

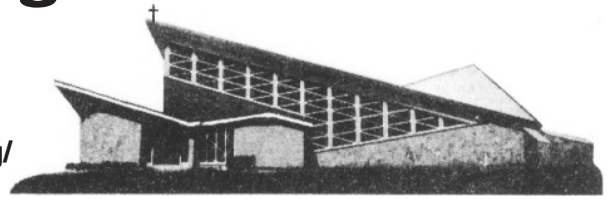
# St. John the Evangelist Church

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Mrs. Vicki Morgan Secretary  
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## Support Staff

Mr. Francisco Perez Caretaker  
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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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## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Message from the Pastor

Peace to all of you!

This Sunday we are celebrating the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The First Reading is from the Book of Job. It offers a passage in which Job expresses his frustration and anguish facing his great suffering. Job loses his children; his possessions and he gets a very painful disease. He questions God why this is happening to him if he has done nothing wrong. He tries to understand the meaning of his suffering and he tries to find peace by receiving an explanation from God. Amid this reflection, he expresses that life on earth is filled with pain and anxiety. He feels that life is precarious and can end any time. We can learn from this reading that all of us need to ask God for help in front of painful events. By doing so we can receive hope and consolation. The Second Reading is from the First Letter of the apostle St. Paul to the Corinthians. It presents a text in which he gives reason for his apostolic ministry. He has experienced how Christ has transformed his life, from being a violent persecutor, he is now an apostle of the Risen Christ. He is moved by the amazing witness of his life. He wants to help everybody to experience the transformative mercy of Christ. We also have been infinitely loved by Christ and we are called to be witnesses of his amazing love. The Gospel from St. Mark offers us a passage in which Jesus continues his healing ministry. He heals Peter's mother-in-law who was in bed with a high fever. He also brings peace to many sick who are brought to Him. The healings are a sign of the victory of Christ over sin and death and they prefigure the final victory through His Resurrection. All of us experience daily the suffering that our sins caused us, but there is hope because Christ is stronger than our sins, and He offers us salvation and a new life full of hope and peace!

***I want to give thanks to Fr. Edwin Logroño for his witness among us as a faithful and charitable priest. He has been helping us a lot in parish activities and he has been a great support to all of us. He is leaving the parish on February 15th to go to help at Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish in Bradford. Let us pray form him that the Lord may bless him and fill him with peace!***

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant and your Pastor

Pope Francis' Homily on the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (February 7, 2021) Once again in the Square! Today's Gospel passage (cf. Mk 1:29-39) presents the healing, by Jesus, of Peter's mother-in-law and then of many other sick and suffering people who gather round him. The healing of Peter's mother-in-law is the first physical healing recounted by Mark: the woman is in bed with a fever; Jesus' attitude and gesture toward her are emblematic: "he came and took her by the hand" (v. 31), the Evangelist notes. There is so much tenderness in this simple act, which seems almost natural: "the fever left her; and she served them" (ibid.). Jesus' healing power meets no resistance; and the person healed resumes her normal life, immediately thinking of others and not of herself – and this is significant; it is the sign of true "health"!

That day was a sabbath day. The people of the village wait for sundown and then, the obligation of rest having ended, they go out and bring to Jesus all those who are sick and possessed by demons. And he heals them, but forbids the demons to reveal that he is the Christ (cf. vv. 32-34). Thus, from the very beginning, Jesus shows his predilection for people suffering in body and in spirit: it is a predilection of Jesus to draw near to people who suffer both in body and in spirit. It is the Father's predilection, which he incarnates and manifests with deeds and words. His disciples were

eyewitnesses to this; they saw this and then witnessed to it. But Jesus did not want just spectators of his mission: he involved them; he sent them; he also gave them the power to heal the sick and cast out demons (cf. Mt 10:1; Mk 6:7). And this has continued without interruption in the life of the Church, up to today. And this is important. Taking care of the sick of every kind is not an "optional activity" for the Church, no! It is not something extra, no. Taking care of the sick of every kind is an integral part of the Church's mission, as it was for Jesus'. And this mission is to bring God's tenderness to a suffering humanity. We will be reminded of this in a few days, on 11 February, with the World Day of the Sick.

The reality that we are experiencing throughout the world due to the pandemic makes this message, this essential mission of the Church, particularly relevant. The voice of Job, which echoes in today's liturgy, is once again the interpreter of our human condition, so lofty in dignity – our human condition, the loftiest in dignity - and at the same time so fragile. In the face of this reality, the question "why?" always arises in the heart.

And to this question Jesus, the Word Incarnate, responds not with an explanation – to this because we are so lofty in dignity and so fragile in condition, Jesus does not respond to this 'why' with an explanation –, but with a loving presence that bends down, that takes by the hand and lifts up, as he did with Peter's mother-in-law (cf. Mk 1:31). Bending down to lift up the other. Let us not forget that the only legitimate way to look at a person from top down is when you stretch out a hand to help them get up. The only one. And this is the mission that Jesus entrusted to the Church. The Son of God manifests his Lordship not "from top down", not from a distance, but in bending down, stretching out his hand; he manifests his Lordship in closeness, in tenderness, in compassion. Closeness, tenderness, compassion are the style of God. God draws near, and he draws near with tenderness and compassion. How many times in the Gospel do we read, before a health problem or any problem: "he had compassion". Jesus' compassion, God's closeness in Jesus is the style of God. Today's Gospel passage also reminds us that this compassion is deeply rooted in the intimate relationship with the Father. Why? Before daybreak and after sundown, Jesus withdrew and remained alone to pray (v. 35). From there he drew the strength to fulfil his mission, preaching and healing.

May the Holy Virgin help us to allow Jesus to heal us – we always need this, everyone – so that we might in our turn be witnesses to God's healing tenderness

### THE CROSS OF CHRIST

**Friday, March 22, 2024, 7pm**

**St. John the Evangelist Church**

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coffee & cake as we celebrate Fr.  
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League*



**Tuesday February  
13<sup>th</sup> 9am to 10am**  
**Devotion to the  
Holy Face of Jesus**  
with  
**Adoration and  
Prayers in the  
Church.**  
**All are welcome**



**Lent begins on Ash Wednesday  
February 14<sup>th</sup>.**  
**Masses with the distribution of Ashes  
at 8:20am & 7pm.**

Friday mass changes from 8:20am to  
7pm beginning Friday February 16<sup>th</sup>  
with Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm,  
Mass at 7:00pm, Stations of the Cross in  
Spanish at 7:30pm

Feb 16 Easter Reflection

Feb 23 St Patrick's Way of the Cross

Mar 1 Development & Peace

Mar 8 Pope Francis Stations

Mar 15 Mary's Way of the Cross

Mar 22 Concert: Last 7 Words of Christ

Mar 29 (Good Friday) Youth Stations

**ATTENTION ENGAGED COUPLES!  
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on

Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>

Or call Sylvie daytime Feb 1-11  
905 706 5881

Draw Date: Monday February 12<sup>th</sup>  
at Noon

**CWL Members and Ladies of the Parish**

You're invited to our CWL Toronto  
Diocesan Council Development Day 2024,  
on Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. to  
3:00 p.m. main room of the parish centre  
(bring your own lunch). Our theme this  
year is: Here I am Lord, Send me! This  
theme is put into action by featuring our  
two guest speakers: 10:00 a.m. – 12:15  
p.m. Kathy Matusiak Costa, Executive  
Director of Compassionate Community  
Care and our afternoon speaker 1:00 –  
3:00 p.m. is Alex Schadenberg, Executive  
Director of Euthanasia Prevention  
Coalition. Compassionate care for  
vulnerable persons and an update on the  
widening of MAiD for mental health, as well  
as other issues and cases in Canada and  
abroad are both important issues. This will  
be a virtual presentation. If you require  
more information, or to reserve your seat,  
please contact Lynne Childerhouse at 905-  
431-6582 or lchilderhouse@hotmail.com.

**Knights of Columbus  
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**Saturday, February 24, 2024**  
**In Support of St. John the Evangelist  
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**905-995-2978 or gdesc9@gmail.com**



Masses For The Week

**Sat Feb 3– 5:00pm**

**+George O'Connor**

*req. by Noreen Hayden*

**Mon Feb 5 – 8:20am**

**+Ryan McDonald**

*req. by Alice Deehan*

**Tues Feb 6 – 8:20am**

**+Theodor Lebar**

*req. by The Donko & Klink Family*

**Wed Feb 7 – 7:00pm**

**+Balendra & Kapilendra Nagalingan**

*req. by The Ratsingham Family*

**Thur Feb 8 – 8:20am**

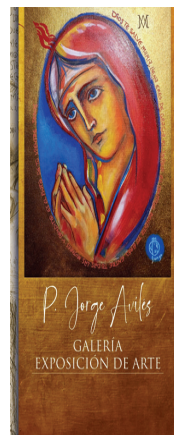
**+G.D. Fernando**

*req. by Ann DeSilva*

**Fri Feb 9 – 8:20am**

**+Monica Leal**

*req. by Mizaida Leal*



**Silent Auction and  
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**Sunday Feb 11**  
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