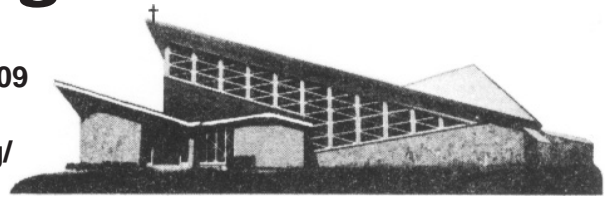


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Evening Reception

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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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Message from the Pastor

Peace to all of you!

This Sunday we celebrate the Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. The First Reading, from the prophet Malachi, encourages the people of Israel to remain faithful to the Lord in spite of the fact that they are passing through difficulties. Apparently, the unjust people get away with their wrongdoings; however, in the long run, they will reap nothing, they will remain empty. Even though the just person suffers injustices, they will reap peace and fulness of life. The Lord is encouraging us to persevere and remain faithful to Him because we will certainly reap out fruits. The Second Reading, from the Second Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians, offers us the advice to continue to be active in the spiritual life. It is very easy to grow weak and not to be persistent. It happens when we are not connected with the Lord, and we lose hope. If we are not looking for anything, we start being complacent and we get spiritually lazy. The consequence is that everything in our lives becomes heavy and it upsets us. However, if we are attached to the Lord, we find hope in Him, and He guides our lives. We are active and we have the strength to face whatever comes our way. Let us ask to the Lord the gift of perseverance and to remain spiritually active in the Lord. The Gospel, from St. Luke, presents to us the beginning of the eschatological (end of times) discourse of Jesus. As we are approaching the end of the liturgical year, He tells us that sooner or later everything around us will finish, it will end. Even though we see wars, catastrophes and other disasters happening, the Lord is inviting us not to panic, all this is normal in our fragile world. We live in a world that is not eternal and all these things have happened and will continue to happen. In front of these situations, we need to find refuge and strength in the Lord. He will keep us standing and our hearts will rest secure. He remains forever and will give us hope to know that in Him we have Eternal Life. We need to persevere with hope knowing that this world will disappear, but we belong to the citizenship of Heaven. Let us put our hope in the Lord knowing that we will find strength in Him, and He will help us to persevere!

Let us continue 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.

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant, and your Pastor

Pope Francis' Homily on the Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (November 17, 2013)

This Sunday's Gospel passage (Lk 21:5-19) is the first part of Jesus' discourse on the end times. He delivers it in Jerusalem, close to the Temple, prompted by people discussing the Temple and its beauty. The Temple was very beautiful. Jesus says: "As for these things which you see, the days will come when there shall not be left here one stone upon another" (Lk 21:6). Of course they asked him: When will this happen? What will the signs be? But Jesus moves the focus from these secondary aspects — i.e. when will it be? What will it be like? — to the truly important questions. Firstly, not to let oneself be fooled by false prophets nor to be paralyzed by fear. Secondly, to live this time of expectation as a time of witness and perseverance. We are in this time of waiting, in expectation of the coming of the Lord.

Jesus' words are perennially relevant, even for us today living in the 21st century too. He repeats to us: "Take heed that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name" (v. 8). This Christian virtue of understanding is a call to discern where the Lord is, and where the evil spirit is present. Today, too, in fact there are false "saviours" who attempt to replace Jesus: worldly leaders, religious gurus, even sorcerers, people who wish to attract hearts and minds to themselves, especially those of young people. Jesus warns us: "Do not follow them, do not follow them!".

The Lord also helps us not to be afraid in the face of war, revolution, natural disasters and epidemics. Jesus frees us from fatalism and false apocalyptic visions.

The second aspect challenges us as Christians and as a Church: Jesus predicts that his disciples will have to suffer painful trials and persecution for his sake. He reassures them, however, saying: "Not a hair of your head will perish" (v. 18). This reminds us that we are completely in God's hands! The trials we encounter for our faith and our commitment to the Gospel are occasions to give witness; we must not distance ourselves from the Lord, but instead abandon ourselves even more to him, to the power of his Spirit and his grace.

I am thinking at this moment, let everyone think together. Let us do so together: let us think about our many Christian brothers and sisters who are suffering persecution for their faith. There are so many. Perhaps more now than in past centuries. Jesus is with them. We too are united to them with our prayers and our love; we admire their courage and their witness. They are our brothers and sisters who, in many parts of the world, are suffering for their faithfulness to Jesus Christ. Let us greet them with heartfelt affection.

At the end Jesus makes a promise which is a guarantee of victory: "By your endurance you will gain your lives" (v. 19). There is so much hope in these words! They are a call to hope and patience, to be able to wait for the certain fruits of salvation, trusting in the profound meaning of life and of history: the trials and difficulties are part of the bigger picture; the Lord, the Lord of history, leads all to fulfilment. Despite the turmoil and disasters that upset the world, God's design of goodness and mercy will be fulfilled! And this is our hope: go forward on this path, in God's plan which will be fulfilled. This is our hope.

Jesus' message causes us to reflect on our present time and gives us the strength to face it with courage and hope, with Mary who always accompanies us.



The Shepherds' Trust Collection

The mission of the Shepherds' Trust is to raise awareness and funds so that elderly and disabled priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. The fund supports the needs of retired clergy in the Catholic Archdiocese of Toronto who have served our family of faith for many years. By supporting the Shepherds' Trust, retired priests are given the dignity of adequate pensions, health care and other assistance in their golden years.

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Your Catholic Women's League is sponsoring a fund raiser to support their charitable donations. 100 tickets will be sold at \$20.00 each, cash or cheques made out to St. John's CWL. When the 100 tickets are sold, a draw will be made and the winner receives \$1,000.00 and the CWL receives \$1,000.00. Tickets will be sold after Saturday 5 p.m. and Sunday 9 & 11 a.m. masses on November 26th & 27th – tickets go fast – don't be disappointed. Thank you for your support.

Mass for Deceased CWL Members

A mass for our CWL deceased members will be held on Thursday, November 24th at 6:30 p.m. in the church. We hope you will join us in celebrating the lives of these faith-filled women.

November CWL General Meeting

Our general meeting will take place after the mass for our deceased members on Thursday, November 24th. All women of the parish are invited to join us in the parish centre, main room approximately 7:30 p.m. If you require transportation, or more information, please do not hesitate to contact Lynne Childerhouse at 905.431.6582 or lchilderhouse@hotmail.com.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul,
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BUNDLE WEEKEND TODAY!
November 12-13, 2022

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

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**Knights of Columbus
Memorial Mass
Thursday November 17, 2022
7:30pm**

Make A Joyful Noise To the Lord!
St. John the Evangelist Parish
Children's Christmas Choir 2022
Young singers, age 7 and up are invited to help leading our parish in song at **Christmas Eve 5p.m. Family mass.** Rehearsals will all be held in the Parish Centre.

Saturdays 2:30-4:15 pm
NOVEMBER 19, 26,
DECEMBER 03, 10, 17

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For information and registration, contact
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Masses For The Week

Sat Nov 12– 5:00pm
+ Louis McKenna
req. by The Burke Family

Mon Nov 14 – 8:20am
+Bill Blight
req. by John & Mark Slattery & Families

Tues Nov 15 – 8:20am
+Giovanni, Rita & Giuseppe Beltrano
req. by Natale & Anna Ciardullo

Wed Nov 16– 7:00pm
+Deceased Mbrs of the Bonello Family
req. by Rita & Saviour Bonello
+Dominic Borg
req. by Rita & Saviour Bonello
+Martin Doleweerd
req. by His Wife & Family
+Theresa Bardoul
req. by Al Keefer & Family

Thurs Nov 17 – 8:20am
+Brian McMonagle
req. by Gail McMonagle

Fri Nov 18 – 8:20am
+Bridget Carolan
req. by Alice Deehan

Sat Nov 19 – 5:00pm
+Deceased Mbrs of the Broderick, Howard & Harrington Families
req. by Joe & Joy

Tabernacle Candle for Zoe,
requested by Mary
November 13 – 19, 2022

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.

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