

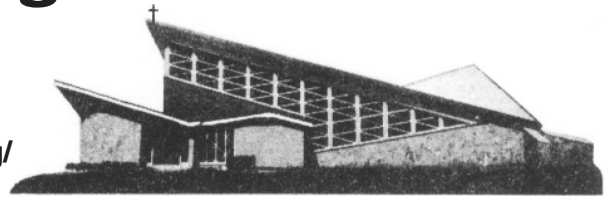
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 Mr. Robert Caley Choir Director

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Mr. Francisco Perez Caretaker
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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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Message from the Pastor

Peace to all of you!

Today we celebrate the Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. The First Reading, from the Book of the prophet Daniel, we are presented with a prophecy about the end times. It encourages us to hope and to put our trust in God. If we remain steadfast and rely in the Lord, the Lord will protect us and take care of us in any situation. All of us have concerns and fears, but the Lord promises that He will provide for us. The Second Reading, from the Letter to the Hebrews shows how Jesus Christ has offered Himself for our salvation and He wants to share His life with us. We are called to be open and to welcome His transformative mercy in our hearts. If we do so, we are going to experience new life and fullness of peace. In the Gospel, from St. Mark, we see how Christ encourages His disciples to trust in Him especially during difficulties and struggles. It is true that we all face hardships and setbacks. However, we are called not to lose hope and be discouraged, but to rely in the Lord and to receive peace from Him. Christ is stronger than any problem and situation and He will make us go through them unharmed. We need to lift our eyes and focus on the comforting sign of the Cross of Christ. In the Cross, we realize that He has died and is risen for us so that we can find refuge in Him. Let us put our struggles and problems in God's hands so that in Him we may find peace, strength, and support!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant, and your Pastor

Pope Francis' Homily for the Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (November 14, 2021)

The Gospel passage of today's liturgy opens with a phrase of Jesus that leaves us astonished: "The sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven" (Mk 13:24-25). But what now, even the Lord was a doomsdayer? No, this is certainly not His intention. He wants us to understand that sooner or later everything in this world passes. Even the sun, the moon and the stars that make up the "firmament" - a word that indicates "firmness", "stability" - are destined to pass away.

In the end, though, Jesus says what does not fall: "Heaven and earth will pass away", He says, "but my words will not pass away" (v. 31). The Lord's words will not pass away. He makes a distinction between the penultimate things, which pass, and the ultimate things, that remain. It is a message for us, to guide us in our important decisions in life, to guide us on what it is worth investing our life. In something transitory, or in the words of the Lord, something that remains forever? Obviously on these. But it is not easy. Indeed, the things that come before our senses and give us immediate satisfaction attract us, while the words of the Lord, although beautiful, go beyond the immediate and require patience. We are tempted to cling to what we see and touch and what seems safer to us. It is human, that is temptation. But this is a deception, because "heaven and

earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away". So, here is the invitation: do not build your life on sand. When someone builds a house, they dig deep and lay a solid foundation. Only a fool would say that money would be wasted on something that cannot be seen. According to Jesus, the faithful disciple is the one who founds his life on the rock, which is his Word (cf. Mt 7:24-27), which does not pass away, on the firmness of the Word of Jesus: this is the foundation of the life that Jesus wants from us, and which will not pass away.

And now we wonder – always, when we read the Word of God, questions arise - what is the centre, what is the beating heart of the Word of God? In short, what is it that gives solidity to life, and will never end? Saint Paul tells us. The very centre, the beating heart, that which gives solidity, is love: "Love never ends" (1 Cor 13:8), says Saint Paul: love. Those who do good, are investing in eternity. When we see a person who is generous and helpful, meek, patient, who is not envious, does not gossip, does not brag, is not puffed-up with pride, does not lack respect (cf. 1 Cor 13:4-7), this is a person who builds Heaven on earth. They may not be noticed or have a career, they will not make the news, and yet, what they do will not be lost because good is never lost, good lasts forever.

And we, brothers and sisters, let us ask ourselves: what are we investing our lives in? On things that pass, such as money, success, appearance, physical well-being? We will take away none of these things. Are we attached to earthly things, as if we will live here forever? When we are young and healthy, everything is fine, but when the time comes to depart, we have to leave everything behind.

The Word of God warns us today: this world will pass away. And only love will remain. To base one's life on the Word of God, therefore, is not an escape from history, but an immersion into earthly realities in order to make them solid, to transform them with love, imprinting on them the sign of eternity, the sign of God. Here then is some advice for making important choices. When I don't know what to do, how do make a definitive choice, an important decision, a decision that involves Jesus' love, what must I do? Before deciding, let us imagine that we are standing in front of Jesus, as at the end of life, before Him who is love. And imagining ourselves there, in His presence, at the threshold of eternity, we make the decision for today. We must decide in this way: always looking to eternity, looking at Jesus. It may not be the easiest, it may not be the most immediate, but it will be the right one (cf. Saint Ignatius of Loyola, *Spiritual Exercises*, 187), that is sure.

May Our Lady help us to make the important choices in life as she did: according to love, according to God.

Today is World Day of the Poor
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www.ssvptoronto.ca

NOVEMBER 17, 2024

Make A Joyful Noise To the Lord!
St. John the Evangelist Parish Children's and Youth
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 for 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

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Before November 25th 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 30th, 2024. Thank you for your generous support.



Masses For The Week

Sat Nov 16 5:00pm –

+Sandra Kolsteren

req. by Doreen Kapuscinski & Family

Mon Nov 18 –8:20am

+All Souls in Purgatory

req. by Joe & Joy Broderick

Tues Nov 19– 8:20am

+Giovanni, Rita & Giuseppina Beltrano

req. by Anna & Natale Ciardullo

Wed Nov 20 – 7:00pm

+Millicent Bower

req. by Her Family

+Marilyn Fitzgerald

req. by The LaBarre Family

+Helene Kraayvanger

req. by Lise Bowers

+Marilyn Fitzgerald

req. by John & Janet Debosky

+Molly Joseph

req. by Agathe Descartes

+Marilyn Cuthbert

req. by Her Family

Thur Nov 21 – 8:20am

+Thedor Leben

req. by The Donko & Klink Families

Fri Nov 22– 8:20am

+Andrew Marioselva

req. by His Family



Handicraft Holy Land Christians

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

Sebastien Cardinal's team representing "Handicraft Holy Land Christians", who after all the masses will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the Christian presence in the Holy Land. Christians in the Holy Land graciously ask your support through conscience prayers and will have many unique hand carved olive wood religious art pieces made by these families in Bethlehem available for purchase after every mass.

Shepherds' Trust Collection Nov 16/17, 2024

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.

CONFIRMATION RITE OF ENROLMENT

Saturday, November 30th 5:00pm Mass

Sunday December 1st, 9:00am, 11:00am Mass

FIRST RECONCILIATION

In the Church

-Tuesday, November 26th 7:00pm

St. Luke the Evangelist/Other

-Thursday, November 28th 7:00pm

St. John the Evangelist/St. Marguerite d'Youville

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