

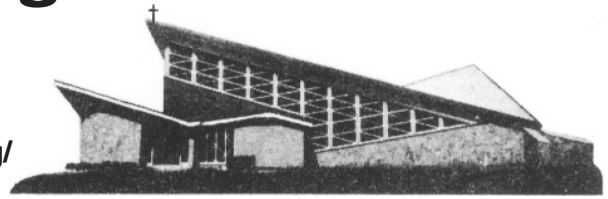
# St. John the Evangelist Church

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## Pastoral Team

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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 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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## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

### Message from the Pastor

The Peace of the Risen Christ be with you all!

We celebrate this Sunday the Third Sunday of Easter. The First Reading is from the Acts of the Apostles. It presents the preaching of St. Peter after the healing of a paralytic at the entrance of the Temple in Jerusalem. Many people witnessed and they marvelled at the healing of the paralytic. St. Peter announces to them that it is by the power of the Risen Christ that this amazing sign has occurred. Then, he proclaims that Jesus is the expected Messiah who has suffered, died, and is risen from the dead. He called them to repent and to welcome this Good News of salvation so that their lives can be transformed. During the time of Easter, we are called to open our hearts so that we can share in His Resurrection and our lives may be transformed. The Second Reading is from the First Letter of St. John. It points out that Christ has been constituted for us as our Advocate or the victim who saves us from our sins. We all must admit that we are frail, and we fall into sin. However, if we repent and offer our sins to the Lord, He forgives us, He crushes our sins and He gives us new life. Let us never give up because even we are weak and fall into sin, the Lord is patient and merciful and He always forgives us. The Gospel, from St. Luke, gives us the account of the appearance of Jesus to the apostles while they were at the Upper Room. Even though the apostles have seen the empty tomb, yet they still have doubts and do not believe that He is Risen. This can happen also to us. We have celebrated Easter; we have rejoiced, and we are witnesses how Christ has filled us with peace. However, something has happened, and we are again anxious and frustrated. The Lord comes to us, and He assures us that He is Risen by showing us His hands and His side. These marks are the proof that He is stronger than any situation that is taking away our peace. Let us welcome this Good News of the Risen Christ who constantly intervenes in our lives taking us out from any situation that destroys us and making us share in His unending life!

In order to have a concrete and tangible experience of the Risen Christ in our lives, I really encourage you to come to the preaching of the Good News that will take place in our Church. It will start on Monday, April 15th at 7:30 pm and will be every Monday and Thursday at the same time at the Church. You do not need to register to come, just attend and

experience the joy of the Resurrection in your lives!

May God continue to fill you with hope and peace during the Easter Season!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant and your Pastor

Pope Francis Homily for Third Sunday of Easter B (April 18, 2021)

On this Third Sunday of Easter, we return to Jerusalem, in the Cenacle, as guided by the two disciples of Emmaus, who had listened with great emotion to Jesus' words along the way and then had recognized him "in the breaking of the bread" (Lk 24:35). Now, in the Cenacle, the Risen Christ presents himself in the midst of the group of disciples and greets: "Peace to you!" (v. 36). But they are frightened and believe "that they saw a spirit" (v. 37), as the Gospel says. Then Jesus shows them the wounds in his body and says: "See my hands and my feet" – the wounds – "that it is I myself; handle me" (v. 39). And to convince them, he asks for food and eats it before their astonished eyes (cf. vv. 41-42).

There is a detail here, in this description. The Gospel says that the Apostles "they still disbelieved for joy". The joy they had was such that they could not believe that this was true. And a second detail: they were bewildered, astonished; astonished because the encounter with God always leads you to astonishment: it goes beyond enthusiasm, beyond joy; it is another experience. And they were joyful, but a joy that made them think: no, this cannot be true!... It is the astonishment of God's presence. Do not forget this frame of mind, which is so beautiful.

Three very concrete verbs characterize this Gospel passage. In a certain sense, they reflect our individual and community life: to look, to touch and to eat. Three actions that can give joy from a true encounter with the living Jesus.

To look. "See my hands and my feet", Jesus says. To look is not only to see, it is more; it also involves intention, will. For this reason, it is one of the verbs of love. A mother and father look at their child; lovers gaze at each other; a good doctor looks at the patient carefully.... Looking is a first step against indifference, against the temptation to look the other way before the difficulties and sufferings of others. To look. Do I see or look at Jesus?

The second verb is to touch. By inviting the disciples to touch him, to verify that he is not a ghost – touch me! – Jesus indicates to them and to us that the relationship with Him and with our brothers and sisters cannot remain "at a distance". Christianity does not exist at a distance; Christianity does not exist only at the level of looking. Love requires looking and it also requires closeness; it requires contact, the sharing of life. The Good Samaritan did not limit himself to looking at that man whom he found half dead along the road: he stopped, he bent down, he treated his wounds, he touched him, he loaded him on his mount and took him to the inn. And it is the same with Jesus himself: loving him means entering into a communion of life, a communion with Him.

And thus, we come to the third verb, to eat, which clearly expresses our humanity in its most natural poverty, that is, our need to nourish ourselves in order to live. But eating, when we do so together, among family or friends, also becomes an expression of love, an expression of communion, of celebration.... How often the Gospels present Jesus to us who experiences this convivial dimension! Even as the Risen One, with his disciples. To the point that the Eucharistic Banquet has become the emblematic sign of the Christian community. Eating together the Body of Christ: this is the core of Christian life.

Brothers and sisters, this Gospel passage tells us that Jesus is not a "ghost", but a living Person; that when Jesus draws near to us he fills us with joy, to the point of disbelief, and he leaves us bewildered, with that astonishment that only God's presence gives, because Jesus is a living person.

Daughters of St. Paul Book Fair April 27/28, 2024

Pauline Parish Book Fair  
The Daughters of St. Paul will hold a Book Fair in the parish centre on April 27/28 after all masses.

A selection of books for children, youth and adults including bibles, bible stories, storybooks, spirituality, prayer, faith formation, parenting and the lives of the saints.

Please tour the book fair in the parish centre after mass.

APRIL 14, 2024



**Word of Good News  
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Come and discover the love that  
God has for you!  
Starting April 15, 2024  
Mondays & Thursdays 7:30pm  
In the church, COME AND SEE!

**Durham Young Adult Ministry (Ages  
19 – 35) “Mass & Pub Night”**

Calling all young adults ages 19 – 35 in  
the Durham region. Join us  
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Parish followed by a pub social at  
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Samantha Goh, Eastern Region Young  
Adult Minister,  
at [sngoh@archtoronto.org](mailto:sngoh@archtoronto.org) or  
416.599.7676

### **Totus Tuus Summer Camp!**

**DAY CAMP (for students going into  
grade 1-6 in the fall) - \$80 for the  
week**

Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup> to Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup>,  
9:00 AM - 2:30 PM

**EVENING PROGRAM (for students  
going into grade 7-12 in the fall) - \$40  
for the week**

Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, July  
11<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

**The deadline to register for the camp  
is June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The deadline to  
apply to volunteer is May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024.  
For more information about  
registration or volunteering contact  
cass.sullivan@archtoronto.org or  
visit our parish website.**

### **CWL Members and Ladies of the Parish**

Our next CWL general meeting  
is scheduled for Thursday, April  
25<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. in the  
main room of the Parish Centre.  
If you require more information,  
please contact Lynne  
Childerhouse at 905-431-6582 or  
[lchilderhouse@hotmail.com](mailto:lchilderhouse@hotmail.com).



Masses For The Week

Sat Apr 13 – 5:00pm  
+All Souls in Purgatory  
*req. by Joe & Joy Broderick*

Mon Apr 15 – 8:20am  
+Humberto Schenflede  
*req. by His Family*

Tues Apr 16 – 8:20am  
+Yesu Dass  
*req. by Yesu*

Wed Apr 17 – 7:00pm  
+Ted Kapuscinski  
*req. by Doreen & Family*  
+Laura Gabriela Massa  
*req. by Herminia Moniz & Family*  
+Mike Soletto  
*req. by the Halpin Family*  
+Maria Helen Silveira  
*req. by The Silveira Family*  
+Joan Agnew  
*req. by The Agnew Family*

Intentions for the Dugas Grandchildren  
*req. by Denise Dugas*

Thur Apr 11– 8:20am  
+ Antonia Veltri  
*req. by Nina Veltri & Family*

Fri Apr 12 – 8:20am  
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### **Confirmation Candidates**

Evening of Reconciliation in the  
Church

Tuesday April 30<sup>th</sup>

*Candidates being Confirmed June 1<sup>st</sup>*

7:00pm-8:00pm

Thursday May 2<sup>nd</sup>

*Candidates being Confirmed May 26<sup>th</sup>*

7:00pm -8:00pm

### **St. John the Evangelist Day of Reflection and Spiritual Renewal**

**For all Parishioners 55+  
Manresa Centre, Pickering,  
Ontario**

**Thursday, May 23, 2024  
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### **Banns for Ordination**

**Daniel Humphries is to be ordained  
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