

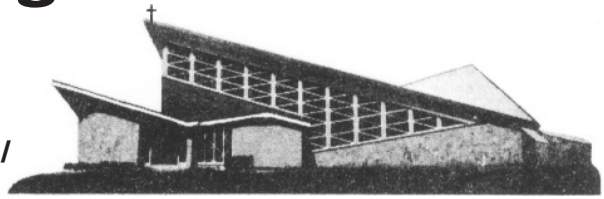
# St. John the Evangelist Church

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## Support Staff

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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## THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

### Message from the Pastor

Peace to all of you!

This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. After the coming of the Holy Spirit in Pentecost, we focus on the manifestation of God in our lives. The First Reading, from the Book of Proverbs, presents the work of Creation as coming from the Wisdom of God. Right at the beginning of Creation, we can recognize the goodness of God who created everything harmoniously and with seed of life in it. The Triune God is responsible for creating us in His image and has given all the world for us to enjoy. We are called to be grateful for the way that we have been created and for all the wonders of the world around us. The Second Reading, from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans, gives us the hopeful message that Christ has brought us to be reconciled with the Father. As a sign of this reconciling peace, He has given us the pledge the Holy Spirit in our hearts. It is wonderful to realize that not only God forgives us our sins, but more than that, He wants to dwell in us, to communicate His own life to us. When we become a dwelling place for God, we become people who love the others unconditionally and are meant to relate with others in a loving way. We have been created to be in relationship with others and not to be alone. The Gospel, from St. John, gives us a teaching of Jesus on the Holy Spirit during the Last Supper. The Holy Spirit has the mission of opening our hearts to the indwelling of God in our lives. He consoles us, teaches us, and makes God's commandments active in our own lives. Let us be open to the Holy Spirit so that the Triune God may dwell in our hearts and may fill them in life!

I would like to thank the members of the English and Spanish Social Committee and all those who organized and ran the Taste of the Parish last Saturday. It was amazing to see so many people from different countries together.

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant and your Pastor

### Pope Francis' Angelus on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity (June 16, 20219)

"What is man that thou art mindful of him" we prayed during the Psalm (8:4). These words came to mind as I was thinking of you. Before what you have seen and suffered, before the crumbled houses and buildings reduced to ruins, this question comes to mind: What is man?. What is he if what he raises can crumble down in an instant? What is he if his hope can crumble to dust? What is man? The answer seems to lie in the continuation of the sentence: what is man that thou art mindful of him? God remembers us just as we are with all our frailties. In the uncertainty that we feel within and on the outside, the Lord gives us one certainty: He remembers us. He is re-mindful of us, that is, he returns to us with his heart because he cares for us. And while here on earth many things are quickly forgotten, God does not leave us in oblivion. No one is despicable in his eyes. Each of us has an infinite value for him: we are small beneath the sky and powerless when the earth trembles but to God we are more precious than any thing else.

Memory is a keyword for life. Let us ask for the grace to remember each day that we are not forgotten by God, that we are his beloved, unique and irreplaceable children. Remembering this gives us the strength not to surrender before life's setbacks. Let us remember our worth when we are faced with the temptation to feel sad and to continue dredging up the worst, which seems to be never-ending. Bad memories also appear when we are not thinking of them. But they dole out pain: they leave behind only melancholy and nostalgia. But how difficult it is to free oneself from bad memories! That adage — according to which it was easier for God to take Israel out of Egypt than Egypt out of Israel's heart — has merit.

In order to free the heart from a past that keeps returning, from negative memories that imprison, from paralyzing regrets, we need someone to help us carry the burden we have within. Indeed, today Jesus says there are "many things that we cannot bear" (cf. Jn 16:12). And what does he do in the face of our weakness? He does not remove our burdens as we would like, we who are always seeking quick and superficial solutions; no, the Lord gives us the Holy Spirit. We need him because he is the Comforter, that is, the one who does not leave us on our own under life's burdens. He is the One who transforms our enslaved memory into free memory, past wounds into memories of salvation. He accomplishes in us what he did through Jesus: his wounds — those terrible lesions hollowed out by evil — by the power of the Holy Spirit have become channels of mercy, luminous wounds in which God's love shines, a love that is uplifting, that enables us to rise again. This is what the Holy Spirit does when we invite him into our wounds. He anoints the bad memories with the balm of hope because the Holy Spirit is the builder of hope.

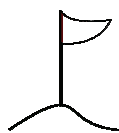
Hope. What hope is this? It is not a passing hope. Earthly hopes are fleeting. They always have an expiration date. They are made with earthly ingredients which sooner or later spoil. The hope of the Holy Spirit has a long shelf life. It does not expire because it is based on God's fidelity. The Holy Spirit's hope is not even optimism. It is born deeper; deep in our heart it rekindles the certainty that we are precious because we are loved. It instills the trust that we are not alone. It is a hope that leaves peace and joy within, irrespective of what happens outside. It is a hope that has strong roots that none of life's storms can uproot. It is a hope, Saint Paul says today, that "does not disappoint us" (Rm 5:5) — hope does not disappoint! —, that gives us the strength to bear every trial (cf. Rm 5:2-3). When we are suffering or wounded — and you know well what it means to be suffering, wounded — we are led to 'build a nest' around our sorrows and our fears. But the Spirit releases us from our nests, helps us take flight, reveals to us the marvellous destiny for which we are born. The Spirit nurtures us with living hope. Let us invite him. Let us ask him to come into us and be close to us. Come, Spirit Comforter! Come to give us some light, to give us the meaning of this tragedy, to give us the hope that does not disappoint. Come, Holy Spirit!

Closeness is the third and final word that I would like to share with you. Today we are celebrating the Most Holy Trinity. The Trinity is not a theological riddle, but rather the splendid mystery of God's closeness. The Trinity tells us that we do not have a solitary God above in heaven, distant and indifferent; no, he is Father who gave us his Son, who became man like us, and who, in order to be even closer to us, to help us bear the burdens of life, sends us his very Spirit. He, who is Spirit, enters our spirit and thus comforts us from within, bringing God's tenderness into our heart.



Thank you to all that  
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JUNE 15, 2025



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**CWL GENERAL MEETING**

Our last general meeting before the summer break will take place on Thursday, June 19th at 6:00 p.m. in the main room of the parish centre. It will be a pot-luck supper with some business. Please bring your food donation, your place setting and your appetite. If you have any questions or require transportation, please contact Lynne Childerhouse at 905-431-6582 or lchilderhouse@hotmail. All women of the parish are invited to come and meet your CWL, and just maybe you'd like to join us.



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**R.C.I.A**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) provides instruction and spiritual formation to anyone 16 years of age and older who are not baptized, or baptized in another Christian community, who would like to become a member of the Catholic Church. Catholic adults who have not yet celebrated their First Eucharist or the Sacrament of Confirmation may also take part. RCIA Sessions take place on Thursday evenings from 7pm to 9pm in the Parish Centre beginning soon. Interested participants should contact Fr. Francisco at the Parish Office as soon as possible to register: (905) 668-3676.



Masses For The Week

**Sat Jun 14- 5:00pm**

**+Brian, Ruth & Bill McMonagle**  
*req. by The McMonagle Family*

**Mon. Jun 16 – 8:20 am**

**+Armenio Medeiros**  
*req. by Nelly & Todd Johnson*

**Tues Jun 17 – 8:20am**

**+Juliette Mary Betteridge**  
*req. by Pat McDonald*

**Wed Jun 18 – 7:00pm**

**+Deceased Members of the Rodrigues Family**

*req. by Hyacinth, Cavin, Cydell & Herschelle*

**+Salvator Palazzolo**

*req. by Maria Glaglio & Family*

**+Jane Pajotte**

*req. by Venice Babb*

**In Thanksgiving to St. Jude**

*req. by A Parishioner*

**+Phillip Brady**

*req. by Gerard & Brenda Fay*

**+Alwin & Mariampillai Bastianpillai**

*req. by Marina Bastianpillai*

**Thur Jun 19 – 8:20am**

**Int. for Fr. Damian Ali on His 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination**  
*req. by Mary Hawkey*

**Fri Jun 20 – 8:20am**

**+Fr. Andy Macbeth**  
*req. by His Linda & Pierre Pilon*

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
NEW MEMBERS WANTED!**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul need more members. The Society is a volunteer-based organization serving our vulnerable neighbours in need primarily, of food help in our west Whitby area. The evermore increasing food instability has cause for our concern to keep up with the need for new volunteers to meet the demands.

***Do you have an hour a week to spare? Perhaps once or twice a month? We need you! Please contact [vmorgan@archtoronto.org](mailto:vmorgan@archtoronto.org). God bless you!***



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