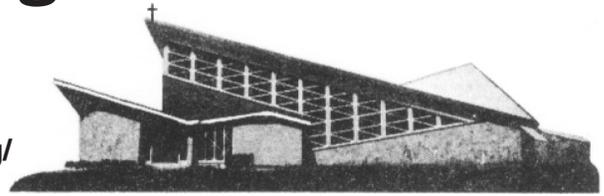


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## Pastoral Team

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

Mr. Francisco Perez Caretaker  
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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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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Message from the Pastor

Peace to all of you!

Today we celebrate the Fifth Sunday of Easter. The First Reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, describes the need that the community had to establish deacons. At every gathering, there was the preaching of the Word of God, the breaking of the bread and the sharing of a meal. People were not treated fairly, and it was too much for the apostles to serve the people by distributing food. Therefore, they chose seven men who were appointed as deacons with the role to serve and to wait on tables while the apostles continued with the preaching. The ministry of service is very important in the Church by which we are called to care and show love for each other. The Second Reading, from the First Letter of St. Peter, shows how those who had been baptized are called to act as the people of God. They had been elected by the Lord to be precious stones of the spiritual temple of God. Through their faith and deeds, they were called to be an example of God's love for all people. In our parish community, God has chosen us and has done wonderful deeds of salvation in our lives so that we share the Good News to those around us by the way we live. The Gospel, from St. John, offers us a portion of Jesus' discourse at the Last Supper with His disciples. He had told them that someone will betray Him and that they will not see Him any longer. The disciples were confused and sad, but Jesus Christ reassured them to trust in Him. He is going to prepare a place for them so that they can share with Him forever. They were called to believe that He is the one on whom they needed to put their total trust because through Him they are going to receive fullness of life. Let us trust in the Lord and rely in Him so that we can receive fullness of life in the midst of our struggles!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant and your Pastor

Pope Francis Homily for the Fifth Sunday of Easter (May 10, 2020)

In today's Gospel passage (John 14:1-12) we hear the beginning of Jesus' so-called "farewell discourse." These are the words he addressed to the disciples at the end of the last Supper, just before facing the Passion. In such a dramatic moment Jesus began by saying, "Do not let your hearts be troubled." He says it to us, too, in the dramas of life. But how can we make sure that our hearts are not

troubled? Because our hearts do become troubled. The Lord points out two remedies to being troubled. The first is, "Believe in me" (14: 1). It would seem to be rather theoretical, or abstract advice. Instead Jesus wants to tell us something specific. He knows that, in life, the worst anxiety, anguish, comes from the feeling of not being able to cope, from feeling alone and without points of reference when faced with events. This anguish, in which difficulties are added to difficulties, cannot be overcome alone. We need Jesus' help, and that is why Jesus asks us to have faith in him, that is, not to rely on ourselves, but on him. Because liberation from being troubled requires trust. Relying on Jesus, taking the leap. And this is the freedom from being troubled. And Jesus has risen and is alive precisely to be always by our side. So we can say to him, "Jesus, I believe that you have risen and that you are by my side. I believe that you are listening to me. I bring you what upsets me, my troubles: I have faith in you and I entrust myself to you."

Then there is a second remedy to being troubled, which Jesus expresses with these words: "In my Father's house there are many rooms. I'm going to prepare a place for you" (14: 2). This is what Jesus did for us: he reserved us a place in Heaven. He took our humanity upon himself to take it beyond death, to a new place, to Heaven, so that where he is, we might also be there. It is the certainty that consoles us: there is a reserved place for everyone. There's a place for me, too. Each of us can say: there is a place for me. We do not live aimlessly and without destination. We are expected, we are precious. God is in love with us, we are his children. And for us he has prepared the most worthy and beautiful place: Paradise. Let us not forget this: the dwelling place that awaits us is Paradise. Here we are passing through. We are made for Heaven, for eternal life, to live forever. Forever: it's something we can't even imagine now. But it is even more beautiful to think that this forever will be entirely in joy, in full communion with God and with others, without more tears, without resentments, without divisions and troubles. But how to reach Heaven? What's the way? This is the decisive sentence of Jesus. Today he says: "I am the way" (14: 6). To ascend to Heaven the way is Jesus: it is to have a living relationship with him, it is to imitate him in love, it is to follow his steps. And I, a Christian, you, a Christian, each of us Christians, can ask ourselves: "What path do I follow?" There are ways that do not

lead to Heaven: the ways of worldliness, the ways of self-assertion, the ways of selfish power. And there is the way of Jesus, the way of humble love, of prayer, of meekness, of trust, of service to others. It is not the way that puts me at the centre, it is the way of Jesus being the centre of my life. It is to go ahead every day asking him: "Jesus, what do you think of my choice? What would you do in this situation, with these people?" It will do us good to ask Jesus, who is the way, for the directions to Heaven. May Our Lady, Queen of Heaven, help us to follow Jesus, who opened Heaven for us.



St. John the Evangelist's Social Committee

invites you to

**Family and Food Fun Day!  
Saturday, June 10th, 2023  
From 11:30-3:00 p.m.**

Join us on the church grounds for tons of fun and games for the whole family! Come and share in culinary delights from around the world.

BYOLC: Bring your own lawn chair!

**Volunteer Appreciation Night  
Thursday, June 1, 2023  
at 7:00pm  
Parish Centre  
IT'S BACK!**

Fr. Francisco would like to thank all in Ministry by invitation to join us for hors d'oeuvres, wine and friendly fellowship.

Please RSVP to the parish office by email or phone call [stjohntheevangelistwh@archtoronto.org](mailto:stjohntheevangelistwh@archtoronto.org) or 905-668-3676

**MARCH FOR LIFE  
Thursday May 11, 2023  
Holy Family & St. John the Evangelist Parishes are organizing a bus from Whitby to Ottawa.  
Tickets \$30/adult, \$10/child**

MAY 7, 2023

The Knights of Columbus are international leaders in the Right to Life movement.

On Mother's Day each year, all over North America, the Knights hold a fundraising drive for the benefit of local chapters of Right to Life Associations.

Funds are raised through donations for lapel roses which will be distributed after all of the masses on the weekend of

May 13/14, 2023.

PLEASE BE GENEROUS FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT HELP THEMSELVES

Wed May 10– 7:00pm

+Dan Nettle

*req. by Linda Calder & Kathie Steffler*

+Sylvia Walsh

*req. by Jim & Mary Walsh*

+Evelyn Manalo Valdez

*req. by Agnes & Michael Marcelo & Fam*

+Gordon Sidsworth

*req. by Joe & Ruth Freeman*

+Patrick Fitzpatrick

*req. by Joe & Shelly Camara  
& Chris Perla*

Thur May 11 – 8:20am

+John Bowman Spratt Jr.

*req. by Gail McMonagle*

Friday May 12 – 8:20am

+Elizabeth Deery

*req. by Maureen Armstrong*



Living the Gospel through ShareLife

Thus far our parish has raised \$50,664.35 toward our goal of \$148,700. "Your sacrificial gift will truly make a difference in the life of someone turning to a ShareLife agency in their moment of need." – Cardinal Thomas Collins The third ShareLife Sunday of the year is June 4. We ask you to share your blessings and give generously through the parish or at [sharelife.org](http://sharelife.org). Thank you for living the Gospel!

### Ukrainian Crisis

Are you able to help a Ukrainian family? When hearing reports of the war in Ukraine, and the millions of Ukrainians that have been forced to flee their homeland, many have asked what they can do to help. Over 200,000 Ukrainians have already arrived in Canada through a special visa program created by Immigration Canada. An additional 800,000 have applied to the program and are expected to arrive in the coming months. Many are arriving to Toronto and are without family here in Canada to help them. Among those will be some who are vulnerable to human trafficking, particularly seniors, single women, and women with children. There is an immediate need for families to host for a period of between one and six months, some of those who have arrived. If you would like to learn more about hosting a Ukrainian family, please go to [Archdiocese of Toronto – Ukrainian Crisis \(archtoronto.org\)](http://Archdiocese of Toronto – Ukrainian Crisis (archtoronto.org)) and register for a virtual information session.

Join us at Totus Tuus Summer Camp!

DAY CAMP (for students entering grade 1-6 in September) - \$80/child for the week

Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup> to Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM – 2:30 PM

EVENING PROGRAM (for students entering grade 7-12 in September) - \$40/child for the week

Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 – 9:00 PM

**The deadline to register for the camp is June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**

Parishioners are invited to volunteer! We need student volunteers (age 13-18) and adult volunteers (18+) to help the children and youth stay safe, have fun and grow in their faith.

**The deadline to apply to volunteer is June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.**

For more information about volunteering or to register, please email Cassandra at [cass.sullivan@archtoronto.org](mailto:cass.sullivan@archtoronto.org) or contact the parish office.

### Manresa Day of Reflection and Spiritual Renewal for 55+ on Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>

**Facilitator: Father Michael Coutts, S.J.**

Theme: The Exodus and I.

Purification, Illumination, Union.

The Exodus Experience formed the Israelites into what 1Peter 2 calls "A chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people set apart." God did that over a period of 40 years. It seems God has done the same for us during the short

Covid span. God did this through a process of purification, illumination, union. please read Exodus, Chapters 1-5.

**Cost. \$55.00 per person, including lunch**

Registration May 6/7 after all Masses, or by calling parish office or Catherine Ingram (905 665-0933)

Payment upon registration.



Masses For The Week

Sat May 6 – 5:00pm

+Berneice & Harry Timms

*req. by Pat & Vicki Morgan*

Mon May 8 – 8:20am

+Patrick Jamie Treacy

*req. by Alice Deehan*

Tues May 9 – 8:20am

A Personal Intention

*req. by Mary Yearwood*



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

**BUNDLE WEEKEND**

**May 13-14, 2023**

A truck will be parked in St. John Parish parking lot over the weekend May 13/14 accepting gently used/new clothing, coats, linens, towels, bedding, textiles, drapery, shoes/boots.

We CANNOT accept furniture, appliances, mattresses, used baby equipment, furniture, 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.**

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