

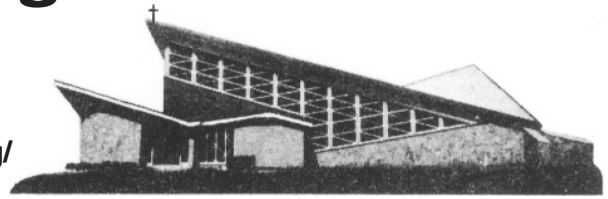
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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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ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Message from the Pastor

Peace to all of you!

Today we celebrate the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. The First Reading, from the Book of Exodus, presents the episode in which God establishes a covenant with the people of Israel on Mount Sinai. God has taken the people of Israel out of the slavery in Egypt, He has carried them through the desert. God wants to establish a covenant with His people desiring to guide them and to give them life. By seeing how God has been good to them through the deeds that He has performed in their midst, the people of Israel are willing to enter this covenant and become God's people. It is a grateful response of openness being aware that God is offering fullness of life if they follow His ways. At times, we think that following God means to keep a series of precepts, but it is rather to accept and be willing to receive the life that God has in store for us. It is His own initiative and not our own doing. The Second Reading, from the Letter of St. Paul to Romans, offers us part of the teaching of St. Paul on the Reconciliation and Forgiveness that Christ has gained for us. By committing sin, we have separated ourselves from God and have experienced spiritual death and lack of peace. By suffering and dying on the Cross, Christ has taken upon Himself all our sins and has crushed them on the Cross. He does not only destroy our sins, but He offers us the possibility to receive new life. We have been forgiven as a gift and not as a reward because of our good deeds. We need to be open and willing to receive this enormous gift so that it may be transform us into people who have fullness of peace and can love like Christ. The Gospel, from St. Matthew, brings us a part of the missionary discourse. Christ has mercy for all humanity and wants everybody to share in His kingdom. Unfortunately, there are people who live as if God does not exist, or they live in anguish and overcome by different problems. Christ does not remain indifferent and desires to offer fullness of life to every person on earth. We all have experienced how much God continues to do in our lives and how He fills us with peace and consolation. The Church by nature is missionary, which means that we are called to share what we believe. We are missionaries as well. We can share our faith by the way we live so that people around us can also experience God's mercy in their lives. What we believe is not only a private act, but it is something that has an effect on others. Let us ask the Lord to be grateful of how many good deeds the Lord has done in our lives so that we can share our faith with those around us!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant, and your Pastor

Pope Francis' Homily for the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (June 11, 2015)

A disciple of the Lord, is called to set out on a journey that is not a "stroll" but a mission to proclaim the Gospel and spread the good news of Salvation. And this is the task that Jesus gives to his disciples. One who "stands still and doesn't go out, doesn't give to others what he received in Baptism, is not a true disciple of Jesus". Indeed, "he lacks the missionary spirit", and doesn't "go out of himself to bring something good to others".

There is another pathway for the disciple of Jesus: the inner journey, the path within, the path of the disciple who seeks the Lord every day, through prayer, in meditation.

This is not secondary, a disciple must also take this journey because if the disciple does not continuously seek God in this way, the Gospel that is taken to others will be weak, watered down – a Gospel with no strength.

Thus it is a "twofold journey that Jesus wants from his disciples". One has to walk in order to serve others.

The Gospel reads: "preach as you go, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons". Here we find again the "disciple's duty: to serve".

A disciple who doesn't serve others is not a Christian.

Every disciple's point of reference should be what "Jesus preached in those two columns of Christianity: the Beatitudes and the 'protocol' by which we will be judged", namely that indicated by Matthew in Chapter 25. This is the "framework" of "evangelical service". There are no loopholes: "If a disciple does not walk in order to serve, his walking is of no use. If his life is not in service, his life is of no use, as a Christian".

In this very aspect the "temptation of selfishness" can be seen in many people. There are indeed those who say: "Yes, I'm a Christian, I'm at peace, I confess, I go to Mass, I follow the Commandments". But where is the service to others? Where, is "the service to Jesus in the sick, in the imprisoned, in the hungry, those with no shirt on their back". Jesus wants this of us because He is to be found in them: "Service to Christ in others."

There is also great meaning in the third word inferred from this passage, which is "gratuitous". Walk, in service, without pay. The passage reads "Freely you have received, freely you must give." A detail so fundamental that the Lord stated it clearly, just in case "the disciples didn't understand". He explained to them: "Take no gold, nor silver, nor copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, nor two tunics". In other words, the journey of service is free, because we have received salvation for free. None of us "bought salvation, none of us has earned it": it is ours purely by the "grace of the Father in Jesus Christ, in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ".

It's sad when we see Christians who forget these words of Jesus: "Freely you have received, freely give". And it's sad when those who forget are Christian communities, parishes, religious congregations or dioceses. When this happens, it is because in the background "there is the mistake" of assuming "that salvation comes from riches, from human power".

Three words. Walk, but walk" in order "to proclaim. Service: the life of a Christian is not for himself; it is for others, as Jesus' life was. And third, "gratuitous".

This, is how we can place our hope back in Jesus, who "thus sends us a hope which never disappoints". On the other hand, "when hope is in being comfortable on the journey" or when "hope is in selfishly seeking things for oneself" and not in serving others, or when hope is in riches or in small worldly assurances, all of this caves in. The Lord himself crushes it.

Let us make this journey toward God with Jesus on the altar, in order to then walk toward others in service and in poverty, with only the riches of the Holy Spirit whom Jesus himself gave us.



Thank You



to all of the ushers, Eucharistic ministers, cantors, organists, lectors, and altar servers who assisted with the First Eucharist and Confirmation celebrations this spring. Your time and dedication is much appreciated.

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

JUNE 18, 2023

Parish Directory 2023-2024

It has been ten years since our last parish directory, and so it's time to make a new one. We will begin the process for a new Parish Directory in September 2023. St. John the Evangelist Parish and San Juan Diego Spanish Mission has a strong parish member and volunteer community.

Do you ever see people at mass and wonder what their names are or hear an announcement and can't put their face to the name? Are you new to the parish and wish you had something to help you put names and faces together?

This parish directory is going to strengthen our bond in the parish community.

We will begin scheduled dates to register for a family/couple/single photograph on September 13, 14, 15, 16, 2023. Morning, afternoon and evening appointments are available. To make this a successful program, please register to have your family photo taken and participate in the directory. All participants will receive a free 8x10 portrait and a free directory. More information will be provided over the coming weeks. We also encourage businesses to advertise in the directory.

Mission Cooperative Program Appeal

August 5/6, 2023

The Archdiocesan Mission Cooperative Program (MCP) will resume in the summer of 2023 (July-August). This program plays an important role in connecting the parishes of the Archdiocese of Toronto with the Catholic Church in other parts of the world. Through this appeal, our local Catholic community learns about the mission works of the Church and will have the opportunity to offer their financial support.

The goals of the Mission Cooperative Program of the Archdiocese of Toronto are to provide for food and medical care for the poor, as well as support the education of Missionaries. All appeals must be based on these mandates.

St. John's parish will welcome Fr. Alberto Gauci O.F.M. from Honduras on the weekend of August 5/6, 2023

R.C.I.A

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) provides instruction and spiritual formation to anyone 16 years of age and older who are not baptized, or baptized in another Christian community, who would like to become a member of the Catholic Church. Catholic adults who have not yet celebrated their First Eucharist or the Sacrament of Confirmation may also take part. RCIA Sessions take place on Thursday evenings from 7pm to 9pm in the Parish Centre beginning soon. Interested participants should contact Fr. Francisco at the Parish Office as soon as possible to register: (905) 668-3676.

Parish Home Catechism Program

A learning partnership between parents and catechists to teach children about the help them grow in their Catholic faith. Children need to know about their faith and live it to receive the sacraments. Traditionally, the program is for children in public and private schools, however our program is for any child grades 1-8. The program runs from September to early May on Wednesday evenings 6:15pm – 7:15pm, taught by a wonderful group of catechists.

Registration will begin in August. If you are interested in becoming a catechist, please contact the parish office.



Masses For The Week

Sat Jun 17 – 5:00pm

+Broderick, Harrington & MacLellan Families

req. by Joe & Joy

Mon Jun 19 – 8:20am

+Tony & Carol Leitch

req. by Alice Deehan

Tues Jun 20 – 8:20am

+Bobby Graham & Judy Tayeb

req. by Gail Stewart

Wed Jun 21 – 7:00pm

+Broderick, Howard & Harrington Families

req. by Joe & Joy

+Lisa Chamberlain

req. by Her Family

+Maureen LaBarre

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+Maureen LaBarre

req. by The Agius Family

Thur Jun 22 – 8:20am

+Andrew Marioselva

req. by Christine & Children

Friday Jun 23 – 8:20am

+Michael Lawson

req. by His Family

Prayer for Peace Multifaith Service 2023

All Saints Anglican Church

Saturday June 24th at 2pm

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Livestream link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81091452042>

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