

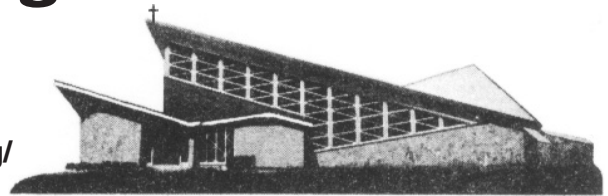
# St. John the Evangelist Church

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## Pastoral Team

Rev. Francisco Fernandez Siles Pastor  
 Rev. Mr. Dan Humphries Permanent Deacon  
 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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## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Message from the Pastor

The Peace of Christ be with you all!

I hope you have had a great and restful summer.

We celebrate this Sunday the Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time. The First Reading is from the book of Joshua. It presents the passage in which God wants to renew the covenant with His people Israel. After they have come out of Egypt, they passed through the desert, they now have established themselves in the Promised Land. After they have experienced how God has been good with them, they now are called to renew their willingness to follow the Lord. If they do so, they will experience fulfillment and happiness. The Second Reading, from the Letter of the apostle St. Paul to the Ephesians, gives us a teaching on the relationship between husband and wife in marriage. Through God's grace, Christ can make them love each other unconditionally. They are called to be in communion and be an image of God's love for us and Christ's love for His Church. What a beautiful call that our love can be elevated to such a degree! The Gospel, from St. John, brings us the last part of the Discourse on the Bread of Life. After Christ has clearly proclaimed that He is the Bread of Life and that to have life we need to eat His Body and drink His Blood, people do not want to follow Him anymore because of the severity of His teaching. However, St. Peter, on behalf of the disciples, is willing to follow Him because He has experience that only in Christ there is fullness of life. Let us also be willing to follow Christ in our lives to find fullness of peace and joy!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant and your Pastor  
May the Lord welcome into His Kingdom Fr. Andrew Macbeth, Pastor of St. John the Evangelist from 1991 to 2003. He has been a faithful priest for 49 years and has brought many people to Christ. Let us pray for his soul and his family and let us be grateful for the ministry that he carried out in our parish.

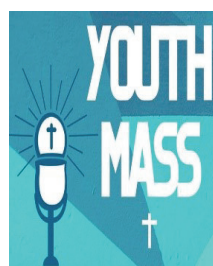
### Pope Francis Homily for the Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time B (August 22, 2021)

The Gospel of today's liturgy (Jn 6:60-69) shows us the reaction of the crowd and the disciples to Jesus' discourse following the multiplication of the loaves. Jesus invited them to interpret that sign and believe in Him, who is the true bread come down from heaven, the bread of life; and He revealed that the bread He will give is His body and blood. These words sound harsh and incomprehensible to the ears of the people, so much so that, from that moment, the Gospel says, many of His disciples turn back; that is, they stop following the Master (vv. 60, 66). Then Jesus asks the Twelve: "Do you also wish to go away?" (v. 67), and Peter, on behalf of the whole group, confirms their decision to stay with Him: "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life; and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God" (Jn 6:68-69). And it is a beautiful confession of faith.

Let us look briefly at the attitude of those who withdrew and did not follow Jesus anymore. Where does this disbelief come from? What is the reason for this rejection?

Jesus' words enkindled great scandal: He was saying that God decided to manifest Himself and accomplish salvation in the weakness of human flesh. It is the mystery of incarnation. The incarnation of God is what provoked scandal and presented an obstacle for those people - but often for us too. Indeed, Jesus affirms that the true bread of salvation, which transmits eternal life,

is His very flesh; that to enter into communion with God, before observing the laws or satisfying religious precepts, it is necessary to live out a real and concrete relationship with Him. Because salvation came from Him, in His incarnation. This means that one must not pursue God in dreams and in images of grandeur and power, but He must be recognized in the humanity of Jesus and, as a consequence, in that of the brothers and sisters we meet on the path of life. God made Himself flesh. And when we say this, in the Creed, on Christmas Day, on the Day of the Annunciation, we kneel to worship this mystery of incarnation. God made Himself flesh and blood; He lowered himself to the point of becoming a man like us. He humbled Himself to the extent of burdening Himself with our sufferings and sin, and therefore He asks us to not seek Him outside life and history, but in relationship with Christ and with our brothers and sisters. Seeking Him in life, in history, in our daily life. And this, brothers and sisters, is the road to the encounter with God: the relationship with Christ and our brothers and sisters.



**All Youth of the parish are invited to participate in**

St. John the Evangelist's  
**Youth Mass @ 11:00am on**  
**Sundays Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>, Apr. 6<sup>th</sup> &, June 1<sup>st</sup>**

Lectors: Gr.8 -12

Procession of Gifts: Gr.1 -7

Ushers: Gr 1 -12

*(to greet parishioners and hand out bulletins)*

Youth Choir: Gr 6 -12

**Please contact the Parish office for more information.**

### Mass Schedule

**Sat Aug 24– 5:00pm**

**+Bonnie Kay Latour**

*req. by Margaret Lance*

**Mon Aug 26 – 8:20am**

**+Anna Maria Sherlock**

*req. by Ron & Maureen Kinsella*

**Tues Aug 27– 8:20am**

**+Catherine**

*req. by Yesu*

**Wed Aug 28 – 7:00pm**

**+All Souls in Purgatory**

*req. by Joe & Joy Broderick*

**+Kay & Alcide Berry**

*req. by Dorothy, Donald & Shawn Berry*

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**+James Reid**

*req. by Dorothy, Donald & Shawn Berry*

**+Joan Berry**

*req. by Dorothy, Donald & Shawn Berry*

**Thur Aug 29– 8:20am**

**+Fr. Mike Shaw**

*req. by Annette Hudson*

**Fri Aug 30 – 8:20am**

**+Manuel Silveira**

*req. by His Family*

AUGUST 25, 2024

## SACRAMENT PREPARATION PROGRAMS

2024 – 2025

### FIRST EUCHARIST (Grade 2)

**REGISTRATION and INFORMATION NIGHT  
in the Church (one parent only to attend)  
Tuesday, September 17th at 7:00 pm**  
(please bring completed registration form, a \$50 fee for  
program expenses and a **photocopy** of your child's Baptism  
Certificate)

### CONFIRMATION (Grade 7)

**REGISTRATION and INFORMATION NIGHT  
in the Church (one parent & candidate to attend)  
Tuesday, October 22nd at 7:00 pm**  
(please bring completed registration form, a \$60 fee for  
program expenses and a **photocopy** of your child's Baptism  
Certificate)

**It is mandatory that all children who do not attend Catholic school participate in the Parish Home Catechism Program.**

### PARISH HOME CATECHISM PROGRAM (PHCP) 2024-25

St. John the Evangelist PHCP provides faith formation classes for elementary school children. Our mission is to assist parents in developing the Catholic Faith in their children. In order to help students who do not attend Catholic school develop the faith foundation necessary to receive the sacraments, they are required to attend PHCP from grades 1 - 8. The PHCP runs 2 Wednesday evenings per month, 6:15 – 7:15 p.m., September through to May. Classes begin Wednesday, September 11th 2024 with a Meet and Greet registration/activity evening.

#### PHCP REGISTRATION:

Registration for PHCP begins Wednesday, August 21 and will be open until Wednesday, September 11, 2024.

For your convenience, registration forms are now available on the parish website, at the back of the Church or in the Parish Office. Please register in person in the parish office during regular business hours or you may place your registration package, labelled PHCP in the Sunday collection basket.

The registration fee for PHCP is \$60 per child. If you are interested in registering your child for PHCP and would like more information about the program, please contact Lorraine Thomas, PHCP Coordinator, 905-409-1743 or [lthomas@archtoronto.org](mailto:lthomas@archtoronto.org).

Please Note: Parents/guardians are required to provide at registration baptismal records for their children who are NEW to the PHCP and who were not baptized at St. John the Evangelist Church.

### Horizons of Hope: A Toolkit for Parishes on Palliative Care

Families, friends, parish communities and health care professionals, together, all play an important role to care for and accompany those in need of palliative care that recognizes the dignity of the human person. As such, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops have developed a program called Horizons of Hope that offers a toolkit to empower and educate those interested in learning about the most recent approaches to compassionate palliative and end of life care.

The Horizons of Hope program will help parishioners, caregivers, and family members facing a terminal illness learn more about palliative care and come together in community to understand palliative care from theological, ethical, and medical perspectives. In addition to gaining new knowledge, parishes are encouraged to work together to develop a plan for building a caring parish community.

Monday Nights September 9 – Sept 30, 2024  
7pm – 9pm in the Parish Center,  
main room

### Knights of Columbus News

Congratulations to Past Grand Knight John Stafford who recently received the prestigious Star Council award for excellence in program activity, membership growth, fraternal reporting and Safe Environment compliance. All the best to John who completed his two year term as Grand Knight and to Al Taylor who took over the reigns as our new Grand Knight for 2024-2025

Knights of Columbus, St John the Evangelist Council, meetings are the 1st Wednesday of each month from Sept to June. Next Meeting is Wednesday September 4, 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 Bryan Childerhouse [bryan.childerhouse@rogers.com](mailto:bryan.childerhouse@rogers.com) or call 416-508-9877

### 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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