

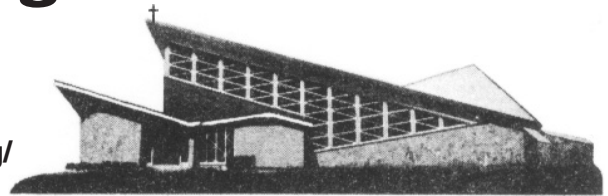
# St. John the Evangelist Church

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## Pastoral Team

Rev. Francisco Fernandez Siles Pastor  
 Deacon 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-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Message from the Pastor

Peace to all of you!

Today we celebrate the Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The First Reading, from the Book of the prophet Isaiah, presents the third song of the Suffering Servant of the Lord. He says that every day the Lord opens his ear as a disciple so that he can accept God's will even though there is persecution and rejection. This reading was fulfilled in Christ since he obeyed His Father's Will and accepted the Passion and the Cross to save us all. In Christ, we are called to listen to God's voice so that through His grace we can accept any situation in our daily lives. The Second Reading, from the Letter of St. James, offers us a teaching on faith accompanied by works. To believe is not only to adhere to the truths of our Catholic teaching and to know the Bible. Much more, we can support our belief and trust in God by the way that we live. Our actions are living proof of what we believe and support our faith. God wants that our Faith is visible in our actions. What we believe needs to be connected to the way that we live everyday. Sometimes there is a disconnection between the way that we live, and our faith and we are not at peace. However, Christ wants this connection to happen so that our lives may be fulfilled. The Gospel, from St. Mark, brings us a passage in which Christ asks His disciples who is He for them. Peter answers that He is the Messiah. However, Peter has to learn that Jesus is a Savior who is going to die on the Cross for our salvation. He refuses to believe in such a suffering savior and Christ asks him to follow him and go beyond his expectations. At times, we all have a preconceived idea of how Christ should act and save us, but Christ is asking us to trust in Him, that He knows better. Let us trust and follow the Lord every day of our lives even if we do not understand His deeds! Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant, and your Pastor

### Pope Francis' Homily for the Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (September 16, 2018)

Today's Gospel passage (cf. Mk 8:27-35) turns to the question that permeates the whole Gospel of Mark: who is Jesus? But this time Jesus himself poses it to his disciples, helping them to gradually address the question of his identity. Before asking them, the Twelve, directly, Jesus wants to hear from them what the people think about him, and he is well aware that the disciples are very sensitive to the Teacher's renown! Therefore, he asks: "Who do men say that I am?" (v. 27). It comes to light that Jesus is considered by the people as a great prophet. But, in reality, he is not interested in the opinions and gossip of the people. He also does not agree that his disciples should answer the questions with pre-packaged formulas, quoting well-known individuals from Sacred Scripture, because a faith that is reduced to formulas is a short-sighted faith.

The Lord wants his disciples of yesterday and today to establish a personal relationship with him, and thus to embrace him at the centre of their life. For this reason he spurs them to face themselves honestly, and he asks: "But who do you say that I am?" (v. 29). Today, Jesus addresses this very direct and confidential question to each of us: "You, who do you say that I am? All of you, who do you say that I am? Who am I for you?". Each person is called to respond, in his or her heart, allowing each one to be illuminated by the light that the Father gives us in order to know his Son Jesus. And it can also happen to us, as it did to Peter, that we passionately affirm: "You are the Christ". However, when Jesus tells us clearly what he told the disciples, that is, that his mission is fulfilled not on the wide road to success, but on the arduous path of the suffering, humiliated, rejected and crucified Servant, then it can also happen that we, like Peter, might protest and rebel because this contrasts with our expectations, with worldly expectations. In those moments, we too deserve Jesus' healthy rebuke: "Get

behind me, Satan! For you are not on the side of God, but of men" (v. 33).

Brothers and sisters, the profession of faith in Jesus Christ cannot stop at words, but calls to be authenticated by practical choices and gestures, by a life characterized by God's love; it calls for a great life, a life with an abundance of love for neighbour. Jesus tells us that to follow him, to be his disciples, we must deny ourselves (cf. v. 34), that is, the demands of our own selfish pride, and take up our own cross. Then he gives everyone a fundamental rule. And what is this rule? "For whoever would save his life will lose it" (v. 35). Often in life, for many reasons, we go astray, looking for happiness only in things, or in people whom we treat as things. But we find happiness only when love, true love, encounters us, surprises us, changes us. Love changes everything! And love can also change us, each one of us. The witnesses of Saints proves it.

May the Virgin Mary, who lived her faith by faithfully following her Son Jesus, help us too to walk on his path, generously spending our life for him and for our brothers and sisters.

### Mass Schedule

**\*\*Sat. Sept 14 – 9:00am\*\* Solemnity Mass Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

**+Rev. Andy Macbeth**

*req. by St. John the Evangelist Parish*

**Sat Sept 14– 5:00pm**

**+Sandra Kolsteren**

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

**Mon Sep 16 – 8:20am**

**+Walter Belej**

*req. by Jim Corrigan & Ann Belej-Corrigan*

**Tues Sep 17– 8:20am**

**+Gerry McAfferty**

*req. by Liz McKenzie*

**Wed Sep 18 – 7:00pm**

**+All Souls in Purgatory**

*req. by Joe & Joy Broderick*

**+Frenk Smrekar**

*req. by The Struna Family*

**+Marina Carcich**

*req. by The Radoslovich Family*

**+All Souls in Purgatory**

*req. by Joe & Joy Broderick*

**+Martin Doleweerd**

*req. by His Wife & Family*

**Thur Sep 19 – 8:20am**

**+Patrick Leahy**

*req. by Chris Leahy*

**Fri Sep 20 – 8:20am**

**+Kevin Murphy**

*req. by The Murphy Family*



**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**

SEPTEMBER 15, 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.**

### A New Bible Study Begins Soon!

Mondays Sept 30<sup>th</sup> to Dec 9<sup>th</sup> 7pm – 9pm, PC main  
***Walking Toward Eternity – presented by Jeff Cavin***  
Please contact the parish office to register.

San Juan Diego Spanish Mass  
Bake Sale  
September 28/29, 2024  
In the foyer after all masses



### Life Chain

**Sunday, October 6, 2024 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m**  
Corner of Cochrane & Dundas Streets

Life Chain is a prayerful and peaceful witness to the sanctity of human life and the evil of abortion. Participants pray and hold non-graphic signs with messages such as "Life, the first inalienable right" and "Abortion kills children" at hundreds of locations across North America for one hour. Please join us at our location. This is a family friendly event appropriate for people of all ages and backgrounds and a unique opportunity to provide our neighbours with a much-needed message of love, hope, and truth.

### Nourish Caring for the Caregiver

Virtually every one of us will care for a loved one at some time in our life. Though rewarding, it's not always easy. Nourish for Caregivers is for anyone juggling the challenges of everyday life, health, career and caring for an aging parent, spouse, child or grandparent, in town or at a distance. Nourish provides caregivers a faith perspective, as well as practical and emotional support, useful tools, and share experience. Discover the blessings that come from caring for another.

Please join us Monday evenings, October 7, 21, Nov 4, 18, Dec 2, 16, 2024 in the St. Joseph's Room at 7pm – 8pm

For more information please visit [www.NourishForCaregivers.com](http://www.NourishForCaregivers.com), or contact Robert MacLennan, 905-668-3676 or email [stjohntheevangelistwh@archtoronto.org](mailto:stjohntheevangelistwh@archtoronto.org)



### Thanksgiving Vegetable Food-Raiser and Fundraiser

Once again, St. John the Evangelist Parish is proud to partner with Willowtree Farm for a unique fundraiser. We will be selling fresh from the farm, local vegetables for your Thanksgiving dinner. Each bag will contain; 1 seasonal squash, 1 cauliflower or cabbage, 2 onions, garlic, and an array of carrots, beets, and potatoes for the unchanged price of \$25.

Pick up your order envelope after mass today. Fill out the order form and return it in the envelope with your payment by Sunday September 29th. You can place your orders in the Parish Office or in the Collection Baskets at any Mass.

When considering orders for friends or family, there is also the option to donate to our Food Bank. On the order form there will be a place to indicate if the vegetables are to be donated; donated bags do not need to be picked up.

The veggies will arrive to the Parish Centre on Friday October 4<sup>th</sup>. You will need to pick up your veggies over the weekend of Oct 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>. There are six pick-up times listed on the order form.

### Youth Ministry Begins Soon!

Youth ministry helps our young parishioners have fun, make friends and grow in their faith. **Life Teen** for grade 9-12 will take place every 1st and 3rd Thursday from 7-8:30 pm **beginning on October 3rd**. **EDGE** for grade 5-8 will take place every 2nd and 4th Thursday from 7-8:30 pm **beginning on October 10th**.

For more information about registering or volunteering for this important ministry, contact  
Cassandra [cass.sullivan@archtoronto.org](mailto:cass.sullivan@archtoronto.org).

### Interested in Altar Serving?

Altar servers must be in grade 3 or older and have already received their First Communion. Contact Cassandra for more information.

There will be a training for altar servers on **Saturday, September 21st from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm**. Lunch will be provided!

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