

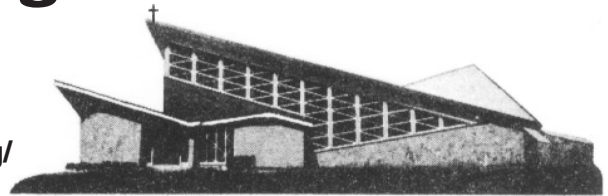
# St. John the Evangelist Church

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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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# THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

Message from the Pastor

Peace to all of you!

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. This feast wants to underline the importance of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist as the source and summer of our lives. The First Reading, from the Book of Deuteronomy, presents the episode in which Moses asks the people of Israel to remember what God has done for them while they were crossing the wilderness. During that period, God took care of them even though they were rebellious and stubborn. God provided for them manna, bread from heaven, which fed them during the forty days they spent in the desert. God wants us to trust Him and to be assured that He has taken care of us in our daily lives, and He will continue to do it. The Second Reading, from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians, offers us part of the teaching of St. Paul on the Eucharist. Every time that we take communion we participate in the life of Christ. By consuming the Body and Blood of Christ, we share in His life we are also united with each other. Through the Body and Blood of Christ, communion among us is strengthened. Let us be open to be more and more united with each other in Christ. The Gospel, from St. John, brings us a part of discourse on the Bread of Life. Christ gives us the amazing teaching that when we eat His Body and drink His Blood we have Eternal Life within us, we share in the divine life. At times, we have gotten used to receive the Body of Christ every Sunday and everyday, and we can have the risk of living it as a routine. However, He is encouraging us to appreciate the immense gift that we receive every time that we take communion. It is essential that we come to Mass with the desire to be fed by God and knowing that we are going to receive the life of God. Then, every Eucharist will be an amazing event of fullness of peace. Let us open our hearts to this incredible gift that God has left to enjoy!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant, and your Pastor

Pope Francis Homily for the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ (June 18, 2017)

On this Solemnity of Corpus Domini, the idea of memory comes up again and again. Moses says to the people: "You shall remember all the way which the Lord your God has led you.... Lest... you forget the Lord your God, who fed you in the wilderness with manna" (Dt 8:2, 14, 16). Jesus will tell us: "Do this in memory of me" (1 Cor 11:24). Saint Paul will tell his disciple: "Remember Jesus Christ" (2 Tim 2:8). The "living bread, come down from heaven" (Jn 6:51) is the sacrament of memory, reminding us, in a real and tangible way, of the story of God's love for us. Today, to each of us, the word of God says, Remember! Remembrance of the Lord's deeds guided and strengthened his people's journey through the desert; remembering all that the Lord has done for us is the foundation of our own personal history of salvation. Remembrance is essential for faith, as water is for a plant. A plant without water cannot stay alive and bear fruit. Nor can faith, unless it drinks deeply of the memory of all that the Lord has done for us. "Remember Jesus Christ".

Remember. Memory is important, because it allows us to dwell in love, to be mind-ful, never forgetting who it is who loves us and whom we are called to love in return. Yet nowadays, this

singular ability that the Lord has given us is considerably weakened. Amid so much frantic activity, many people and events seem to pass in a whirl. We quickly turn the page, looking for novelty while unable to retain memories. Leaving our memories

behind and living only for the moment, we risk remaining ever on the surface of things, constantly in flux, without going deeper, without the broader vision that reminds us who we are and where we are going. In this way, our life grows fragmented, and dulled within.

Yet today's Solemnity reminds us that in our fragmented lives, the Lord comes to meet us with a loving "fragility", which is the Eucharist. In the Bread of Life, the Lord comes to us, making himself a humble meal that lovingly heals our memory, wounded by life's frantic pace of life. The Eucharist is the memorial of God's love. There, "[Christ's] sufferings are remembered" (II Vespers, antiphon for the Magnificat) and we recall God's love for us, which gives us strength and support on our journey. This is why the Eucharistic commemoration does us so much good: it is not an abstract, cold and superficial memory, but a living remembrance that comforts us with God's love. A memory that is both recollection and imitation. The Eucharist is flavoured with Jesus' words and deeds, the taste of his Passion, the fragrance of his Spirit. When we receive it, our hearts are overcome with the certainty of Jesus' love. In saying this, I think in particular of you boys and girls, who recently received First Holy Communion, and are here today in great numbers.

The Eucharist gives us a grateful memory, because it makes us see that we are the Father's children, whom he loves and nourishes. It gives us a free memory, because Jesus' love and forgiveness heal the wounds of the past, soothe our remembrance of wrongs experienced and inflicted. It gives us a patient memory, because amid all our troubles we know that the Spirit of Jesus remains in us. The Eucharist encourages us: even on the roughest road, we are not alone; the Lord does not forget us and whenever we turn to him, he restores us with his love.

The Eucharist also reminds us that we are not isolated individuals, but one body. As the people in the desert gathered the manna that fell from heaven and shared it in their families (cf. Ex 16), so Jesus, the Bread come down from Heaven, calls us together to receive him and to share him with one another. The Eucharist is not a sacrament "for me"; it is the sacrament of the many, who form one body, God's holy and faithful people. Saint Paul reminded us of this: "Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread" (1 Cor 10:17). The Eucharist is the sacrament of unity. Whoever receives it cannot fail to be a builder of unity, because building unity has become part of his or her "spiritual DNA". May this Bread of unity heal our ambition to lord it over others, to greedily hoard things for ourselves, to foment discord and criticism. May it awaken in us the joy of living in love, without rivalry, jealousy or mean-spirited gossip.

Now, in experiencing this Eucharist, let us adore and thank the Lord for this greatest of gifts: the living memorial of his love, that makes us one body and leads us to unity.

**Newly Ordained Fr. Carlos Lopez, who served here as seminarian in the summer of 2020, will celebrate mass at St. John's on June 25<sup>th</sup> at 9am & 11am. We will have cake and coffee at the parish centre following the 11am mass where you will have a opportunity to congratulate Fr. Carlos.**

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June 10/11**

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**CHALICE SPONSORSHIP WEEKEND**

**June 10/11, 2023**

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Parish volunteers from Chalice will be promoting sponsorships on Saturday June 10<sup>th</sup> and Sunday June 11<sup>th</sup> after all masses.

Information pamphlets with children in need of sponsoring will be on display in the foyer. You are invited to tour the display and have any questions answered to assist you.

**Natauashish Night**

The Knight's North Group of KofC Council 4895 is hosting the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Ray Hayes Memorial Music Night for Natuashish Labrador.

When: Friday June 16, at 7:30pm (doors open at 7pm)

Where: Knights of Columbus Hall, 133 Brock St.

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**There is still time to register for Totus Tuus!**

Totus Tuus is a summer program where the youth of our community can learn about their faith, have fun and make new friends!

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

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

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

Sunday, July 9th to Thursday, July 13th, 7:00 – 9:00 PM

**The deadline to register for the camp is June 30th, 2023.**

If you are interested in providing a meal for the missionaries who will be leading the Summer Camp, please email [cass.sullivan@archtoronto.org](mailto:cass.sullivan@archtoronto.org) or contact the parish office.



Masses For The Week

**Sat Jun 10 – 5:00pm**

**+Edward & Norine Ecker**

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**Mon Jun 12 – 8:20am +Brian McMonagle**

*req. by Gail McMonagle*

**Tues Jun 13 – 8:20am**

**+Maureen LaBarre**

*req. by Paul & Geni D'Aurelio*

**Wed Jun 14 – 7:00pm**

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*req. by Aaron Wood*

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**+Fiona Smith**

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**Thur Jun 15 – 8:20am**

**+Humberto Schenflege**

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**Friday Jun 16 – 8:20am**

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