

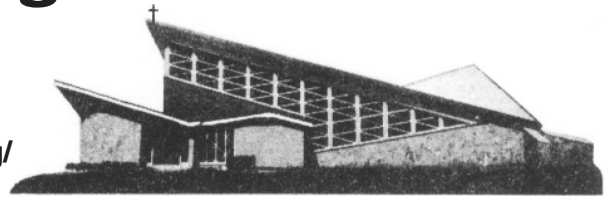
# St. John the Evangelist Church

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## Pastoral Team

Rev. Francisco Fernandez Siles Pastor  
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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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# THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

## Message from the Pastor

The Peace of Christ be with you all!

We celebrate this Sunday the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This is a very important feast because the Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. All the sacraments point out to well receive the Body and Blood of Christ in our hearts. The First Reading is from the book of Exodus. It presents the covenant that God made with the people of Israel on Mount Sinai. Moses presents to them the ten commandments as the way to live faithful to the Lord, and they choose to obey and to follow them. God establishes a covenant with them by the outpouring of blood over the people as a sign that they share in God's life, and they receive happiness from Him. We are also called to follow God's path for us so that in Him we may find fulfillment. This plan depends on God's initiative and faithfulness much more than our commitment to keep the commandments. The Second Reading, from the Letter to the Hebrews, gives us a teaching on Christ as the mediator of the new covenant. When God made the covenant with the people of Israel, they broke it, and they did not keep the commandments. Christ has established a new covenant through the shedding of His Blood. He has forgiven our sins and has transformed our hearts so that now in Him we can keep the commandments without any effort. Let us join and participate in the fruits of this new covenant which renews us and transforms us completely. The Gospel, from St. Mark, brings us the account of the events of the Last Supper. During this Jewish Passover, Christ instituted the Eucharist as a memorial of His Death and Resurrection. When he consecrated His Body in the form of bread, he intended it as an announcement that His Body was going to be offered on the Cross for our salvation. When we eat His Body, we share in His Death, and we give Him all our struggles and sins and He crushes them on the Cross. When he consecrated His Blood, in the form of wine, He meant that He was going to shed His blood for us on the Cross to bring us from Death to Life. When we drink His Blood, we share in His Resurrection, and we receive a new life. Let us appreciate more and more this great sacrament in which we participate and let us pass from death to life every time we take communion!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant and your Pastor

## Pope Francis Homily for Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ B (June 6, 2021)

Jesus sends his disciples to prepare the place where they will celebrate the Passover meal. They themselves had asked: "Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" (Mk 14:12). As we contemplate and worship the Lord's presence in the Eucharistic Bread, we too should ask where, in what "place", we want to prepare the Lord's Passover. What are the "places" in our own lives that God is asking to be our guest? I would like to answer these questions by reflecting on three images from the Gospel we just heard (Mk 14:12-16, 22-26).

The first is that of the man carrying a pitcher of water (cf. v. 13). This might seem like a superfluous detail. Yet that nameless man became the guide who would bring the disciples to the place later known as the Upper Room. The pitcher of water is the sign by which they recognize him. It is a sign that makes us think of our human family, athirst, constantly seeking a source of water to slake its thirst and to bring refreshment. All of us walk through life with pitcher in hand: all of us thirst for love, for joy, for a fulfilling life in a more humane world. To sate this thirst, the water of worldly things is of no avail. For ours is a deeper thirst, a thirst that God alone can satisfy.

Let us briefly consider this image and what it symbolizes. Jesus tells his disciples that the Passover meal can be eaten wherever a man carrying a pitcher of water leads them. To celebrate the Eucharist, we need first to recognize our thirst for God, to sense our need for him, to long for his presence and love, to realize that we cannot go it alone, but need the Food and Drink of eternal life to sustain us on our journey. The man carrying a pitcher of water led the disciples to the room where Jesus would institute the Eucharist.

The second image from the Gospel is that of the Upper Room (cf. v. 15). This room where Jesus and his disciples would celebrate the Passover meal was located in the house of someone who offered them hospitality. A large room for a tiny piece of Bread. God makes himself tiny, like a morsel of bread. That is precisely why we need a great heart to be able to recognize, adore and receive him. God's presence is so humble, hidden and often unseen that, in order to recognize his presence, we need a heart that is ready, alert and welcoming. But if our heart, rather than a large room, is more like a closet where we

wistfully keep things from the past, or an attic where we long ago stored our dreams and enthusiasm, or a dreary chamber filled only with us, our problems and our disappointments, then it will be impossible to recognize God's silent and unassuming presence. We need a large room. We need to enlarge our hearts. We need to break out of our tiny self-enclosed space and enter the large room, the vast expanse of wonder and adoration. That is what we really need!

A third image from the Gospel is that of Jesus breaking the bread. This is the Eucharistic gesture par excellence. It is the distinctive sign of our faith and the place where we encounter the Lord who offers himself so that we can be reborn to new life. This gesture also challenges us. Up to that point, lambs were sacrificed and offered to God. Now Jesus becomes the lamb, offering himself in sacrifice in order to give us life. In the Eucharist, we contemplate and worship the God of love. The Lord who breaks no one, yet allows himself to be broken. The Lord who does not demand sacrifices, but sacrifices himself. The Lord who asks nothing but gives everything. In celebrating and experiencing the Eucharist, we too are called to share in this love.

Brothers and sisters, today where should we go "to prepare the Lord's supper"? The procession with the Blessed Sacrament – a hallmark of the feast of Corpus Domini, yet one that for the moment we cannot celebrate – reminds us that we are called to go out and bring Jesus to others. To go out with enthusiasm, bringing Christ to those we meet in our daily lives. May we become a Church with pitcher in hand, a Church that reawakens thirst and brings water. Let us open wide our hearts in love, so that we can be the large and welcoming room where everyone can enter and meet the Lord. Let us break the bread of our lives in compassion and solidarity, so that through us the world may see the grandeur of God's love. Then the Lord will come, he will surprise us once more, he will again become food for the life of the world. And he will satisfy us always, until the day when, at the heavenly banquet, we will contemplate his face and come to know the joy that has no end.

## **CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION TODAY**

**We will process outside at the end of 9am Mass in the parking lot and 11am mass around the block of Giffard, Dundas & Wellington Streets.**

JUNE 2, 2024

## *★ Congratulations! ★*

To all Confirmation Candidates of our Parish schools receiving the seal of The Holy Spirit on May 26th and June 1st. May you continue to be guided throughout your life by the gifts you have received.

### THANK YOU!

Durham Outlook for the Needy

Dear Fr. Francisco and Parishioners:

It is with much gratitude that we extend our deep thanks to those parishioners who have been providing delicious casseroles monthly to our guests at Durham Outlook for the Needy. Nutritious and tasty meals serve at DOFN's Kitchen are truly a gift to the many in need, and we delight in hearing their expressions of thank. Our sincere thanks to ALL of those involved.

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Masses For The Week

Sat Jun 1 – 5:00pm

+Tomislav Lebar

*req. by The Donko & Klink Families*

Mon Jun 3 – 8:20am

+Elizabet Donko & Anne Leben

*req. by Teresa Donko & Family*

Tues Jun 4 – 8:20am

+Steven Ingram

*req. by Catherine Ingram & Family*

Wed Jun 5 – 7:00pm

+Frenk Smrekar

*req. by The Struna Family*

+Terry Goodmundson

*req. by Clark & Pat Weddell*

+Nicolas Vallesterro Sr

*req. by Nicolas Vallesterro Jr & Family*

In Thanksgiving

*req. by Minnie & Dru Chillingworth*

+Frank Kapuscinski

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

+All Souls in Purgatory

*req. by Frank Kwa*

+Habiba Rajan

*req. by Her Family*

Thur Jun 6 – 8:20am

+Marilyn Milmine

*req. by Pat & Clark Weddell*

Fri Jun 7 – 8:20am

+Don Legault

*req. by Denise Dugas*

### 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 to volunteer, contact Cassandra at [cass.sullivan@archtoronto.org](mailto:cass.sullivan@archtoronto.org) or visit our parish website.

Knights of Columbus, St John the Evangelist Council, meetings are the 1st Wednesday of each month from Sept to June. Next Meeting is Wednesday June 5, 2024 at 8PM at the Knights Hall at 133 Brock St North. For further information assisting the St John's community and becoming a Knight please contact Membership Director Bryan Childerhouse [bryan.childerhouse@rogers.com](mailto:bryan.childerhouse@rogers.com) or call 416-508-9877



**Second Collection for Marygrove Camp June 8/9, 2024**

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*Thank you for your support*



St. John the Evangelist's Social Committee invites you to

**Taste of the Parish on**

**Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

**From 11 am to 3 pm.**

Join us on the Church grounds for fun, food and games for the whole family! Come and share in culinary delights from around the world.

Food contributions from your country of origin are welcome. Sign up sheets are available in the Foyer after all Masses.

BYOLC: Bring your own lawn chair

### R.C.I.A

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) provides instruction and spiritual formation to anyone 16 years of age and older who are not baptized, or baptized in another Christian community, who would like to become a member of the Catholic Church. Catholic adults who have not yet celebrated their First Eucharist or the Sacrament of Confirmation may also take part. RCIA Sessions take place on Thursday evenings from 7pm to 9pm in the Parish Centre beginning soon. Interested participants should contact Fr. Francisco at the Parish Office as soon as possible to register: (905) 668-3676.


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