

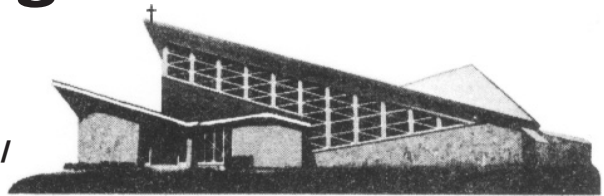
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. The First Reading, from the Book of Proverbs, presents a passage in which a prudent and wise wife is praised. Her faith is put into action and the purpose of her life is to serve and help everybody around her. This image of a woman of faith helps us all to realize that we are called to have a very personal relationship with God which brings us to serve and care for each other. Our everyday life is sustained and supported by our faith expressed in good actions towards others. Let us ask the Lord that He may give us the strength to put into action the faith in which we put our trust. The Second Reading, from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians, gives us an answer from the apostle regarding the coming of the Lord. It seemed that the Lord was not coming as soon as everyone expected Him. Members of the community were thinking that it was fine to procrastinate and become despondent since their belief in Christ was enough. However, Paul encourages them to rekindle their hope by assuring them that it is important to be ready to receive the Lord when He comes so that we may receive His graces. It is essential to be awake and to be well disposed to receive the constant graces that Christ wants to pour out in us. If we do this, certainly we will receive fullness of life. The Gospel, from St. Matthew, brings us the parable of the talents. There are two people who negotiate with what they have received, and they bear fruit. Whereas there is one who keeps for himself what he has received and remains fruitless. The main message of this teaching is that we need to put into practice what God has entrusted to us. He has blessed us with many gifts, especially His mercy, compassion, and faith in our lives. Our fulfillment comes when we allow these gifts to shape our lives and we act moved by God's gifts. Consequently, we will receive lots of peace and we will be blessed people. If we keep all these gifts for ourselves or think that we are so busy that we do not have time for God, then we remain sterile, and our life becomes empty and superficial. At the end of our day, we are agitated, and we do not find rest. God wants to help us to have a life fulfilled when we are generous with the gifts that we have received, and we put them into action. Let us ask the Lord that He may give us a grateful heart to consider all the good things that the Lord has done with us, and we can share them with others!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant,
and your Pastor

Pope Francis' Homily for the Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (November 19, 2017)

In this penultimate Sunday of the liturgical year, the Gospel presents to us the Parable of the Talents (cf. Mt 25:14-30). Before setting off on a journey, a man gives his servants talents, which at that time were coins of considerable value: he gives five talents to one servant, two to another, one to another, to each according to his ability. The servant who had received five talents was resourceful and he traded with them, earning another five. The servant who had received two behaved likewise, and acquired another two. However, the servant who had received one dug a hole in the ground and therein hid his master's coin.

Upon the master's return, this same servant explained to him the reason for this action, saying: "Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not winnow; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground" (vv. 24-25). This

servant did not have a trusting relationship with his master, but was afraid of him, and this hindered him. Fear always immobilizes and often leads to making bad choices. Fear discourages us from taking the initiative; it induces us to take refuge in secure and guaranteed solutions, and thus end up not accomplishing anything good. To move forward and grow on the journey of life, we must not have fear; we must have faith.

This parable helps us understand how important it is to have a true concept of God. We must not think that he is a cruel, hard and severe master who wishes to punish us. If this mistaken image of God is within us our life cannot be fruitful, because we will live in fear and this will not lead us to anything constructive. On the contrary, fear paralyzes us; it causes our self-destruction. We are called to reflect in order to discover what our idea of God really is. Already in the Old Testament he revealed himself as "a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness" (Ex 34:6). And Jesus always showed us that God is not a severe or intolerant master, but a father full of love, of tenderness, a father full of goodness. Therefore, we can and must have immense faith in him.

Jesus shows us God's generosity and care in so many ways: with his words, with his gestures, with his welcome toward everyone, especially toward sinners, the

little ones and the poor, as today — the first World Day of the Poor — also reminds us. But he also does so with his admonitions, which show his interest so that we do not pointlessly waste our life. Indeed, it is a sign that God has great esteem for us: this awareness helps us to be responsible people in all our actions. Therefore, the Parable of the Talents reminds us of a personal responsibility and of a faithfulness that even becomes the ability to continually set out anew, walking new paths, without "burying the talent", that is, the gifts which God has entrusted to us, and for which he will call us to account.

May the Blessed Virgin intercede for us, so that we may remain faithful to the will of God, cultivating the talents that God has given us. Thus we will be helpful to others and, on the last day, we will be welcomed by the Lord, who will invite us to take part in his joy.

FIRST RECONCILIATION PREPARATION SESSION SATURDAY NOVEMBER 25TH

**In the Church. One parent to attend
with the child preparing for the
Sacrament.**

**11:00am – 12:00pm A – L
1:00pm – 2:00pm M-Z**

CONFIRMATION RITE OF ENROLMENT

**Saturday Dec 2nd 5:00pm Mass
Sunday Dec 3rd 9:00am or 11:00am
Please bring Rite of Enrolment Card
received at registration.**

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>

**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 many 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 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:

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Tabernacle Candle for Zoey



Masses For The Week

Sat Nov 18– 5:00pm

+Dorothy Schroeder

req. by Barry Schroeder

Mon Nov 20 – 8:20am

+Carol Taylor

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

Tues Nov 21 – 8:20am

+Michael Lawson

req. by His Family

Wed Nov 22 – 7:00pm

Intentions for All Souls

+Andrew Marioselva

req. by Christine & Childre

+All Souls in Purgatory

req. by Joe & Joy Broderick

A Special Intention

req. by Irena Stebih

+Catherine

req. by Yesu

+Dave Lambert

req. by Nina Veltri

**+Deceased Mbrs of the Kitcher &
Washburn Families**

req. by Denise & Shirley Washburn

Thur Nov 16 – 8:20am

+Humberto Schenflege

req. by His Family

Fri Nov 17 – 8:20am

+Brian McMonagle

req. by Gail McMonagle

CHRISTMAS VENDOR FAIR

Your CWL is sponsoring a Vendor Fair on Saturday, November 25th in the parish centre from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We hope you will come by for your shopping opportunities. In the Christmas spirit of giving, please bring a non-perishable, non-expired food item. Proceeds from the Vendor Fair are used to support our charitable donations. For more information, please contact Lynne Childerhouse at 905-431-6582 or lchilderhouse@hotmail.com. Thank you for your support.

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.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday, December 2, 2023,
8am – 10:30am

Knights' Hall – 133 Brock St. N
\$6 per person, or \$20 per family
Come and enjoy a hot breakfast
before the
Santa Claus Parade!

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 Advent Season

The Catholic Church Liturgical Year starts with the 1st Sunday of Advent on Sunday, December 2nd.

Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas. Latin "adventus" (Preparation) which marks the four Sundays before Christmas. Next weekend's bulletin will provide the details of Advent, and the prayers for week 1.

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