

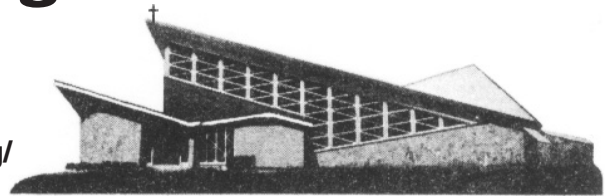
# St. John the Evangelist Church

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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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## THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Message from the Pastor

Peace to all of you!

Today we celebrate the Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. The First Reading, from the First Book of Kings, presents the story of a widow who welcomes the prophet Elijah. Even though she barely has anything, yet she offers him a loaf of bread. However, this poor widow, out of her short supply, shares with the prophet what she has to live on. Because of her generosity and trust in the Lord, she will have more than enough to continue living. It invites us to trust in the Lord and to be generous ourselves with others. If we do that, we are going to experience how God will give us much more in return. He not only will fill us with material resources, but with so much peace and joy! The Second Reading, from the Letter to the Hebrews, it shows that Jesus Christ is our High Priest who has entered Heaven so that we can have access through Him into Eternal Life. Through His Death on the Cross and by his Resurrection, we have been forgiven from all of our sins. Therefore, we can be transformed and have access to a life of holiness and virtue. Let us rely in the Lord so that in Him we may be saved! In the Gospel, from St. Mark, we see how Christ argues with the Pharisees and scribes and warns them about the risk of trying to look above all for their own selfish ambitions. If they do that, they are going to remain empty. We all can do that by seeking after our own selfish ways. However, there is no life in doing that rather frustration. Like the widow, with God's grace, we can do things out of love for others. This will give us immense peace and will completely satisfy us. Even if we do a small thing, like the poor widow in the Gospel, we will reap much more than what we have done. God is calling us to be generous and loving and not selfish and greedy. Let us open our hearts so that Christ may help us to give ourselves away! Christ has given Himself completely to us so that we can do the same moved by His mercy!

**Today we celebrate 85<sup>th</sup> years of the Catholic Women League Council in our parish community. What a great milestone! We are so happy for them, and we are very grateful for the continued service that they continue to do for the parish. Let us continue to pray for them that they serve with love and compassion and they get new members to join them!**

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant, and your Pastor

### Pope Francis' Homily for the Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (November 7, 2021)

The scene described in the Gospel of today's Liturgy takes place inside the Temple of Jerusalem. Jesus looks, he looks at what is happening in this the most sacred of places; and he sees how the scribes love to walk around to be seen, greeted and revered, and to have the places of honour. And Jesus adds that they "devour widows' houses and recite long prayers in order to be seen" (cf. Mk 12:40). At the same time, another scene catches his eyes: a poor widow, precisely one of those exploited by the powers that be, puts in the Temple treasury "everything she had, her whole living" (Mk 12:44). This is what the Gospel says, she puts everything she had to live on in the Treasury. The Gospel presents us with this striking contrast: the rich who give from their surplus wealth to make themselves seen, and a poor woman, who without seeming to, offers every little bit she has. Two symbols of human attitudes. Jesus watches the two scenes. And it is specifically this verb – "to watch" – that sums up his teaching: "we must watch out for" those who live their faith with duplicity, like the scribes, so as not to become like them; whereas we must "watch" the widow, and take her as a model. Let us reflect on this: to watch out for hypocrites and to watch the poor widow.

First of all, to watch out for hypocrites, that is, to be careful not to base our life on the cult of appearances, externals, and the exaggerated care of one's own image. And most importantly, to be

careful not to bend faith around our own interests. In the name of God, those scribes covered-up their own vanity, and even worse, they used religion to cultivate their own affairs, abusing their authority and exploiting the poor. Here we see that very bad attitude that we see in many places today, clericalism, this being above the humble, exploiting them, demeaning them, considering oneself perfect. This is the evil of clericalism. This is a warning for all time and for everyone, Church and society: never to take advantage of a specific role to crush others, never to make money off the backs of the weakest! And to watch out so as not to fall into vanity, so as not to be fixated on appearances, losing what is essential and living superficially. Let us ask ourselves, it will help us: do we want to be appreciated and gratified by what we say and what we do, or rather to be of service to God and neighbour, especially the weakest? We must be watch out for falsehood of the heart, against hypocrisy which is a dangerous illness of the soul! It is a dualism of thought, a dual judgement, as the word itself says: "to judge below", to appear one way and "hypo", beneath, to think in a different way. Doubles, people with double souls, a duality of the soul.

To heal this illness, Jesus invites us to watch the poor widow. The Lord denounces the exploitation of this woman, who, in making her offering, must return home without even the little she had to live on. How important it is to free the sacred from ties with money! Jesus had already said it elsewhere: you cannot serve two masters. Either you serve God - and we think he says "or the devil", no - either God or money. He is a master, and Jesus says we must not serve him. But, at the same time, Jesus praises the fact that this widow puts all she has into the treasury. She has nothing left, but finds her everything in God. She is not afraid of losing the little she has because she trusts in God's abundance, and God's abundance multiplies the joy of those who give. This also makes us think of that other widow, the one of the prophet Elijah, who was about to make a flatbread with the last of her flour and the last of her oil; Elijah says to her: "Feed me" and she gives; and the flour never runs out, it is a miracle (cf. 1 Kings 17:9-16). The Lord always, in the face of people's generosity, goes further, is more generous. But it is He, not our avarice. This is why Jesus proposes her as a teacher of faith, this woman: she does not go to the Temple to clear her conscience, she does not pray to make herself seen, she does not show off her faith, but she gives from her heart generously and freely. The sound of her few coins is more beautiful than the grandiose offerings of the rich, since they express a life sincerely dedicated to God, a faith that does not live by appearances but by unconditional trust. Let us learn from her: a faith without external frills, but interiorly sincere; a faith composed of humble love for God and for our brothers and sisters.

And now let us turn to the Virgin Mary, who with a humble and transparent heart made her entire life a gift for God and for his people.



### **Handicraft Holy Land Christians**

**On the weekend of November 16-17, we will welcome our special guest Vanessa from**

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Christmas Choir 2024**

Calling all young singers, age 7 and up! You are invited to share your talents as Music Ministers, leading the people in singing praise to God

for **Christmas Eve 5pm Family mass.**

**4 Sunday Rehearsals** will all be held at St John the Evangelist Parish Centre.

**DEC 1, 8, 15 @ 2:15-4:00 pm**

**DEC 22 @ 2:00-4:30 pm**

**CANTORS REHEARSALS:** (Dec 8,15, 22 @ 1:30) Cantors stay on or Choir rehearsals

Attendance at **ALL** rehearsals is necessary for all choir members, to learn the music well, build a solid team effort in harmony, and feel confident and ready to lead song together.

**To register, please contact Eileen McGowan**

**905 668-0959 (home), Cell phone or text: 905 442-0567**

**email [ejpmcgowan1@rogers.com](mailto:ejpmcgowan1@rogers.com)**

**Before November 25<sup>th</sup> please**

**CHRISTMAS GIVING – 2024**

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will be assisting our neighbours in need at Christmas. As with previous years, gift cards will be distributed. To support this endeavour, we are requesting your support with either CASH OR CHEQUE donations.

The Society provides tax receipts for cash or cheque donations. Donations of GROCERY GIFT CARDS are also gratefully accepted, however, we are not able to provide receipts for gift cards. Please use the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul envelopes which are available on the back counter in the Church. We will use your generous donations to purchase gift cards and will distribute them to our neighbours in need in early December. It would be very helpful if we received your donation by November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Thank you for your generous support.



**Masses For The Week**

**Sat Nov 9 5:00pm –**

**+Bonaventure Loomans**  
*req. by Rochelle Guimond*

**Mon Nov 11 –8:20am**

**+Catherine**  
*req. by Yesu*

**Tues Nov 12– 8:20am**

**+Yesudass**  
*req. by Yesu*

**Wed Nov 13 – 7:00pm**

**+All Souls in Purgatory**  
*req. by Joe & Joy Broderick*

**+Mark Harris**

*req. by The Harris Family*

**+Shirley & Stan Harris**

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**+Marilyn Fitzgerald**

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

**+Richard & Mary Reilly**

*req. by Their Family*

**+Marcial Cruz**

*req. by His Family*

**+All Souls in Purgatory**

*req. by Joe & Joy Broderick*

**Thur Nov 14 – 8:20am**

**+Fortunato, Maria & Daniele Ciardullo**  
*req. by Natale & Anna Ciardullo*

**Fri Nov 15– 8:20am**

**+Humberto Schenflede**  
*req. by His Family*

**GLORIA! St. Michael's Choir School Christmas Concert**  
at Massey Hall Saturday, December 14 at 7 PM

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*The Shepherds' Trust supports the needs of the retired diocesan clergy of the Archdiocese of Toronto who have served our family of faith, bringing us the sacraments and enriching our parishes, homes, schools, hospitals and countless other gatherings through their ministry. The Trust was started by lay people who recognized the needs of our retired priests and helped to establish the Trust as a reflection of the gratitude and appreciation of the faithful parishioners in the Archdiocese of Toronto.*



The Catholic Women's League celebrate their 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Sunday November 10<sup>th</sup> Congratulations!



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