

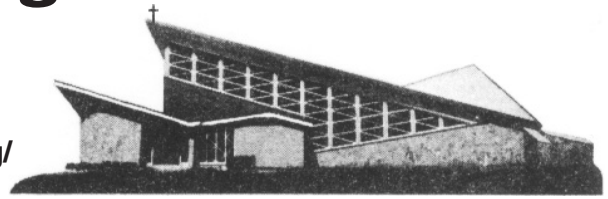
# St. John the Evangelist Church

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## Pastoral Team

Rev. Francisco Fernandez Siles Pastor  
 Mrs. Kristine Blyth Lay Pastoral Asst.  
 Mrs. Vicki Morgan Secretary  
 Mrs. Cassandra Hamilton Youth Ministry  
 Mr. Robert Caley Choir Director

## Support Staff

Mr. Francisco Perez Caretaker  
 Mrs. Sue McGee Bookkeeper  
 Mrs. Gail Stewart Cook/Housekeeper

## 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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Catholic Cemeteries	Oshawa 905-725-3513	Ajax	905-668-8912
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Rose of Durham (Young Parent Support Services)			905-432-3622

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## ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Message from the Pastor

The Peace of Christ be with you all!

We celebrate this Sunday the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. The First Reading is from the book of the prophet Ezekiel. It presents an allegory in which it announces that from a small branch, which represents the people of Israel, many nations will take refuge in it. From this humble and small rest, Jesus Christ comes from, and we have received salvation from Him. All the nations of the world are saved from these humble beginnings of the Church. We are called to take refuge and to get nourished from the sacraments and the faith that the Church offers to us. The Second Reading, from the Second Letter of the apostle St. Paul to the Corinthians, gives us a very hopeful message. We all go through hardships and disappointments in life. It is very easy to realize that sooner or later everything collapses and finishes. All around is precarious, fragile and ends. However, St. Paul calls us to faith and to believe that there is more to it than what our senses can tell us. We have been called to share into Eternal Life and to live with God for ever. We can already anticipate this reality that is waiting for us. We can experience joy and peace amid difficult situations, we can be reconciled with other people and we can taste how God forgives us our sins. All these situations make us aware that already here we can live fully and when we die, we will live fully happy with the Lord. It seems that everything dissipates and vanishes, but there is a call to complete fulfillment that the Lord will accomplish in us. The Gospel, from St. Mark, brings us two parables through which Jesus explains the amazing reality of the Kingdom of God. Jesus compares the Kingdom of God to a small seed of grain or a mustard seed. These seeds grow and become big shrubs. At the beginning, the Kingdom of God starts in a very humble and insignificant way. Later, it grows immensely and fills us with life. All this happens through God's grace and not our own doing. We just need to be open to it and allow God to bear fruit in our lives. Let us open our hearts to God's gracious will!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant and your Pastor

### Pope Francis Homily for the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time B (June 13, 2021)

The two parables, which the Liturgy presents us today, – the two parables – are inspired precisely by ordinary life and reveal the attentive and deep gaze of Jesus, who observes reality and, through small everyday images, opens the windows on the mystery of God and on human history. Jesus spoke in a way that was easy to understand; he spoke with images of reality, of everyday life. In this way, he teaches us that even everyday things, which at times all seem the same and which we carry on with distraction or tiredness, are inhabited by God's hidden presence; that is, they have meaning. So, we too need attentive eyes, to be able "to seek and find God in all things."

Today Jesus compares the Kingdom of God, that is, his presence that dwells in the heart of things and of the world, to the mustard seed, that is, to the smallest seed there is: it is really tiny. Yet, cast upon the ground, it grows until becoming the tallest tree (cf. Mk 4:31-32). This is what God does. At times, the din of the world, along with the many activities that fill our days, prevent us from stopping and seeing how the Lord is conducting history. Yet – the Gospel assures us – God is at work, like a good little seed that silently and slowly germinates. And, little by little, it becomes a lush tree, which gives life and rest to everyone. The seed of our good works too can seem like a small thing, yet all that is good pertains to God, and thus it humbly, slowly bears fruit. Good, let us remember, always grows in a humble way, in a hidden, often invisible way.

Dear brothers and sisters, with this parable Jesus wants to instill us with confidence. In so many of life's situations, indeed, it may happen that we get discouraged, because we see the weakness of good as compared to the apparent power of evil. And we may allow ourselves to be paralyzed by doubt when we find we are working hard but the results are not achieved, and things seem never to change. The Gospel asks us to take a fresh look at ourselves and at reality; it asks us to have bigger eyes, that are able to see further, especially beyond appearances, in order to discover the presence of God who as humble love is always at work in the soil of our life and that of history. This is our confidence, this is what gives us the strength to go forward every day, patiently, sowing the good that will bear fruit.

How important this attitude also is for coming out of the pandemic well! To cultivate the confidence of being in God's hands and at the same time for all of us to commit ourselves to rebuilding and starting up again, with patience and perseverance.

In the Church too, weeds of doubt can take root, especially when we witness the crisis of faith and the failure of different projects and initiatives. But let us never forget that the results of sowing do not depend on our abilities: they depend on the action of God. It is up to us to sow, and sow with love, with dedication and with patience. But the force of the seed is divine. Jesus explains it in today's other parable: the farmer sows the seed and then does not realize how it bears fruit, because it is the seed itself that grows spontaneously, day and night, when he least expects it (cf. vv. 26-29). With God in the most infertile soil there is always the hope of new sprouts.

May Mary Most Holy, the Lord's humble handmaid, teach us to see the greatness of God who works in the little things and to overcome the temptation of discouragement. Let us trust in Him every day!



### Masses For The Week

**Sat Jun 15– 5:00pm**

**+William, Ruth & Brian McMonagle**

*req. by The McMonagle Family*

**Mon Jun 17 – 8:20am**

**+Armenio Medeiros**

*req. by Nelly & Todd Johnson*

**Tues Jun 18– 8:20am**

**+Frank Kapuscinski**

*req. by Dan & Camille Mulvihill*

**Wed Jun 19 – 7:00pm**

**+All Souls in Purgatory**

*req. by Joe & Joy Broderick*

**+Ron Kirby**

*req. by His Wife & Family*

**+Mariampillai & Alwin Bastriampillai**

*req. by Family*

**+Vili Mohorko**

*req. by The Struna Family*

**+Joseph Descartes**

*req. by Agathe Descartes*

**Thur Jun 20– 8:20am**

**A Special Intention**

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

**Fri Jun 21 – 8:20am**

**Special Intention for Deacon Dan Humphries**

*req. by Vicki & Pat Morgan & Family*

JUNE 16, 2024



### **GRAND IN YOUR HAND**

Your Catholic Women's League will be selling 50/50 tickets for the "Grand in Your Hand" draw after all masses on June 15/16. 100 tickets will be sold at \$20.00 each. The winner will win \$1,000.00 and \$1,000.00 will go towards our January charitable disbursements. Once the 100 tickets are sold, the draw will be made. The winner will be contacted and announced in the bulletin. We thank you for your continued support and wish you luck.



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### **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.**

**Contact Cassandra at [cass.sullivan@archtoronto.org](mailto:cass.sullivan@archtoronto.org) or visit our parish website.**

### *Society of St. Vincent de Paul Spring Food Drive*

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### **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.

### **Courage International**

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