

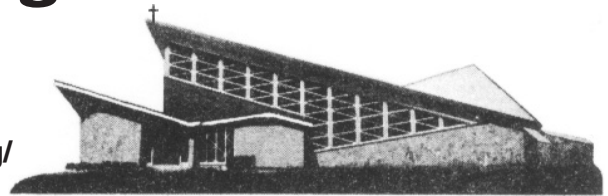
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Message from the Pastor

Peace to all of you!

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King of the Universe. The First Reading, from the Book of the prophet Daniel, we are presented with a prophecy on which the Son of Man (prefiguration of Christ) receives from God kingship, power, and sovereignty over all peoples. We all know that this prophecy is fulfilled in Christ since, with His Glorification and Ascension into Heaven, He is the King of the Universe. He has power to intervene in our lives so that we may be transformed, and we can share with Him in Eternal Life. The Second Reading, from the Book of Revelation, it shows how Jesus Christ becomes the Glorious King after His Death and Resurrection. He has forgiven all our sins and has transformed us so that we share the abundant life that He offers us. We are called to be open and to welcome His transformative mercy in our hearts. In the Gospel, from St. John, we see what kind of king is Christ the Lord. It is given to us a portion of the dialogue between Pilate and Jesus that took place at the Passion. Pilate is amazed to see what kind of King Christ is. He thought that a King was supposed to be forceful, dominant, and strong. Yet, Christ is another kind of King: a merciful, generous, and forgiving one. The kingship of Christ consists in giving His life for us, forgiving us and giving His life for us so that we may have life to the fullest. His throne is the Cross, from which He has destroyed our sins and share with us Eternal Life. The power of Christ lays in being merciful, giving His life for us, and loving us unconditionally. Let us open our hearts so that we may share in His Kingship of love, mercy, peace, and care for the others!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant, and your Pastor



The Advent Season begins next week

The Catholic Church Liturgical Year starts with the 1st Sunday of Advent on December 1, 2024

Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas. Latin "adventus" (Preparation) Marks the four Sundays before Christmas

Advent Wreaths

Part of our spiritual preparation for Christmas. Christ is "the Light that came into the world" to dispel the darkness of sin and to radiate the truth and love of God (John 3:19-21).

· The wreath is made of various evergreens, signifying continuous life.

· The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the everlasting life found in Christ.

· The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent.

The purple candles symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and good works undertaken at this time.

The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday which is called Gaudete Sunday. It is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have

arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over, and they are close to Christmas.

· Only one purple candle is lit during the first week, two in the second week, three (incl. the pink one) in the third week, and all four during the fourth week of Advent

The gradually increasing light symbolizes the approach of Christmas, the birth of Jesus, the light of the world.

· A fifth candle (white) can be added in the middle of the wreath for Christmas

Eve and Day (or replace all four purple and pink candles with white ones) symbolizing the arrival of Christ, the light of the world. Light the white candle(s) until The Baptism of the Lord.



Families are encouraged to observe Advent by gathering around a wreath for brief Advent prayers and readings lighting the appropriate number of candles for each week.

Traditions assign specific symbolism to each of the candles:

- 1) The Prophet's Candle, symbolizing Hope
- 2) The Bethlehem Candle, symbolizing Love & Faith
- 3) The Shepherd's Candle, symbolizing Joy
- 4) The Angel's Candle, symbolizing Peace.

\$ Grand in Your Hand \$

Your Catholic Women's League is sponsoring a fund raiser to support their charitable donations. 100 tickets will be sold at \$20.00 each, cash or cheques made out to St. John the Evangelist Catholic Women's League. The draw will be made once the 100 tickets are sold. The winner receives \$1,000.00 and the CWL receives \$1,000.00. Tickets will be sold after Saturday 5 p.m. and Sunday 9 & 11 a.m. masses on November 23/24. Thank you for your support.



Masses For The Week

Sat Nov 23 - 5:00pm –

+Rev. Andy Macbeth

req. by The Morgan Family

Mon Nov 25 –8:20am

+Antonio, Divina & Aldo Ciardullo

req. by Anna & Natale Ciardullo

Tues Nov 26– 8:20am

+Michael Lawson

req. by His Family

Wed Nov 27 – 7:00pm

+Marilyn Fitzgerald

req. by the Baird Family

NOVEMBER 24, 2024

+Ken Durno

req. by The Veltri Family

+Sonja Hanley

req. by Mary Louise LaBarre & Ken Reilly & Family

+Zeta Quigley

req. by Dan Quigley

+Cajeitan Fernandes

req. by The Fernandes Family

Int for Sr. Agnes Gallant

req. by Anne Marie & Don Yaraskavitch

Thur Nov 28 – 8:20am

+Deceased Members of the Graham Family

req. by Gail Stewart

Fri Nov 29– 8:20am

+Giovanni, Rosina & Maria Ciardullo

req. by Anna & Natale Ciardullo

Parent & Child Advent Wreath Workshop!

Do you have an Advent wreath yet for your home? Come and build your own Advent wreath together with your children! Wreath-building supplies & candles will be provided.

Wednesday, November 27, 6:00-7:00 pm OR **Saturday, November 30, 2:00-3:00 pm**
in the Parish Centre.

All families who attend are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food donation for St. Vincent de Paul.

Contact Cassandra

cass.sullivan@archtoronto.org

for more information or to register.

“Keep Christ in Christmas”

Car Magnets

Available Nov 30/Dec 1 after all Masses in the foyer. Magnets are \$4.00

Reconciliation Evening Service

Sunday December 15th 2024 at 7pm in the church

Several priests available

Archdiocese Day of Confessions in St. John's Parish

Tuesday, December 17, 2024

9:30am – 11:30am

2:00pm – 4:00pm, 7:00pm – 8:00pm

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

email ejpmcgowan1@rogers.com

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.

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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