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SUNDAY LITURGY —

SPANISH MASS —

Sunday 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. 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)

Mrs. Gail Stewart

5:00 p.m.

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.

**EUCHARISTIC 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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### Message from the Pastor

Peace to all of you!

This Sunday we celebrate the Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The First Reading, from the Book of the prophet Amos, presents the risk of living a very comfortable life concerned only with our own pleasures. This attitude is very selfish and is futile. It leads to emptiness and does not give any fruit of righteousness and peace. It goes against the core of our being, which is to love our neighbour. The prophet warns against this attitude. The Second Reading, from the Letter of St. Paul to Timothy, gives an encouragement to Timothy to be faithful in the practice of the faith. It is not easy to persevere in following God's commandments in everyday life. At times, we can get discouraged because our attitudes do not change. However, St. Paul advices us to be faithful, with God's grace, to the faith that we have been given. The fruit that we will receive is fulness of life and peace. The Gospel, from St. Luke, offers us the account of rich man and Lazarus. The rich man lives sumptuously every day and does not notice Lazarus, who is suffering at the door of his house. To live in a selfish way and giving pleasure to ourselves impedes us to see the needs of the others. This rich man does not even have a name because he has lost the meaning of his identity, which is to love and to be concerned with the good of others. Let us ask the Lord to our hearts are always open to see the needs of others and to help them!

On Mondays and Thursdays at 7:30pm, we are having the Announcement of the Good News in the Church. I really encourage you attend and to experience how much God loves us and to experience His mercy in our lives. It is free and you do not need to sign up, just come and listen to Him. Come, the Lord is waiting for you!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant, and your Pastor

PCHP is starting this Wednesday Sept 28 from 6:15pm to 7:15pm

# Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund Collection — October 1/2, 2022

Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in the collection being held the weekend of October 1/2 to support the Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund. The collection is a national grassroots effort to assist healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of This Land. The fund was the result of a \$30 million financial commitment made by the Canadian Bishops in September 2021.

Funds will support culture and language revitalization, education and community building, healing and reconciliation for communities and families and dialogue involving Indigenous elders, spiritual leaders and youth with a focus on Indigenous spirituality and culture. This is an opportunity to follow the invitation of the Holy Father made earlier this year for each one of us to become engaged in the healing and reconciliation journey. For more information or to donate online, visit:

www.archtoronto.org/healingandrec onciliation. Thank you for your generosity.



## Thanksgiving Vegetable Fundraiser

Once again, St. John the Evangelist Parish is proud to partner with Willowtree Farm for a unique fundraiser. We will be selling Fresh from the Farm, local vegetables for your Thanksgiving dinner. Each bag will contain; 1 seasonal squash, 1 cauliflower or cabbage, 2 onions, garlic, and an array of carrots, beets, and potatoes for \$25.

Pick up your order envelope after mass today. Fill out the order form and return it in the envelope with your payment by Sunday September 25th. You can place your orders in the Parish Office or in the Collection Baskets at any mass.

When considering orders for friends or family, there is also the option to donate to our Food Bank. On the order form there will be a place to indicate if the vegetables are to be donated; donated bags will not need to be picked up.

The veggies will arrive to the Parish Centre on Friday September 30<sup>th</sup>. You will need to pick up your veggies over the weekend of September 30<sup>th</sup>, October 1st & 2<sup>nd</sup>. There are six pick-up times listed on the order form.

There will be a meeting for First Reconciliation on Tuesday, Sept 27 at 7pm in the Church

### **The Good News**

"I have come so that they may have life in abundance." John 10:10



Where is your life going? What is the meaning of your life? Do you feel lonely? Would you like to be happy? Would you like to strengthen your faith?

Come and discover the love that God has for you! Starting September 19, 2022 Mondays and Thursdays at 7:30pm

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Program Guides are available at the back of the church.

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## 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

### **SERVE WITH JOY!**

and phone number.

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

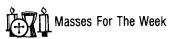
parish to be larger and more vibrant than ever before. Those youth who participated in and enjoyed the Totus Tuus summer camp should consider the EDGE and Life Teen programs.

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** 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.

Sat Sept 24 – 5:00pm +Brian McMonagle req. by Bryan & Lynn Childerhouse

Mon Sept 26 – 8:20am
For a special intention asking for the
Holy Spirit
req. by Dan Dandridge

Tues Sept 27 – 8:20am +Lorraine Dandridge reg. by Dan Dandridge

Wed Sept 28 – 7:00pm +Pietro Fuoco req. by The Fuoco Family

> +Lorraine Dandridge Req. by Dan Dandridge

Thurs Sept 29 – 8:20am
Private Prayer Intentions of Prayer
Group Members
req. by Iris and Franc McNulty

Fri Sept 30 – 8:20am Intention for Fr. Andy Macbeth req. by St. John's Parish

### 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.

# <u>Life Chain</u> Sunday, October 2, 2022 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m At the northwest corner of Cochrane &

**Dundas streets** 

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 15th, 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.

### Fr. Andy Macbeth is Retiring!

Fr. Andy Macbeth will retire after 47 years in the priesthood, and 19 years at St. Margaret of Scotland, Toronto, on October 1, 2022. Fr Andy served as Pastor at St. John the Evangelist from 1991 to 2003. During that time, he set up many of the still running Ministries we have in the parish today.

Please keep Fr. Andy in your prayers and well wishes for a joyful and blessed retirement!



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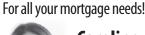
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