

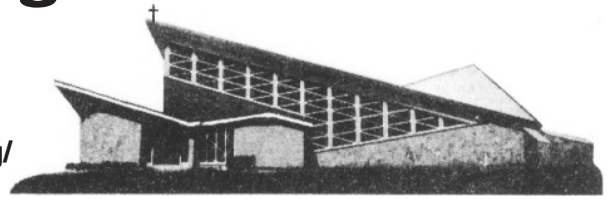
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. The First Reading, from the Book of Wisdom, presents a beautiful passage on the importance of God's wisdom in everyday life. Many times, we think that we must search for God and to take time to find Him. We need to do so many deeds to feel His presence. However, this reading shows us that God is the one who takes the initiative, and He is the first who searches for us so that we may enter into relationship with Him and find peace. It is very important to realize that our personal relationship with Christ is a very important hinge in our lives. It is from this relationship that we gain strength and help in our every day lives. The Second Reading, from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians, gives us a passage in which the apostle talks about the resurrection of the dead. During this month of November, we remember our deceased brothers and sisters and we take more time to think about death. St. Paul wants to give us hope by assuring us that we are called to share in the resurrection of Christ, and we have redeemed to inherit Eternal Life. It is important that we focus on our faith because in front of death we all feel afraid, and it is difficult to believe in life after death. The resurrection of Christ assures us that it is stronger than death, sickness and our own fears and doubts. In our every day lives we can already have a foretaste of the Resurrection when we experience how God helps us and take us out of difficult situations. The Gospel, from St. Matthew, brings us the parable of the ten wedding bridesmaids. The main point of this parable is to be watchful and vigilant so that when Christ comes, we can be ready to receive Him. It does bring us hope because the meeting with Christ in our lives is very important. We can be distracted or worried with so many things. Christ wants to help us to focus on Him and make prayer a daily habit. When we rely in Christ, unexpected events in our lives do not take away peace from us. Instead, we can face any situation at peace. Let us ask the Lord to fill us with hope so that we can welcome the Lord when He comes to give us life to the fullest!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant,
and your Pastor

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

This Sunday's Gospel passage (Mt 25:1-13) invites us to prolong the reflection on eternal life that we began on the occasion of the Feast of All Saints and the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed. Jesus recounts the parable of the ten virgins invited to a wedding feast, symbol of the Kingdom of Heaven.

In Jesus' time it was customary for weddings to be celebrated at night; so the procession of guests took place with lit lamps. Some bridesmaids are foolish: they take their lamps but do not take oil with them; instead, the wise ones take the oil with them together with their lamps. The bridegroom is late, late in coming, and they all fall asleep. When a voice alerts them that the bridegroom is about to arrive, the foolish ones, at that moment, realise that they do not have oil for their lamps; they ask the wise ones for some, but they reply that they cannot give any oil, because there would not be enough for them all. While the foolish virgins go to buy oil, the bridegroom arrives. The

wise virgins enter the banquet hall with him, and the door is closed. The others arrive too late and are turned away.

It is clear that with this parable, Jesus wants to tell us that we must be prepared for His coming. Not only the final coming, but also for the everyday encounters, great and small, with a view to that encounter, for which the lamp of faith is not enough; we also need the oil of charity and good works. As the apostle Paul says, the faith that truly unites us to Jesus is, "faith working through love" (Gal 5:6). It is what is represented by the behaviour of the wise virgins. Being wise and prudent means not waiting until the last moment to correspond to God's grace, but to do so actively and immediately, starting right now. "I... yes, I will convert soon"... "Convert today! Change your life today!" "Yes, yes, tomorrow". And the same thing is said tomorrow, and so it never arrives. Today! If we want to be ready for the final encounter with the Lord, we must cooperate with Him now and perform good deeds inspired by His love.

We know that it happens that, unfortunately, we forget the purpose of our life, that is, the definitive appointment with God, thus losing the sense of expectation and making the present absolute. When one makes the present absolute, he or she looks only to the present, losing the sense of expectation, which is so good, and so necessary, and also pulls us away from the contradictions of the moment. This attitude - when one loses the sense of expectation - precludes any view of the hereafter: people do everything as if they will never depart for the other life. And so people care only about possessing, of going about, establishing themselves... And more and more. If we allow ourselves to be guided by what seems most attractive to us, of what we like, by the search for our interests, our life becomes sterile; we do not accumulate any reserve of oil for our lamp, and it will be extinguished before the Lord's coming. We must live today, but a today that goes towards tomorrow, towards that coming, a present full

of hope. If, on the other hand, we are vigilant and correspond to God's grace by doing good, we can serenely await the bridegroom's coming. The Lord will be able to come even while we are sleeping: this will not worry us, because we have the reserve of oil accumulated through our daily good works, accumulated with that expectation of the Lord, that He may come as soon as possible and that He may come to take us with Him.

Let us invoke the intercession of Mary Most Holy, that she may help us to live an active faith, as she did: it is the shining lamp with which we can pass through the night beyond death and reach the great feast of life.

Archbishop's Consultation
A letter from Archbishop Francis Leo was inserted in last week's bulletin. Extra copies are available at the back counter of the church. Please go online to respond to his request for the top three things you believe should be addressed in this year's Pastoral Plan. Please complete the short survey before December.

<http://www.archtoronto.org/consultation>



BUNDLE SUNDAY IS TODAY!

Thank you for your support

Shepherds' Trust Collection November 18/19, 2023

The mission of the Shepherds' Trust is to raise awareness and collect funds so the elderly priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after man years of ministry. The Trust supports the needs of retired clergy in the Archdiocese of Toronto who have served for many years. Through our support of the Shepherds' Trust, the retired priests are given the dignity of adequate pensions, health care and other assistance in their golden years. www.shepherdstrust.org

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

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.

Email: stjohntheevangelistwh@archtoronto.org

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 every Wednesday in November at 7:00pm.

Please include your name and address for tax receipt purposes.



Masses For The Week

Sat Nov 11– 5:00pm

Int. for Joji Dijamco

req. by Jose & Elsie Camacho

Mon Nov 13 – 8:20am

+Riel & Vermite Families

req. by Pat Milburn

Tues Nov 14 – 8:20am

+Giovanni, Rita & Giuseppina Beltrano

req. by Anna & Natale Ciardullo

Wed Nov 15 – 7:00pm

Intentions for All Souls

+Attilio & Rosa Cannella

req. by Tony & Rosa Cannella

+Eleanor O'Connor

req. by Mary Louise LaBarre & Ken Reilly & Family

+All Souls in Purgatory

req. by Joe & Joy Broderick

+Agnes Galvin

req. by Brid Rooney

+Yesudass

req. by Family

Thur Nov 16 – 8:20am

+Humberto Schenflege

req. by His Family

Fri Nov 17 – 8:20am

+Brian McMonagle

req. by Gail McMonagle

Knights of Columbus

Memorial Mass

Thursday November 16th at 7pm, in the Church.

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.

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.

Thank you for winter coats!

We received an email of thanks from the recipients of the winter coats.

"I wish to send you a word of gratitude from all the people who received the warm jackets for winter. The support you gave us was overwhelming and all the people who were on the list for the men received a jacket. Even some newer people who joined later also received."
May God bless you!



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 ½" 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.

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