

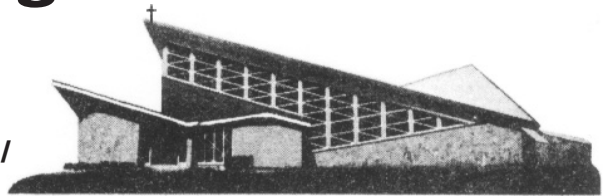
# St. John the Evangelist Church

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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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Message from the Pastor

Peace to all of you!

Today we celebrate the Sixth Sunday of Easter. The First Reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, presents the mission of evangelization that Philip carried out in Samaria. When there was persecution in Jerusalem, the disciples spread to different areas. Philip preached in Samaria and many people welcomed the Good News and they believed in the Lord Jesus by the signs that he was doing among the sick. Afterwards, they were confirmed in their faith by Peter and John, and they received the Holy Spirit. It is also very important for us that our faith is always renewed, and we experience more and more the power of the Risen Christ in our daily lives. The Second Reading, from the First Letter of St. Peter, encourages the members of the community to share the faith and the hope they have received with others. They are supposed to do this with gentleness and especially with their own attitudes, especially mercy and forgiveness. We are also encouraged that if our lives have been transformed by the Risen Christ, it will have an impact for those who are around us. We can bring hope and consolation to people who at times they feel discouraged. We do not need to convince them and give them very smart answer. It is by the way we live that people can find hope for their lives. They may think, if God has done it with them, then He can also help me as well. The Gospel, from St. John, gives us a part of the farewell discourse that Jesus gave during the Last Supper. As we are approaching the feast of Pentecost, Jesus announces that He is going to send the Holy Spirit to the apostles so that through his presence, they may always experience the presence of God in their lives. The Holy Spirit is the Advocate, the one who defends us and is also the Spirit of truth, the one who always interprets our lives saying that in any event God loves us. When the Holy Spirit comes, the Holy Trinity will come to abide in our hearts. Then, we will find that the fruits of the Risen Christ in our lives will be fulfilled. Let us open our hearts so that the Holy Spirit may dwell in our hearts and fill them with hope, joy, and love!

I would like to wish a Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers and grandmothers of our parish. Thanks so much for everything that you continue to do, you are a visible example of unconditional love. May God continue to strengthen you and to bless you!

We also congratulate the five new priests who were ordained yesterday for the Archdiocese of Toronto. May God accompany them and make their future ministry fruitful!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant, and your Pastor

Pope Francis Homily for the Sixth Sunday of Easter (May 21, 2017)

Today's Gospel (cf. Jn 14:15-21), the continuation of that of last Sunday, takes us back to the moving and dramatic moment of Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples. John the Evangelist gathers from the lips and heart of the Lord His last teachings, before His Passion and death. Jesus promises his friends, at that sad, dark moment, that after him, they will receive "another Paraclete" (v. 16). This word means another "Advocate", another Defender, another Counsellor: "the Spirit of Truth"

(v. 17); and he adds, "I will not leave you desolate; I will come to you" (v. 18). These words convey the joy of a new Coming of Christ. He, Risen and glorified, dwells in the Father and at the same time comes to us in the Holy Spirit. And in his new coming,

he reveals our union with him and with the Father: "You will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you" (v. 20).

Today, by meditating on these words of Jesus, we perceive with the sense of faith that we are the People of God in communion with the Father and with Jesus through the Holy Spirit. The Church finds the inexhaustible source of her very mission, which is achieved through love, in this mystery of communion. Jesus says in today's Gospel: "He who has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me; and he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him" (v. 21). So, love introduces us to the knowledge of Jesus, thanks to the action of this "Advocate" that Jesus sent, that is, the Holy Spirit. Love for God and neighbour is the greatest commandment of the Gospel. The Lord today calls us to respond generously to the Gospel's call to love, placing God at the centre of our lives and dedicating ourselves to the service of our brothers and sisters, especially those most in need of support and consolation.

If ever there is an attitude that is never easy, even for a Christian community, it is precisely how to love oneself, to love after the Lord's example and with his grace. Sometimes disagreements, pride, envy, divisions, leave their mark even on the beautiful face of the Church. A community of Christians should live in the charity of Christ, and instead, it is precisely there that the evil one "sets his foot in" and sometimes we allow ourselves to be deceived. And those who pay the price are those who are spiritually weaker. How many of them — and you know some of them — how many of them have distanced themselves because they did not feel welcomed, did not feel understood, did not feel loved. How many people have distanced themselves, for example, from some parish or community because of the environment of gossip, jealousy, and envy they found there. Even for a Christian, knowing how to love is never a thing acquired once and for all. We must begin anew every day. We must practice it so that our love for the brothers and sisters we encounter may become mature and purified from those limitations or sins that render it incomplete, egotistical, sterile, and unfaithful. We have to learn the art of loving every day. Listen to this: every day we must learn the art of loving; every day we must patiently follow the school of Christ. Every day we must forgive and look to Jesus, and do this with the help of this "Advocate", of this Counsellor whom Jesus has sent to us that is the Holy Spirit.

May the Virgin Mary, the perfect disciple of her Son and Lord, help us to be more and more docile to the Paraclete, the Spirit of Truth, to learn every day how to love each other as Jesus loved us.



### **Share your love on Mother's Day**

On Mother's Day, all moms deserve to be celebrated and supported. Did you know that our parish's ShareLife campaign is helping young women with an unexpected pregnancy? One such mother is Nikki, who was able to continue her education and receive practice assistance through a ShareLife-funded agency called Rose of Sharon.

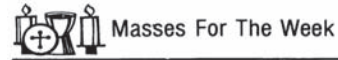
"If it wasn't for you and for ShareLife, I don't know where we would be today," says Nikki. "We will always and forever be grateful for your support!" Thus far we have raised \$51,442.35 toward our goal of \$148,700. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

**CWL 5KM Walkathon**

Your Catholic Women's League (CWL) is raising funds to support our annual charitable disbursements and our school projects by participating in a CWL 5KM Walkathon. We are walking from May 15th to May 21st and hope to get as many members as possible walking this year. Get your friends and family to support you, or ask them to join you on your walk. We will be handing out forms at all masses May 13th/14th and registering our CWL participants at that time. Feel free to approach a member following Mass if you're unable to walk yourself and offer to sponsor them. You may also be approached by another member asking for your support. Thank you for your continued support.

**The Pope's Pastoral Works Collection May 13/14, 2023**

A disastrous flood or earthquake strikes a nation at the other end of the world. Immediately, many countries rush in food, medicine, blankets, money, and trained people. Prominent among such aid is the financial help offered by the Holy Father to people in need. The annual Pope's Pastoral Works collection makes these available for distribution. In the name of Catholics everywhere, he displays Christ's love and compassion for those who suffer.



**Sat May 13 – 5:00pm**

**+Cloutilda D'Souza**

*req. by Michelle & Malcolm D'Souza*

**Mon May 15 – 8:20am**

**+Humberto Schenflege**

*req. by His Family*

**Tues May 16 – 8:20am**

**+Patrick Fitzpatrick**

*req. by Alice Deehan*

**Wed May 17 – 7:00pm**

**+Sam Saturno**

*req. by Tony & Rosa Cannella*

**+Patrick Fitzpatrick**

*req. by Jack & Betty McCabe*

**+Patrick Fitzpatrick**

*req. by Darren & Emily Boylan*

**+John Coady**

*req. by His Wife & Family*

**+Maria Augustine**

*req. by Herrera Shelly Camara & Family*

**Thur May 18 – 8:20am**

**+Patrick Fitzpatrick**

*req. by Mary Louise LaBarre & Ken Reilly & Family*

**Friday May 19 – 8:20am**

**+Alexander (Sandy) Murray**

*req. by His Wife & Family*



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

**Manresa Day of Reflection and Spiritual Renewal for 55+ on Thursday, May 25th**

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

Theme: The Exodus and I.

Purification, Illumination, Union.

The Exodus Experience formed the Israelites into what 1 Peter 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.

**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 30th, 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 1st, 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.

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