

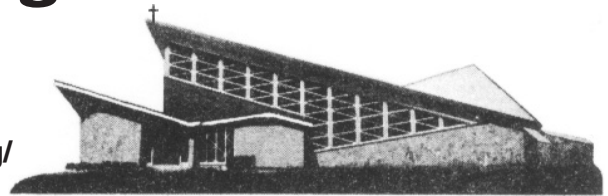
# St. John the Evangelist Church

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## Pastoral Team

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## Support Staff

Mr. Francisco Perez Caretaker  
Mr. Kevin Dashney Director of Music  
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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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## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Message from the Pastor

Peace to all of you!

Today we celebrate the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. The First Reading, from the Book of the prophet Ezekiel, presents a passage that underlines the importance of fraternal correction. The prophet is called to be a sentinel who admonishes people to follow the good and reject evil. It is true that we do not like to bother other people to give them advice and it is difficult to listen to others when they tell us something. However, we are called to help each other and give them advice any time somebody is going astray. We do it with the purpose of winning our brother or sister so that they reject evil and do good. The Second Reading, from the Letter of St. Paul to Romans, offers us a beautiful exhortation on how to live a peaceful life. He calls us to love our brothers and sisters constantly. The person who is moved by charity towards others always does the right thing. In order to love others, it is important to realize how much Christ has loved us first. Then, as a consequence, we can then love in the same measure by which we have been loved. The Gospel, from St. Matthew, brings us a passage in which Christ deals with how to solve disagreements in the community. We all live in the midst of people with different personalities, culture and upbringing. It is very common that there are times in which misunderstandings and disagreements occur. How to deal with them in the Community? We are called to do it with charity, patience and compassion. When somebody acts against me, I am tempted to retaliate and to spread gossip about that person. However, Jesus strongly encourages us to speak directly with that person in order to solve and clarify the issue at hand. If that person remains stubborn and still continues to act wrongly, then I can call other two people to try to convince that person to act rightly. The only purpose in talking with that person is that he/she can follow the right path and find peace. However, if that person still remains stubborn, the only thing that needs to be done is to respect, accept and love such individual. We can put him/her in God's hands and hopefully can open their hearts to do good. Another very important teaching of Jesus is the fact we live our faith in community, together with brothers and sisters. To be united have enormous power for ourselves and is a very strong example for our society. Let us remain attached to the Lord so that He can make our community of St. John's one in which we live in unity, charity, compassion and forgiveness!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant,  
and your Pastor

### 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)

### *Nourish Caring for the Caregiver*

Virtually every one of us will care for a loved one at some time in our life. Though rewarding, it's not always easy. Nourish for Caregivers is for anyone juggling the challenges of everyday life, health, career and caring for an aging parent, spouse, child or grandparent, in town or at a distance. Nourish provides caregivers a faith perspective, as well as practical and emotional support, useful tools, and share experience. Discover the blessings that come from caring for another.

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)

### **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.

### Prayer Group Wednesdays at 1pm

Come and join us at St John the Evangelist Prayer Group on Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> of Sept and every Wednesday at 1pm in the Parish Center for prayer, singing, a teaching and fellowship, hope to see you there.

### San Juan Diego Latin Dinner and Dance Eat, Dance and be Merry!!!

- dust off those dancing shoes!!!

San Juan Diego Parish Mission invites you to the annual Gala Dinner Dance with a Latin Flair!

Date: Saturday Nov. 4, 2023

Location: La Tosca Banquet Hall

- 800 Champlain Ave. Oshawa

Time: 6pm - 1am (dinner 7pm)

DJ (new), Raffle prizes, 50/50

*Psalm 126.2: We were filled with laughter and we sang for joy.*



### Masses For The Week

Sat Sep 9 – 5:00pm

+Dorothy & Felix LeBlanc

*req. by The LeBlanc Family*

Mon Sep 11 – 8:20am

+Israel Perez Menjibar

*req. by Paul & Geni D'Aurelio*

Tues Sep 12 – 8:20am

+Louise Sylvester

*req. by Mary Yearwood*

Wed Sep 13 – 7:00pm

+Illuminada Quemuel

*req. by The Quemuel Family*

+Jeanne Foxwell

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

+James Martin

*req. by Maureen Hartle*

Thur Sep 14 – 8:20am

+Johanna Wright

*req. by Catherine Ingram*

+Evan Faith Skinner

*req. by The Family*

Friday Sept 15 – 8:20am

+Humberto Schenflege

*req. by The Family*

SEPTEMBER 10, 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.**

**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.



**Thanksgiving Vegetable  
Food-Raiser and Fundraiser**

Once again, St. John the Evangelist Parish is proud to partner with Willowtree Farm for a unique fundraiser. We will be selling fresh from the farm, local vegetables for your Thanksgiving dinner. Each bag will contain; 1 seasonal squash, 1 cauliflower or cabbage, 2 onions, garlic, and an array of carrots, beets, and potatoes for \$25.

Pick up your order envelope after mass today. Fill out the order form and return it in the envelope with your payment by Sunday September 24<sup>th</sup>. You can place your orders in the Parish Office or in the Collection Baskets at any Mass.

When considering orders for friends or family, there is also the option to donate to our Food Bank. On the order form there will be a place to indicate if the vegetables are to be donated; donated bags will not need to be picked up.

The veggies will arrive to the Parish Centre on Friday September 29<sup>th</sup>. You will need to pick up your veggies over the weekend of September 29<sup>th</sup>, September 30<sup>th</sup>, & October 1<sup>st</sup>. There are six pick-up times listed on the order form.

**Farewell Fr. John Boos**

As an appreciation for his service to the community, a simple farewell reception will be hosted with cake and coffee/tea.

Sunday, September 24, 2023

2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Harmony Creek Golf Centre  
Harmony Hall, 1000 Bloor Street East  
Oshawa, Ontario, 905-433-0211

**Interested in altar serving?**

We are always in need of more altar servers, especially at the 5:00 pm Mass. Altar Servers must be in grade 3 and older and have already received their First Communion. This is a great opportunity for our younger parishioners to learn about the Mass and grow closer to Jesus. For more information, email [cass.sullivan@archtoronto.org](mailto:cass.sullivan@archtoronto.org) or contact the parish office.

There will be a training for all altar servers on **Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am to 1:00pm**. Lunch will be provided!

**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)

**Holy Spirit Novena For Life**

Holy Spirit, at the dawn of creation,  
You brought order out of chaos,  
Light out of darkness,  
Life out of nothingness.  
Breathe on us once again,  
And change the culture of death  
Into a culture of life.  
Inspire in your people  
A spirit of generous welcome  
For each and every life,  
No matter how unexpected or dependent  
that life may be.  
Holy Spirit, You are the Advocate.  
As you fill us with Yourself,  
Make us advocates  
For the unborn and all the vulnerable.  
Until we are all united in the endless life  
and joy of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
One God, forever and ever. Amen.

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