a peaceful way. Give witness to the value and beauty of life. Jesus has given His mother the privilege of interceding to Him for the needs of our country and the world. We also encourage you to join us from **noon until 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**, to say the **Rosary** under the banner of Canada Needs Our Lady. For both Life Chain and the public profession of the Rosary, we **meet at our northwest corner of Cochrane St. and Dundas St. W.**

Please join us for one or both of these events to implore God to heal our nation and the world. If you are unable to join us in person, please join us in prayer wherever you are.



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