

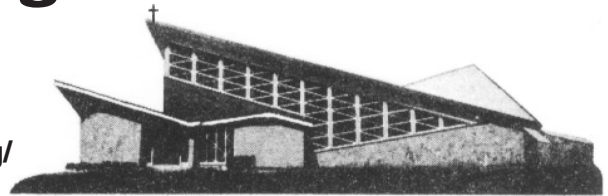
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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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Liturgy of the Word with Children (JK-Gr.2) Sun. 9:00 a.m. Mass	Phyllis Pereira	905-665-5917
Ministers of Consolation	Anne Marie Yaraskavitch	905-666-3860
Neocatechumenal Way	Gail Stewart	905-668-3676
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Development & Peace (CCODP)	Estela Rios	905-430-7753
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Catholic Family Services	Oshawa 905-725-3513	Ajax 905-428-1984
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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Message from the Pastor

Peace to all of you!

Today we celebrate the Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The First Reading, from the Book of Numbers, presents seventy elders who received the Spirit of God to help Moses guiding the people of Israel. As a community, it is important to work together to bring people closer to God. We need to collaborate for the good of another; it is not a one man's ministry. It is important to collaborate, to delegate. The Second Reading, from the Letter to James, shows how when we are attached to money and riches, it leaves us empty and frustrated, it does not fulfill us. When we put our heart in money, it shrinks our hearts, and we are unable to see the needs of others and we fail to love them. Often people attached to money are considered as blind to others and with hearts that are frozen and selfish. Let us open our hearts to God so that He may give us hearts of flesh and make them ready to come out of ourselves to love others. In the Gospel, from St. Mark, Christ encourages the disciples to be grateful that God works through different people to reach others. The disciples, like us, are very possessive of their ministry. We need to ask the Lord to realize that God's grace can work through different kinds of people and not only through our ideas. We should not be envious, but happy that many people can receive the Good News. Christ talks about different parts of our body that can be cause of falling and temptation. He talks in a figurative way saying that whatever situation or thought bring us to sin, we should altogether avoid it and cast it out from our lives. We cannot make compromises with sin; Christ is invited to avoid occasion of sins so that we can remain at peace. Let us ask the Lord to fight for us so that we do not fall into sin when we are tempted. He will give us the grace to avoid the occasions of sin and to remain closed to the Lord. With the Lord, we can be strong when we face temptation and struggles. Even if we fall, the Lord is always ready to pick us up and keep us going in the way of salvation. Let us never give up, let us never get tired of falling, the Lord never gets tired of our incapacities, He always forgives us with compassion!

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the patron saint of our Archdiocese, St. Michael the Archangel. As Pope Francis said, "Let us consecrate ourselves to St. Michael Archangel, asking him to defend us against evil and to banish it...and to St. Joseph, guardian of Jesus, the guardian of the Holy Family, whose presence strengthens us and gives us the courage to make space for God in our lives in order that good may always vanquish evil. We are not alone on the journey or in the trials of life. We are accompanied and supported by St. Michael the Archangel, I ask him to defend us from the evil one and banish him." (July 5, 2013).

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant, and your Pastor

Reflection from Pope Francis

https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2021/documents/papa-francesco_angelus_20210926.html



San Juan Diego Spanish Mass
Bake Sale

TODAY! In the foyer after all masses

Second Collection - Needs of the Church in Canada

The annual Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada will be held on **September 28/29, 2024**. This annual initiative assists the Bishops in their ministry of accompanying, teaching, guiding, sanctifying and caring for the Church in Canada. We pray for the work of the Bishops in Canada.

**CONFIRMATION (Grade 7)
REGISTRATION and INFO 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)

Life Teen for grade 9-12 will begin Thursday, October 3rd and EDGE for grade 5-8 will begin Thursday, October 10th. Please contact [Cassandra \(cass.sullivan@archtoronto.org\)](mailto:cass.sullivan@archtoronto.org) for more information!

Vegetable Fundraiser

**Order form and payment deadline is TODAY!
Sunday September 29th. Pickup is Oct 4/5/6, 2024.
Please note your preference on the form.**

A New Bible Study Begins Soon!

Mondays Sept 30th to Dec 9th

7pm – 9pm, PC main

Walking Toward Eternity, presented by Jeff Cavin

Please contact the parish office to register. Books \$25



Masses For The Week

Sat Sept 28– 5:00pm

+Manuel & Rosa Rainho

req. by Their Family

Mon Sep 30 – 8:20am

+All Souls in Purgatory

req. by Joe & Joy Broderick

Int. for the Healing & Reconciliation of the Indigenous People

Tues Oct 1– 8:20am

+Marie Rosario

req. by Melvyn, Margaret & Adrian D'Souza

Wed Oct 2 – 7:00pm

+Frenk Smrekar

req. by The Struna Family

+Patricia Hillcoff

req. by Donald Berry

Int. for Monique Berry

req. by Donald Berry

Int. for Diane Hollywood

req. by Donald Berry

+Allan Poirier

req. by Dan & Camilla Mulvihill

Thur Oct 3 – 8:20am

+Daniel Ledesma Lason Jr.

req. by Kenneth & Brinna Makalintal

Fri Oct 4– 8:20am

+Don Legault
req. by Denise Dugan

Knights of Columbus,
St John the Evangelist Council, Meeting Wednesday
October 2, 2024 at 8PM at the Knights Hall at 133 Brock St
North and all are welcome. For further information
assisting the St John's community and becoming a Knight
please contact Bryan
Childerhouse bryan.childerhouse@rogers.com or call 416-
508-9877

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.

Holy Spirit Novena for Life

Pray daily from September 29th to October 8th

Holy Spirit,

At the dawn of creation, You brought order out of chaos,
Light out of darkness, Life out of nothingness.

Breathe on us once again, and change the culture of death
Into a Culture of Life. Inspire in your people

A spirit of generous welcome for each and every life,
No matter how unexpected or dependent that life may be.

Holy Spirit, You are the Advocate. As you fill us with Yourself,
Make us advocates for the unborn and all the vulnerable.

Until we are all united In the endless life and joy
of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever.

Amen

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, Robert MacLennan, 905-
668-3676 or email stjohntheevangelistwh@archtoronto.org

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.

3 Saturdays Oct 26, Nov 2, 9, 16
10am - 12 noon in the Parish Center, main room



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

St. John the Evangelist's

Youth Mass @ 11:00am on
Sundays Nov. 3rd, Feb. 9th, Apr. 6th &

June 1st

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

DPCC Fall Campaign Workshop on Zoom This fall, as we continue our Create Hope: Reaping our Rights campaign, we will encounter peasant and rural communities who care for the Earth and feed the world. In solidarity with them, we will call on Canada to adopt mandatory human rights and environmental due diligence legislation, so that no Canadian company can trample on their rights.

To learn more, attend the 2 hour workshop on Saturday, October 5th at 9:30 am on Zoom Registration:

<https://devp.org/en/evenement/fall24-campaign-workshop-toronto/>

Or: <https://www.archtoronto.org/en/outreach/calendar-of-events/event-listing/archdiocesan/development--peace-fall-campaign-workshop-online/> For more information, contact Estela Rios emr0001@hotmail.com

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