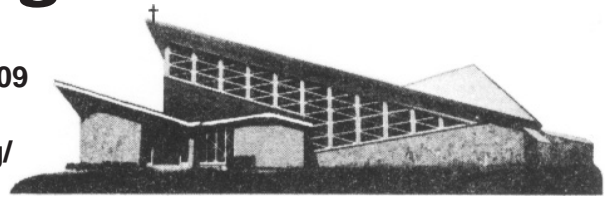


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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Message from the Pastor

Peace to all of you!

Today we celebrate the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, after the time of Christmas, in which we focus on the Gospel of Matthew. The First Reading, from the Book of the prophet Isaiah, offers us a part of the Second Song of the Servant of the Lord. The coming of the future Messiah is announced in the figure of a meek and humble servant who comes to establish justice and to be a light for the nations. This prophecy has been fulfilled in Jesus Christ who has offered us salvation through His Death and Resurrection with a merciful attitude. It is very important that we open our hearts to the saving and merciful power of the Lord Jesus in our lives. The Second Reading, from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians, gives us the introduction of this letter. Paul addresses some instructions to the community of Corinth, which is passing through a time of conflict and disunity. He invites them to receive the grace and peace that God the Father and Jesus Christ wants to give them. Throughout this letter, if people follow all the teachings, they will be filled with God's grace, which will fill them with peace and unity. We are all called to receive God's grace so that we can be inundated with his peace. This peace of Christ will bring us to be a united community caring for each other and walking towards Eternal Life with a common purpose. The Gospel, from St. John, presents to us the episode in which St. John the Baptist gives witness to Christ as the awaited Messiah. He is the Lamb of God, the sacrificial lamb who with a humble attitude has come to give His life to forgive our sins. He is the One who has been sent with the power to expiate and forgive all our sins. Moreover, He also gives the Holy Spirit who makes us sharers and coheirs of God's life in our daily lives. Let us recognize and open our hearts to the Savior who has been sent to us to forgive our sins and to fill us with life!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant and your Pastor

Pope Francis' Homily on the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (January 19, 2020)

This second Sunday of Ordinary Time is in continuity with the Epiphany and the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus. The Gospel passage (cf. Jn 1: 29-34) again speaks to us of the manifestation of Jesus. Indeed, after being baptized in the River Jordan, He was consecrated by the Holy Spirit Who came upon Him, and was proclaimed Son of God by the voice of the heavenly Father (cf. Mt 3: 16-17 et seq.). The Evangelist John, unlike the other three, does not describe the event, but proposes to us the witness of John the Baptist. He was the first witness of Christ. God had called him and prepared him for this.

The Baptist cannot hold back the urgent desire to bear witness to Jesus and declares: "I have seen and have borne witness" (v. 34). John saw something shocking, that is, the beloved Son of God in solidarity with sinners; and the Holy Spirit made him understand this unheard-of novelty, a true reversal. In fact, while in all religions it is man who offers and sacrifices something to God, in the event Jesus is God Who offers His Son for the salvation of humanity. John manifests his astonishment and his consent to this newness brought by Jesus, through a meaningful expression that we repeat each time in the Mass: "Behold the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world!" (v. 29).

The testimony of John the Baptist invites us to start out again and again on our journey of faith: to start afresh from Jesus Christ, the Lamb full of mercy that the Father gave for us. Let us be surprised once again by God's choice to be on our side, to show solidarity with us sinners, and to save the world from evil by taking it on fully.

Let us learn from John the Baptist not to assume that we already know Jesus, that we already know everything about Him (cf. v. 31). This is not so. Let us pause with the Gospel, perhaps even contemplating an icon of Christ, a "Holy face". Let us contemplate with our eyes and yet more with our hearts; and let us allow ourselves to be instructed by the Holy Spirit, Who tells us inside: It is He! He is the Son of God made lamb, immolated out of love. He alone has brought, He alone has suffered, He alone has atoned for sin, the sin of each one of us, the sin of the world, and also my sins. All of them. He brought them all upon Himself and took them away from us, so that we would finally be free, no longer slaves to evil. Yes, we are still poor sinners, but not slaves, no, not slaves: children, children of God!

May the Virgin Mary obtain for us the strength to bear witness to her Son Jesus; to proclaim Him with joy with a life freed from evil and a word full of astonished and grateful faith.

BIBLE STUDY

Monday February 20 to Monday March 27th "CONVERSION" by Bishop Robert Barron

In this film and study program, Bishop Robert Barron illuminates six biblical stories of conversion, demonstrating how six ordinary people, just like you, were met by Jesus where they were and called to a better life through him. The common theme in each story is the turning of all one's attention and energy toward an ever deeper, personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

In his characteristically energetic style, Bishop Barron explains how conversion is not so much a one-time event, but a life-long process. "Jesus Christ calls us in thousands of different ways to follow Him, as we strive on the path for spiritual excellence," explains Bishop Barron.

Please contact the parish office by phone or email before February 1, if you are interested in participating so that we can order the study books. Cost is \$25.

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Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina has resumed on Monday evenings at 7pm on zoom. We read and discuss the Sunday readings and Gospel and how it pertains to your life.

Please call the office if you need the meeting information. For any returning members, the contact information remains the same.

ATTENTION ENGAGED COUPLES!

MARRIAGE PREPARATION CLASSES

Our next Marriage Preparation Course at St. John the Evangelist will be held on 6 Monday evenings from April 10 to May 15, 2023 at 7pm in the Parish Centre. Call 668-3676. Fee is \$250 per couple.

JANUARY 15, 2023

SACRAMENT PREPARATION PROGRAM

2022-2023

FIRST EUCHARIST
(Grade 2)

PARENTS' MEETING in the Church (parents only)
Tuesday, January 24, 2023, 7:00 – 8:30 pm

****NEW DATES FOR RITE OF ENROLMENT****

at the Church (children & families)
Saturday, January 28 at 5:00 pm OR
Sunday, January 29 at 9:00 am OR 11:00am

CONFIRMATION
(Grade 7)

Sessions 1 – 5
February 4, 11, 25 and March 4 in the Parish Centre
(date for Session 5 to be determined)
9:00 am – 10:30 am or 11:00 am – 12:30 pm (as scheduled)

**A HUGE THANK YOU FROM THE
SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

Through the generosity of the Parish Community of St. John the Evangelist, the Society of St. Vincent De Paul was able to provide Christmas help to 118 families, with 174 children and 30 seniors, within the Parish boundaries. We were able to provide them with vouchers, with which they could purchase gifts and groceries for their families. All our neighbours in need were very grateful for our help.

We wish to thank the students and staff of St. John the Evangelist School, and St. Luke the Evangelist School, for their generous monetary donations and their donations of gift cards, which in turn, allowed us to help our neighbours in need. A big thank you to the Daughters of Isabella, St. John the Evangelist "Veggie" Fundraiser and the Knights of Columbus for their amazing monetary donations.

We are truly grateful to the many Parishioners of St. John the Evangelist Church for your overwhelming generosity in the form of monetary gifts and gift cards. We truly applaud and appreciate the spirit of generosity from all of you.

Tax receipts will be mailed to parishioners for all donations of cash or cheques in the amount of \$25.00 or more.

Again, a heartfelt thanks to all of you, from the members of The Society of St. Vincent De Paul.



Masses For The Week

Sat Jan 14 – 5:00pm

+Alcides Jeronimo
req. by His Family

Mon Jan 16 – 8:20am

+Humberto Schenflege
req. by His Family

Tues Jan 17 – 8:20am

+Yesudass
req. by Yesu

Wed Jan 18 – 7:00pm

+Ernest Berry
req. by The Berry Family

Thurs Jan 19 – 8:20am

In Thanksgiving for 25th Anniversary of Mr. & Mrs. Victor
req. by Their Family

Fri Jan 20 – 8:20am

A Special Intention

req. by Alice Deehan

Sat Jan 21 – 5:00pm

+Jeyarani Johnpillai
req. by Belshia Victor

DCDSB Kindergarten Registration Opens January 12, 2023

Begin your child's faith-filled journey at the Durham Catholic District School Board (DCDSB)! Your child must be turning 4 years of age by December 31, 2023 to register for Year 1/Junior Kindergarten **or** 5 years of age by December 31, 2023 to register for Year 2/Senior Kindergarten. Complete your online registration by visiting dcdsb.ca/Kindergarten

CWL January 2023 Meeting

Our January meeting will take place on Thursday, January 19, 2023, 7:30 p.m. in the parish centre. We hope you will join us as we distribute our charitable disbursements. You will also have the opportunity to renew your membership.

CWL Membership Campaign

On January 21 & 22, 2023 CWL members will be at the back of the church for membership renewals and for ladies who would like to join the Catholic Women's League. The cost of membership is \$40.00. This includes the League Magazine (3 times per year) and support for our league and the Toronto Diocesan, Regional, Provincial and National levels of our organization. Joining the CWL allows you to deepen your faith and get to know and develop friendships with women within our parish community. You become part of the united voice, of the largest organization of over 63,000 Catholic women, when our representatives meet with the provincial and federal governments. We hope you will renew your membership and we wish to invite all women to join us as we witness to the love of God through ministry and service. If you require additional information, please contact Lynne Childerhouse at 905-431-6582, or email at lchilderhouse@hotmail.com.

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