

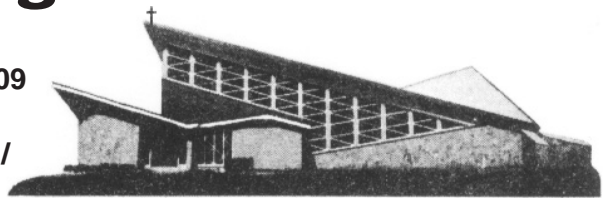
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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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Development & Peace (CCODP)	Estela Rios	905-430-7753
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St. Vincent de Paul Society - Help Line		905-430-6734

Catholic Cemeteries	Oshawa 905-725-3513	Ajax	905-668-8912
Catholic Family Services	1-800-241-3534	or	905-428-1984
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THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Message from the Pastor

Peace to all of you!

This Sunday we celebrate the Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time. The First Reading, from the Book of Wisdom, reminds us that God's mercy is everlasting. Even though we are fragile and sinful, God's mercy is always available to us. Even though we are weak and fall into sin, there is hope for us and, if we repent, God is always ready to forgive us. Let us never get tired of asking God for forgiveness since He does not get tired of forgiving us. The Second Reading, from the Second Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians, offers us encouraging words of St. Paul to the people of Thessalonica. He advises them to rely in God so that they may continue, with God's grace, to do good and to grow in faith. It is true that to carry out good works and to grow in virtue, we need God's help. On our own, we get discouraged and tired, but with God's grace, we can do immensely more than we can imagine. The Gospel, from St. Luke, shows us the episode of the tax collector Zacchaeus. He was a thief and a selfish person since he was stealing from his own people to give to the Romans, and he was getting rich at their expense. He was hated by everybody. Everything changed when Jesus came to visit him. Instead of being rejected, Jesus showed him mercy and went to have dinner at his house. This magnificent event changed his heart since he felt forgiven even though he did not deserve it. He welcomed this mercy and therefore, his heart was transformed, and he restored more than he stole from people. It is a great example to realize that through God's mercy we receive strength to love others unconditionally. Moreover, we can forgive even those who have hurt us. Let us open our hearts to God's mercy who comes always to forgive us and to restore us so that we can love others completely!

Let us pray for our deceased relatives and friends during the month of November!

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



**Society of St. Vincent
de Paul**

St. John the Evangelist Conference

BUNDLE WEEKEND

November 12-13, 2022

Our conference at St. John's will be holding a Bundle Weekend Collection drive to serve our neighbours in need living in the Durham community. A truck will be parked in St. John Parish parking lot over the weekend Nov 12/13 accepting gently used/new clothing, coats, linens, towels, bedding, textiles, drapery, shoes/boots.

We CANNOT accept furniture, appliances, mattresses, used baby equipment, books, dishes, construction material or video tapes.

Please bring your items to the truck after mass Saturday at 5pm, Sunday 9am or 11am or 2:00 pm in Spanish.

A member of the conference will assist you with your donation. Thank you.

St. Vincent de Paul Society are making a lot of deliveries during this time and are in need of peanut butter, pasta sauce, canned fruit, canned meat. Please place your donations in the container at the back of the entrance of the church. God bless you for your generosity

There is a Day of Reflection and Prayer for the Bereaved at Manresa on Saturday, November 5, 2022 from 9:30am to 5pm. Please contact Mary Hyland 905-441-0957

We have Sunday Missals for 2023 at \$5 each.

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

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.

OCTOBER 30, 2022

CONFIRMATION
(Grade 7)

REGISTRATION and INFORMATION NIGHT
in the Church (one parent & candidate to attend)

Tuesday, November 8 at 7:00 pm

(please bring completed registration form, a \$40 fee for program expenses and a **photocopy** of your child's Baptism Certificate)



Masses For The Week

Sat October 29 – 5:00pm

+Decesed members of Timms and
Morgan families

req. by Pat & Vicki Morgan

Mon October 31 – 8:20am

+Jim Dashney Sr. & Jim Dashney Jr.

req. by Clare Dashney

Tues November 1 – 8:20am (All Saints)

+Lorraine Dandridge

req. by Dan Dandridge

Wed November 2– 7:00pm (All Souls)

NO INTENTIONS

Thurs November 3rd– 8:20am

+Lorraine Dandridge

req. by Dan Dandridge

Fri November 4 – 8:20am

+Lorraine Dandridge

req. by Pablo & Maria Enrique

Sat November 5– 5:00pm

+Stewart Hamilton

req by The Hannon Family

CHRISTMAS GIVING – 2022

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will be assisting our neighbours in need at Christmas. Again this year gift cards will be distributed. To support this endeavour, we are requesting your support with either cash or cheque donations. The Society provides **tax receipts for cash or cheque donations.**

Donations of gift cards are also gratefully accepted. However, unfortunately we are not able to provide receipts for gift cards. During the month of November, please use the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul envelopes which are available on the back counter in the Church. We will use your generous donations to purchase gift cards, and will distribute them to our neighbours in need in early December. It would be very helpful if we received your donation by November 30th, 2022.

The Book of Life



The month of November is traditionally known as the month of the Holy Souls, having at its' beginning, the two great feasts - All Saints and All Souls. To commemorate your faithful departed family and friends, you are invited to submit a page for the "Book of Life." This page should be 8 ½" by 11" and fit into a standard 3-ring binder. On it you may type or print the names of whomever you would like to have remembered in a special way at all our parish Masses during November. You may decorate your "Family Page" in whatever way you wish, as long as it fits the above requirements. This "Book of Life" will be left in the sanctuary during November to remind us to pray, at church and at home for our loved ones. Please note previous years of pages are included already.

Donation envelopes for All Souls are available to write the names of those you wish to be prayed for on All Souls Day November 2nd and each Wednesday evening in November at 7pm.

Please include your name and address for tax receipt purposes.

We are having a Dinner and Dance on Nov 4th at 7pm at Tosca. Tickets are \$100. Come and enjoy each other's

Tabernacle candle for week October30-November 5th for special intention by Alice Deehan.

"Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed"

Our parish will hold a ***"Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed" mass on Wednesday November 2nd, at 7:00 p.m., in the church.*** This mass is an opportunity for members of our parish family to come together, in remembrance of loved ones we have lost through death. The mass will include a special acknowledgement of individuals who have been buried from our parish over the last year and a lighting of candles in memory of loved ones. We hope that you will accept this invitation to join fellow parishioners for this special mass.

If you would like additional information please contact the parish office at (905) 668-3676.

Knights of Columbus, St John the Evangelist Council, meetings are the 1st Wednesday of each month from Sept to June. Next Meeting is Wednesday Nov 2, 2022 at 8PM at the Knights Hall.

Thanks to all those who joined in person or at home in prayer for Life Chain on October 2nd. We will have our next Life Chain on October 1st, 2023. We will need somebody from our parish to organize this event. Judy Morris has been doing a great job for many years. If you are interested, please call parish office at 905-668-3676.

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