

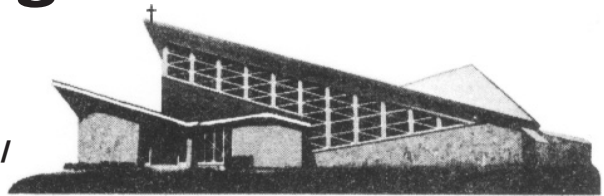
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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 Sudays 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 Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time. The First Reading, from the Book of the prophet Malachi, presents a passage on which the prophet reproaches the Temple priests of their selfish attitude. They were supposed to bring people closer to God and to offer sacrifices to the Lord. However, instead of doing that, they were profiting from their position to build themselves up. We can run that risk as well of looking first to our own advantage instead of serving the others. If we do that, we will remain empty, and our lives will be fruitless. God wants to help us so that we do not fall into this trap, but we remain attached to God, and we acquire a steadfast and generous spirit. The Second Reading, from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians, gives us a beautiful example of the care that St. Paul has for the people of Thessalonica. His main concern has been to bring to them the good news of salvation. Everything that he has done has been with this goal in mind. We can see in the apostle Paul a charitable attitude that always looks for the building up of other people. The Lord is inviting us to also receive this loving spirit that always seeks the good of others above our own good. The Gospel, from St. Matthew, brings us the part of the reproaches that Jesus addresses to the Pharisees and Scribes. They are supposed to guide people in their relationship with God. Instead of doing that, they were looking after their own advantage instead of serving the people. They wanted people to appreciate them and to build themselves up. However, that was not their mission, they were supposed to be a bridge to God and not an impediment for people to get closer to God. We all can fall into pride and in the temptation of trying to cut a good figure. The Lord wants to give us a gentle and humble spirit by which with our attitude we can bring people closer to God. Let us ask the Lord to open our hearts to His mercy so that we can be merciful and generous to others!

I would like to welcome Fr. Edwin Logroño to our parish. He is a priest from Galapagos in Ecuador. He has been one year in Toronto, and he is coming to be with us in residence to learn English. Let us welcome him and make him feel at home!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant, and your Pastor

Pope Francis' Homily for the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (November 5, 2017)

Today's Gospel passage (cf. Mt 23:1-12) is set in the final days of Jesus' life, in Jerusalem; days filled with expectations and also tension. On the one hand, Jesus directs harsh criticism at the scribes and Pharisees, and on the other, he entrusts important mandates to Christians of all times, thus also to us.

He says to the crowd: "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat; so practice and observe whatever they tell you". Meaning that they have the authority to teach what is in conformity with the Law of God. However, immediately after, Jesus adds: "but do not do 'what they do; for they preach, but do not practice'" (vv. 2-3). Brothers and sisters, a frequent flaw of those in authority, whether civil or ecclesiastic authority, is that of demanding of others things — even righteous things — that they do not, however, put into practise in the first person. They live a double life.

Jesus says: "They bind heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with their finger (v. 4). This attitude sets a bad example of authority, which should instead derive its primary strength precisely from

setting a good example. Authority arises from a good example, so as to help others to practise what is right and proper, sustaining them in the trials that they meet on the right path. Authority is a help, but if it is wrongly exercised, it becomes oppressive; it does not allow people to grow, and creates a climate of distrust and hostility, and also leads to corruption.

Jesus openly denounces some of the negative conduct of the scribes and of some Pharisees: "they love the place of honour at feasts and the best seats in the synagogues, and salutations in the market places" (vv. 6-7). This is a temptation that corresponds to human pride and that is not always easy to overcome. It is the attitude of living only for appearances.

Then Jesus entrusts the mandates to his disciples: "you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brethren. [...] Neither be called masters, for you have one master, the Christ. He who is greatest among you shall be your servant" (vv. 8-11).

We disciples of Jesus must not seek titles of honour, of authority or supremacy. I tell you, it pains me personally to see people who, psychologically, live in pursuit of vain accolades. We disciples of Jesus must not do this, because among ourselves there must be a simple and fraternal attitude. We are all brothers and sisters and in no way must we abuse others or look down on them. No. We are all brothers and sisters. If we have received talents from the heavenly Father, we must place them at the service of our brothers and sisters, and not exploit them for our own satisfaction and personal interests. We must not consider ourselves superior to others; modesty is essential for an existence that seeks to conform to the teaching of Jesus, who is meek and humble of heart and came not to be served but to serve.

May the Virgin Mary, "humble and exalted more than any creature" (Dante, *Paradiso*, xxxiii:2), help us, with her motherly intercession, to spurn pride and vanity, and to be meek and docile to the love that comes from God, for the service of our brothers and sisters and for their joy, which will also be our own.

Music Director

St John the Evangelist Parish is seeking a faith-filled, qualified, experienced Catholic musician to become Parish Music Director. Potential candidates will have:

- a minimum of Grade 9 piano/organ Conservatory training or the equivalent
- proven vocal and keyboard performance experience
- teaching and conducting ability
- familiarity with Church documents pertaining to music and liturgy a spirit of service
- excellent communication skills
- full availability to co-ordinate and lead our music ministry team

For a full position description, details, or to apply, please contact the Parish Office. We appreciate all who take the time to submit a resumé, but only selected applicants will be contacted for an interview and audition.

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The Book of Life



The month of November is traditionally known as the month of the Holy Souls, having at its' beginning, the two great feasts - All Saints and All Souls. To commemorate your faithful departed family and friends, you are invited to submit a page for the "Book of Life." This page should be 8 1/2" by 11" and fit into a standard 3-ring binder. On it you may type or print the names of whomever you would like to have remembered in a special way at all our parish Masses during November. You may decorate your "Family Page" in whatever way you wish, as long as it fits the above requirements. This "Book of Life" will be left in the sanctuary during November to remind us to pray, at church and at home for our loved ones. Please note previous years of pages are included already.

Donation envelopes for All Souls are available to write the names of those you wish to be prayed for on All Souls Day Thursday, November 2nd at 8:20am or 7:00pm and every Wednesday in November at 7:00pm.

Please include your name and address for tax receipt purposes.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul, St. John the Evangelist Conference

BUNDLE WEEKEND Nov 11-12, 2023

A truck will be parked in St. John Parish parking lot over the weekend Nov 11th, 12th accepting gently used/new clothing, coats, linens, towels, bedding, textiles, drapery, shoes/boots.

We CANNOT accept furniture, appliances, mattresses, used baby equipment, books, dishes, construction material or video tapes.

Please bring your items to the truck after mass Saturday at 5pm, Sunday 9am or 11am or 2:00 pm in Spanish. Assistance provided to load your donation onto the truck. Thank you!



Masses For The Week

Sat Nov 4 – 5:00pm

+Joseph Mulcahy

req. by Barry Schroeder

Mon Nov 6 – 8:20am

+Antonio Berardi

req. by Nina & Family

Tues Nov 7 – 8:20am

+Fortunato, Maria & Daniele Ciardullo

req. by Anna & Natale Ciardullo

Wed Nov 8 – 7:00pm

Intentions for All Souls

+Mary Gonsalves

req. by Melvyn, Margaret & Adrian

D'Souza

+Patricia Shaughnessy

req. by Mary Louise LaBarre & Ken Reilly

& Family

+Martin Doleweerd

req. by His Wife & Family

+Domenic Borg & The Bonello Family

req. by Their Family

Thur Nov 9 – 8:20am

+Clorinda & Clemente Garritano

req. by Nina & Family

Fri Nov 10 – 8:20am

+Kevin Coughlin

req. by Mary Jean

CHRISTMAS VENDOR FAIR

Your CWL is sponsoring a Vendor Fair on Saturday, November 25th in the parish centre 9am – 3pm. We still have spaces for vendors. If you are interested in participating, please contact Lynne Childerhouse at 905-431-6582 or lchilderhouse@hotmail.com. We hope parishioners will come by for their shopping opportunities. Proceeds from our Vendor Fair are used to support our charitable donations.

Nourish Caring for the Caregiver

Meetings continue two Mondays per month - Nov 13, 27, Dec 11 at 7:30pm

For more information please visit

www.NourishForCaregivers.com, or contact Robert MacLennan, 905-668-3676 or email

stjohntheevangelistwh@archtoronto.org

Christmas Youth Choir 2023!

Young singers age 7 and up are invited to help lead our parish in song at the **Christmas Eve Family Mass at 6:00pm**. The rehearsals will be on **Saturdays from 2:30pm to 4:00pm, beginning on November 25th** in the Parish Centre (Room 2). For more information, please contact Cassandra Sullivan cass.sullivan@archtoronto.org.



CHRISTMAS GIVING – 2023

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will be assisting our neighbours in need at Christmas. As with previous years, gift cards will be distributed. To support this endeavour, we are requesting your support with either cash or cheque donations. The Society provides **tax receipts for cash or cheque donations**. Donations of gift cards are also gratefully accepted, however, unfortunately we are not able to provide receipts for gift cards. During the month of November, please use the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul envelopes which are available on the back counter in the Church. We will use your generous donations to purchase gift cards, and will distribute them to our neighbours in need in early December. It would be very helpful if we received your donation by November 30th, 2023. Thank you for your generous support.

The 2023-24 Sunday Missals are \$5.00 each and available at the back of the church. Please recycle your old Missal at home.

The Bible Study continues on Mondays from 7pm in the parish centre. If you wish to join us, we still have some books available to purchase \$35.



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