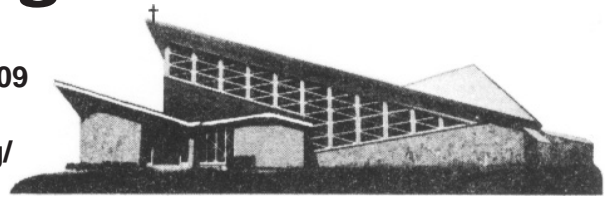


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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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 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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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Message from the Pastor

Peace to all of you!

This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ, the King of the Universe. The First Reading, from the Second Book of Samuel, presents to us the episode of the anointing of David as king of Israel. He is a prefiguration of the true King, who is Jesus Christ. As David was anointed king, Jesus Christ was anointed by the Holy Spirit and publicly recognized by His Father. We are encouraged to follow and find life in Jesus, who reigns with peace, justice, and mercy. The Second Reading, from the Letter of St. Paul to the Colossians, offers us the Hymn to Christ as the Savior of the world. Through Christ, we have been freed from sin and called to share in a new life. He is the culmination and fulfillment of our lives. If we place our hope and trust in Him, we will find fullness of life in Heaven with the Lord. The Gospel, from St. Luke, gives us a portion of the Jesus' crucifixion. At the Cross, Jesus has manifested what kind of King He is. He is One who is humble, merciful, and forgiving. Despite our sins and shortcomings, He offers us redemption, salvation, and Eternal Life. In the Cross we find the fullest manifestation of Christ's love for us: unconditional and until the end. We are encouraged to have Christ the King as the center of our lives and the Cross as the source of all graces. What a gift to have such a King who has given His life for us and who dies so that we may live eternally. Let us anchor our lives in the King of Kings who loves us so much!

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 Solemnity of Christ the King (November 24, 2019)

On this last Sunday of the liturgical year, we join our voices to that of the criminal crucified beside Jesus, who acknowledged and acclaimed him a king. Amid cries of ridicule and humiliation, at the least triumphal and glorious moment possible, that thief was able to speak up and make his profession of faith. His were the last words Jesus heard, and Jesus' own words in reply were the last he spoke before abandoning himself to the Father: "Truly I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise" (Lk 23:43).

The chequered history of the thief seems, in an instant, to take on new meaning: he was meant to be there to accompany the Lord's suffering. And that moment does nothing more than confirm the entire meaning of Jesus' life: always and everywhere to offer salvation. The attitude of the good thief makes the horror and injustice of Calvary – where helplessness and incomprehension are met with jeers and mockery from those indifferent to the death of an innocent man – become a message of hope for all humanity. "Save yourself!" The shouts of scornful derision addressed to the innocent victim of suffering will not be the last word; rather, they will awaken a response from those who let their hearts be touched, who choose compassion as the authentic way to shape history.

Today, in this place, we want to renew our faith and our commitment. We know too well the history of our failures, sins and limitations, even as the good thief did, but we do not want them to be what determines or defines our present and future. We know how readily all of us can take the easy route of shouting out: "Save yourself!" and choose not to think about our responsibility to alleviate the suffering of innocent people all around us. This land has experienced, as few countries have, the destructive power of which we humans are capable. Like the good thief, we want to speak up and profess our faith, to defend and assist the Lord, the innocent man of sorrows. We want to accompany him in his ordeal, to stand by him in his isolation and abandonment, and to hear once more that salvation is the word the Father desires to speak to all: "Today you will be with me in Paradise".

Our faith is in the God of the living. Christ is alive and at work in our midst, leading all of us to the fullness of life. He is alive and wants us to be alive; he is our hope (cf. Christus Vivit, 1). Each day we pray: Lord, may your kingdom come. With these words, we want our own lives and actions to become a hymn of praise. If, as missionary disciples, our mission is to be witnesses and heralds of things to come, we cannot become resigned in the face of evil in any of its forms. Rather, we are called to be a leaven of Christ's Kingdom wherever we find ourselves: in the family, at work or in society at large. We are to be a little opening through which the Spirit continues to breathe hope among peoples. The kingdom of heaven is our common goal, a goal that cannot be only about tomorrow. We have to implore it and begin to experience it today, amid the indifference that so often surrounds and silences the sick and disabled, the elderly and the abandoned, refugees and immigrant workers. All of them are a living sacrament of Christ our King (cf. Mt25:31-46). For "if we have truly started out anew from the contemplation of Christ, we must learn to see him especially in the faces of those with whom he himself wished to be identified" (John Paul II, Novo Millennio Ineunte, 49).

On that day at Calvary, many voices remained silent; others jeered. Only the thief's voice rose to the defence of the innocent victim of suffering. His was a brave profession of faith. Each of us has the same possibility: we can choose to remain silent, to jeer or to prophesy.

FIRST RECONCILIATION – Grade 2

RETREAT/PREPARATION SESSION

In the Church (one parent to attend with the child who is preparing for the Sacrament)

Saturday, November 26

11:00am – 12:00pm (A-L) 1:00pm – 2:00pm (M-Z)

Archdiocese Day of Confessions in St. John's Parish

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

9:30am – 11:30am

2:00pm – 4:00pm, 7:00pm – 8:00pm

Reconciliation Evening Service

Sunday December 18, 2022 at 7pm in the church

Several priests available

NOVEMBER 20, 2022

The **CWL** would like to thank the participants as well as their generous sponsors for the Fall 2022 Walkathon. It was a wonderful success, raising \$3,100.00. All the money raised will go towards our disbursements in January.

\$ Grand in Your Hand \$

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.

Prayer Group

St John the Evangelist Prayer Group meets every Wed at 1pm in the Parish Centre, all are welcome.

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**

CANTORS REHEARSALS: (Dec 03, 10, 17 from 1-2:15 pm) Cantors stay for Choir rehearsals)

Attendance at **ALL** rehearsals is necessary, to learn the music well, build a solid team effort in harmony, and feel confident and ready to lead song together. Youth leaders welcome!

For information and registration, contact

**Eileen McGowan 905 668-0959.
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Masses For The Week

Sat Nov 19 – 5:00pm

**+Deceased Mbrs of the Broderick,
Howard & Harrington Families**
req. by Joe & Joy

Mon Nov 21 – 8:20am

+Bill Blight

req. by John & Mark Slattery & Families

Tues Nov 22 – 8:20am

+Andrew Marioselva

req. by Christine Marioselva

Wed Nov 23– 7:00pm

+Shirley Barrett

req. by Noel & Suzanne Barrett

+Mike Reilly

req. by Mary L. LaBarre & Ken Reilly & Fam

+Anne Wiggers

req. by Maureen LaBarre & Family

Int for Natale Ciardullo

req. by The Shewchuk Family

+Cynthia Ho Sing Loy

req. by Nancy Mendez-Alcala

Thurs Nov 24 – 8:20am

+Michael Lawson

req. by His Family

Fri Nov 25 – 8:20am

+Antonio, Divina & Maria Ciardullo

req. by Natale & Maria Ciardullo

Sat Nov 26 – 5:00pm

+Stewart Hamilton

req. by Bryan & Lynne Childerhouse

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.

San Juan Diego Spanish Mission Amalgamating with St. John the Evangelist Parish

After five years of having San Juan Diego Spanish Mission as a separate entity, I wish to announce that we are planning to amalgamate the San Juan Diego Spanish Mission and St. John the Evangelist Parish together into one Parish. The Spanish mass will continue as always on Sundays at 2:00pm. The amalgamation will mean one bank account, one Pastoral Council, and one Financial Council and all are part of St. John the Evangelist Parish.

Your comments are welcomed. If you are in favour, or not in favour of this amalgamation we invite you to give us feedback on this form or by email to ffsiles@archtoronto.org

Sunday missals for 2023 are available to purchase for \$5 in the foyer. Spanish missals are \$10. Please recycle your old missal at home. 2023 Sunday Offertory envelopes will be available next weekend. Please note your envelope number in order to make the pickup process efficient.

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