

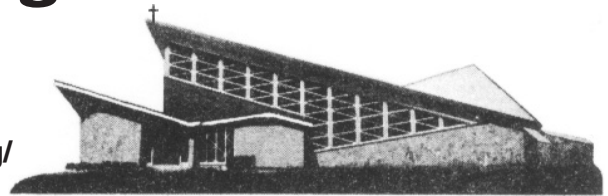
# St. John the Evangelist Church

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## Pastoral Team

Rev. Francisco Fernandez Siles Pastor  
Miss Susan Douglas Lay Pastoral Asst.  
Mrs. Vicki Morgan Secretary  
Ms. Cassandra Sullivan Youth Ministry

## Support Staff

Mr. Francisco Perez Caretaker  
Mr. Kevin Dashney Director of Music  
Mrs. Sue McGee Bookkeeper  
Mrs. Gail Stewart Cook/Housekeeper

## 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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Rose of Durham (Young Parent Support Services)	1-800-241-3534	or 905-432-3622

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## TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Message from the Pastor

Peace to all of you!

Today we celebrate the Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. The First Reading, from the Book of the prophet Jeremiah, presents a portion of the personal confessions of the prophet. When he announces God's word, he faces persecution and reproach. He questions why this happens to him, and he wants to give up his role as a prophet. Yet, God's call is stronger than his worries and he continues bearing God's name to the people of Israel. All of us have struggles and difficulties in our own lives and sometimes we want to give up. However, God always comes to our rescue and gives us strength to continue amid problems. The Second Reading, from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans, offers us a part of his exhortation to conduct ourselves in a right way. He invites them to offer their lives to God so that He can transform them. It is important that we face our everyday events aware that He accompanies us and guides us. Then, we will go through situations at peace and not overworked and stressed out. We live in this world, but we cannot be absorbed by the business and worries of our society. We need to be focused on God so that He may be the source and purpose of our lives. The Gospel, from St. Matthew, brings us the episode in which Jesus announces for the first time to his disciples that He needs to go to Jerusalem to suffer, die and to rise from the dead. St. Peter does not agree with this plan and does not want Jesus to go through this road. There are times in which we do not understand why we must go through difficulties, and we complain to God. Yet, Christ tells Peter to follow Jesus and trust in Him and He says the same to us. Jesus mentions that whoever wants to follow Him needs to be open to be guided by God and not remain in one's plans and ideas. Moreover, we need to follow Him with our own situations and everyday difficulties. If we put our trust in Him, we find life and peace; if we trust in our own plans and ideas, we experience anguish and distress. Let us put our lives in the hands of Christ so that in Him we may find fulfillment!

I want to give thanks to Susan Douglas for her nine years working at St. John's as Lay Pastoral Assistant and I want to wish her well in her new endeavours. I want to welcome Krystine Blyth as our new Pastoral Assistant. May God accompany and guide her in this very important role.

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant, and your Pastor

### Pope Francis' Homily for the Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (September 3, 2017)

Today's Gospel passage (cf. Mt 16:21-27) is the continuation of last Sunday's, which highlighted the profession of faith of Peter, the "rock" upon which Jesus wishes to build his Church. Today, in stark contrast, Matthew shows us the reaction of the same Peter when Jesus reveals to his disciples that He will have to suffer, be killed, and rise again (cf. 21). Peter takes the Teacher aside and reproaches Him because this — he says — cannot happen to Him, to Christ. But Jesus, in turn, rebukes Peter with harsh words: "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me; for you are not on the side of God, but of men" (v. 23). A moment before, the Apostle had been blessed by the Father, because he had received that revelation from Him; he was a solid "rock" so that Jesus could build His community upon him; and immediately afterwards he becomes an obstacle, a rock but not for building, a stumbling block on the Messiah's path. Jesus knows well that Peter and the others still have a long way to go to become his Apostles!

At that point, the Teacher turns to all those who were following Him, clearly presenting them the path to follow: "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me" (v. 24). Always, today too, the temptation is that of

wanting to follow a Christ without the cross, on the contrary, of teaching God which is the right path; like Peter: "No, no Lord! This shall never happen". But Jesus reminds us that his way is the way of love, and that there is no true love without self sacrifice. We are called to not let ourselves be absorbed by the vision of this world, but to be ever more aware of the need and of the effort for we Christians to walk against the current and uphill.

Jesus completes his proposal with words that express a great and ever valid wisdom, because they challenge the egocentric mentality and behaviour. He exhorts: "whoever would save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it (v. 25). This paradox contains the golden rule that God inscribed in the human nature created in Christ: the rule that only love gives meaning and happiness to life. To spend one's own talents, one's energy and one's time only to save, protect and fulfil oneself, in reality leads to losing oneself, i.e. to a sad and barren existence. Instead let us live for the Lord and base our life on love, as Jesus did: we will be able to savour authentic joy, and our life will not be barren; it will be fruitful.

### **Youth Ministry Begins Soon!**

Youth Ministry helps the youth in our parish grow closer to Christ and grow in friendship with each other. **EDGE** for grade 5-8 will take place every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday from 7 to 8:30 **beginning on Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup>**. **Life Teen** for grade 9-12 will take place every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday from 7 to 8:30 **beginning on Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**.

Please consider volunteering for this important and fun ministry. Adults may volunteer for Life Teen or EDGE and students grade 10 and older may volunteer for EDGE. For more information, contact Cassandra at [cass.sullivan@archtoronto.org](mailto:cass.sullivan@archtoronto.org)

The Photo directory is well underway. If you have not already done so, please book your photo appointment by logging in:

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7. Click **Finalize Sitting Appointment**

You will receive a reminder email 3 days prior to your appointment.

### CWL GENERAL MEETING

Mark your calendars for our start-up meeting, Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:30 p.m. in the main room of the parish centre. If you have any questions, please contact Lynne Childerhouse at 905-431-6582 or [lchilderhouse@hotmail.com](mailto:lchilderhouse@hotmail.com).

Knights of Columbus, St John the Evangelist Council, meetings are the 1st Wednesday of each month from Sept to June. Next Meeting is Wednesday Sept 6, 2023 at 8PM at the Knights Hall at 133 Brock St North. For further information assisting the St John's community and becoming a Knight through our online virtual application and exemplification process **taking less than an hour**. Contact Membership Director Bryan Childerhouse [bryan.childerhouse@rogers.com](mailto:bryan.childerhouse@rogers.com) or call 416-508-9877

**SEPTEMBER 3, 2023**

**SACRAMENT PREPARATION PROGRAMS**  
2023 – 2024

**FIRST EUCHARIST**  
(Grade 2)

**REGISTRATION and INFORMATION NIGHT**  
**in the Church (one parent only to attend)**  
**Tuesday, September 26 at 7:00 pm**

(please bring completed registration form, a \$40 fee for program expenses and a **photocopy** of your child's Baptism Certificate)

**CONFIRMATION**  
(Grade 7)

**REGISTRATION and INFORMATION NIGHT**  
**in the Church (one parent & candidate to attend)**  
**Tuesday, November 7 at 7:00 pm**

(please bring completed registration form, a \$40 fee for program expenses and a **photocopy** of your child's Baptism Certificate)

**It is mandatory that all children who do not attend Catholic school participate in the Parish Home Catechism Program.**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CONFIRMATION CLASSES**  
Would you like to join in the mission of Jesus to make disciples and enrich your own faith? If so, you are invited to assist as a Catechist in the Confirmation Program in our parish. We are looking for volunteers to lead classes in February and March 2024. It would be a time commitment of four Saturday mornings in total. No formal teaching experience is required. Preparation and support will be provided, with step-by-step instructions for each class. If you feel that God may be calling you to this important ministry to our young people, please call the parish office at (905) 668-3676 and provide your name and phone number.

**Life Chain**

**Sunday, October 1, 2023 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m**

Corner of Cochrane & Dundas Streets

Life Chain is a prayerful and peaceful witness to the sanctity of human life and the evil of abortion. Participants pray and hold non-graphic signs with messages such as "Life, the first inalienable right" and "Abortion kills children" at hundreds of locations across North America for one hour. Please join us at our location. This is a family friendly event appropriate for people of all ages and backgrounds and a unique opportunity to provide our neighbours with a much-needed message of love, hope, and truth. As Our Lord asked of His disciples: "Could you not watch one hour with me?" (Mk 14:37)

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Please join us for a meeting Monday, October 2, 2023 in the St. Joseph's Room at 7:30pm

For more information please visit

[www.NourishForCaregivers.com](http://www.NourishForCaregivers.com), or contact Robert MacLennan, 905-668-3676 or email [stjohntheevangelistwh@archtoronto.org](mailto:stjohntheevangelistwh@archtoronto.org)



**Masses For The Week**

Sat Sep 2 – 5:00pm

**+Patrick Fitzpatrick**

*req. by Karen & Paul Moloney*

**Mon Sep 4 – 9:00am**

**+David Doyle**

*req. by Tom & Teresa Simmons*

**Tues Sep 5 – 8:20am**

**+Kevin Coughlin**

*req. by Frank & Pat Kapuscinski*

**Wed Sep 6 – 7:00pm**

**+Norm Rich**

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

**+Austen Lobo**

*req. by Melvyn, Margaret & Adrian D'Souza*

**Thur Sep 7 – 8:20am**

**+Bryan Allen**

*req. by Gail Stewart*

**Friday Sept 8 – 8:20am**

**+Katherine Barbolini**

*req. by Iris, Frank & Mathias McNulty*

**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 \$60 per child. Please see Lorraine in the foyer after mass to register. A copy of the child's baptism certificate is required for NEW registrants.**

**On Labour Day Monday, Mass is at 9am. The church will close after Mass. The office will be closed.**

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