

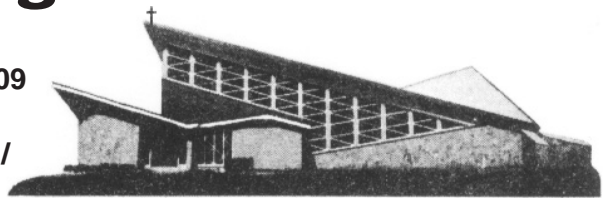
# St. John the Evangelist Church

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## Pastoral Team

Rev. Francisco Fernandez Siles Pastor  
Miss Susan Douglas Lay Pastoral Asst.  
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## Support Staff

Mr. Francisco Perez Caretaker  
Mr. Kevin Dashney Director of Music  
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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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## Message from the Pastor

Peace to all of you!

This Sunday we celebrate the Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. The First Reading, from the Second Book of Maccabees, offers us the account of the martyrdom of the Jewish seven brothers and their mother during the reign of King Antiochus. Even though they were tortured and threatened, they remained faithful to the Lord, confident that they were going to inherit Eternal Life. This passage is very important since it is the first time that it is mentioned in the Scriptures the notion of the resurrection of the dead. God's plan is that all of us may inherit Eternal Life. The Second Reading, from the Second Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians, presents to us words of encouragement assuring of God's aid to remain faithful during struggles. Even though we face difficulties and our own weakness, the Lord is inviting us to rely in Him and to find strength in his grace so that we can persevere in any circumstance that we find ourselves. The Gospel, from St. Luke, offers us the episode of Jesus's discussion with the Sadducees. They did not believe in the resurrection of the dead and they questioned Jesus regarding the case of a woman who was married to seven husbands. Jesus assures them that God is a God of the living because everyone is called to Eternal Life in Heaven. Death is the door and the passage to Life, and it is not the end and the termination of life. This Gospel is very fitting at the beginning of November, month in which we remember our faithful departed. In front of the reality of death, God give us hope telling us that there is Eternal Life after death, Christ has conquered death and gives us the possibility to share in His Resurrection. We can already experience this in our lives today, but we will live it fully when it will be our time to meet with the Lord. Let us find consolation and hope in the Lord since He has overcome death and gives us the opportunity to share in Eternal Life!

*Let us pray for our deceased relatives and friends during the month of November! Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

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

## **Pope Francis' Homily on the Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (November 10, 2019)**

Today's Gospel passage (cf. Luke 20:27-38) offers us a wonderful teaching of Jesus on the resurrection of the dead. Which falls precisely in this month of November when we pray especially for the dead. Jesus is asked by some Sadducees, who did not believe in the resurrection and therefore provoke Him with an insidious question. It refers to a paradoxical case based on the Mosaic law. Whose wife, in the resurrection, would a woman be, who has had seven successive husbands, all brothers, who one after another have died? Jesus does not fall into the trap and replies that the risen in the hereafter "neither marry nor are given in marriage: in fact, they can no longer die, because they are equal to angels and, and are children of God, being children of the resurrection" (vv. 35-36). This is how Jesus responds.

With this answer, Jesus first invites His interlocutors – and us too – to think that this earthly dimension in which we live now is not the only dimension, but that there is another dimension, no longer subject to death, in which it will be fully manifested that we are children of God. It gives great consolation and hope to listen to this simple and clear word of Jesus about life beyond death; we need it so much especially in our time, so rich in knowledge about the universe but so poor in wisdom about eternal life.

This clear certainty of Jesus about the resurrection is based entirely on the fidelity of God, who is the God of life. In fact, behind the question of the Sadducees lies a deeper one: not only whose wife the widow of the seven husbands will be, but to whom will her life

belong. It is a doubt that has been felt by man down through the ages and also us: after this earthly pilgrimage, what will become of our lives? Will it belong to nothing, to death?

Jesus answered that life belongs to God, who loves us and cares so much about us, to the point of linking his name to ours: he is "the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now He is not God of the dead, but of the living; for to Him all are alive. Here is the wisdom that no science can ever give. Here the mystery of the resurrection is revealed. Because the mystery of life is revealed. Life exists where there is bond, communion, and brotherhood; and it is a stronger life than death when it is built on true relationships and bonds of fidelity. On the contrary, there is no life where one has the pretension of belonging only to oneself and of living as an island: in these attitudes, death prevails. It's selfishness. If I live for myself, I am sowing death in my heart. Eternal life is our destiny. The horizon of definitive fullness of our history, and it is this life that we are called to prepare through evangelical choices.

May the Virgin Mary help us to live every day in the perspective of what we say in the final part of the Creed: "I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come." Awaiting the hereafter.



## **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!

Mondays and Thursdays at 7:30pm

The 2022-2023 Missals are available at the back of the church for \$5.00 each. Please recycle your old missal at home.

NOVEMBER 6, 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)

**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.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul, St. John the Evangelist Conference  
**BUNDLE WEEKEND**

**November 12-13, 2022**

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.**

**Assistance provided to load your donation onto the truck Thank you.**



**Masses For The Week**

**Sat Nov 5- 5:00pm**

**+ Stewart Hamilton**

*req. by The Hannon Family*

**Mon Nov 7 - 8:20am**

**+Antonio, Rosina & Giovanni Bozzarello**

*req. by Natale & Anna Ciardullo*

**Tues Nov 8 - 8:20am**

**+Lorraine Dandridge**

*req. by Dan Dandridge*

**Wed Nov 9- 7:00pm**

**+Deceased Members of the Harrington, Broderick McClennan Families**

*req. by Joe & Joy Broderick*

**+Lorraine Dandridge**

*req. by Dan Dandridge*

**+Mariane Rocha**

*req. by Herminia Moniz*

**Int for Nina & Family**

*req. by Maire & Patrick Fitzpatrick*

**+Bourbon, Joan & Josephine Bennington**

*req. by Carmen Mohamed & Family*

**Thurs Nov 10 - 8:20am**

**+Fortunato, Maria & Daniele Ciardullo**

*req. by Natale & Anna Ciardullo*



**Fri Nov 11 - 8:20am**

**+Lorraine Dandridge**

*req. by Dan Dandridge*

**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 30<sup>th</sup>, 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 1/2" 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and each Wednesday evening in November at 7pm.***

***Please include your name and address for tax receipt purposes.***



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