

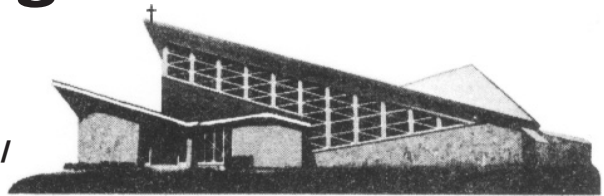
# St. John the Evangelist Church

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## Pastoral Team

Rev. Francisco Fernandez Siles Pastor  
Deacon Dan Humphries Permanent Deacon  
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Mrs. Vicki Morgan Secretary  
Mrs. Sarah Rodrigues Youth Ministry  
Mr. Robert Caley Choir Director

## Support Staff

Mr. Francisco Perez Caretaker  
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Mrs. Gail Stewart Cook/Housekeeper

## 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 BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Message from the Pastor

Peace to all of you!

This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. Today we focus on the importance of the Eucharist as the source and summit of our Christian life. The First Reading, from the Book of Genesis, presents the account of the priest Melchizedek who offers bread and wine to Abraham. This priest is a prefiguration of Christ, who will later offer bread and wine at the Last Supper as a perpetual memorial of His Death and Resurrection. Let us approach this Eternal Priest to be spiritually nourished and to receive peace and consolation in our daily lives. The Second Reading, from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians, gives us the earliest account of the consecration of bread and wine, which is used at every mass. We are very familiar with this words that, at times, we do not grasp how deep and beautiful they are. Christ has used bread because, at the Passover supper, bread signified the misery of the slavery and the haste by which the people of Israel left the slavery of Egypt. At the Last Supper, Christ wants that now it signifies His Body, a sign of the Death that He has suffered on the Cross for us. Christ has used wine because at the Passover Vigil it signified the freedom that the people of Israel enjoyed when they entered the Promised Land. At the Last Supper, Christ wants that it signifies His Blood that was shed on the Cross and by which we pass from death to life. Every time that we share in the Eucharist we participate in the Death and Resurrection of Christ. The Gospel, from St. Luke, presents to us the episode of the multiplication of the five loaves. It prefigures the Eucharist that Christ is going to offer to us as a source of life for all time. This event underlines that in front of our difficulties and precariousness, Christ gives us His Body and Blood, which really satisfies and nourishes us. It is very important to constantly receive communion because it is what really supports and helps us to go on with our lives. It is in Christ in whom we find life, sustenance, and comfort. Let us feed constantly on Him to find strength and courage!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant and your Pastor

Pope Francis' Angelus on the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ (June 19, 2019) Today in Italy and in other countries, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ is celebrated. Instituted during the Last Supper, the Eucharist was like the destination of a journey along which Jesus had prefigured it through several signs, above all the multiplication of the loaves narrated in the Gospel of today's Liturgy (cf. Lk. 9:11b-17). Jesus takes care of the huge crowd that had followed him to listen to his word and to be freed from various evils. He blesses five loaves and two fish, breaks them, the disciples distribute them, and "they all ate and were satisfied" (Lk. 9:17), the Gospel says. In the Eucharist, everyone can experience this loving and concrete attention of the Lord. Those who receive the Body and Blood of Christ with faith not only eat, but are satisfied. To eat and to be satisfied: these are two basic necessities that are satisfied in the Eucharist.

To eat. "They all ate", writes Saint Luke. As evening fell, the disciples counsel Jesus to dismiss the crowd so they can go in search of food. But the Teacher wants to provide for that too – he also wants to feed those who had listened to him. The miracle of the loaves and fish does not happen in a spectacular way, but almost secretly, like the wedding at Cana – the bread increases as it passes from hand to hand. And as the crowd eats, they realize

that Jesus is taking care of everything. This is the Lord present in the Eucharist. He calls us to be citizens of Heaven, but at the same time he takes into account the journey we have to face here on earth. If I have hardly any bread in my sack, He knows and takes care of it himself.

Sometimes there is the risk of confining the Eucharist to a vague, distant dimension, perhaps bright and perfumed with incense, but rather distant from the straits of everyday life. In reality, the Lord takes all our needs to heart, beginning with the most basic. And he wants to give an example to his disciples, saying, "You give them something to eat" (v. 13), to those people whom he had listened to during the day. We can evaluate our Eucharistic adoration when we take care of our neighbour like Jesus does. There is hunger for food around us, but also of companionship; there is hunger for consolation, friendship, good humour; there is hunger for attention, there is hunger to be evangelized. We find this in the Eucharistic Bread – the attention of Christ to our needs and the invitation to do the same toward those who are beside us. We need to eat and feed others.

In addition to eating, however, we cannot forget being satisfied. The crowd is satisfied because of the abundance of food and also because of the joy and amazement of having received it from Jesus! We certainly need to nourish ourselves, but we also need to be satisfied, to know that the nourishment is given to us out of love. In the Body and Blood of Christ, we find his presence, his life given for each of us. He not only gives us help to go forward, but he gives us himself – he makes himself our traveling companion, he enters into our affairs, he visits us when we are lonely, giving us back a sense of enthusiasm. This satisfies us, when the Lord gives meaning to our life, our obscurities, our doubts; he sees the meaning, and this meaning that the Lord gives satisfies us. This gives us that "more" that everyone is looking for – namely, the presence of the Lord! For in the warmth of his presence, our lives change. Without him, everything would truly be grey. Adoring the Body and Blood of Christ, let us ask him with our heart: "Lord, give me that daily bread to go forward, Lord, satisfy me with your presence!"

May the Virgin Mary teach us how to adore Jesus, living in the Eucharist and to share him with our brothers and sisters.



## Thank you for bringing empathy to the table

Covenant House, an agency you support through ShareLife, fosters a profound sense of belonging among at risk children in the Youth in Transition program. Their community dinners create a welcoming space for shared experiences, made possible by your empathetic heart. "These gatherings are an opportunity for youth to learn more about each other and taste food from different cultures," says Fred Shayo -Mushi, Support Services Manager of Covenant House Toronto. "The dinners make everyone feel like they matter because of your love."

Thus far we have raised \$122,699 toward our goal of \$174,000. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](https://sharelife.org/donate)

JUNE 22, 2025

## SACRAMENT PREPARATION PROGRAMS

2025– 2026

### FIRST EUCHARIST (Grade 2)

#### REGISTRATION and INFORMATION NIGHT in the Church (one parent only to attend)

Tuesday, September 30th at 7:00 pm

(please bring completed registration form, a \$50 fee for program expenses and a **photocopy** of your child's Baptism Certificate)

### CONFIRMATION (Grade 7)

#### REGISTRATION and INFORMATION NIGHT in the Church (one parent & candidate to attend)

Tuesday, October 21st at 7:00 pm

(please bring completed registration form, a \$60 fee for program expenses and a **photocopy** of your child's Baptism Certificate)

**It is mandatory that all children who do not attend Catholic school participate in the Parish Home Catechism Program.**

### PILGRIMAGE TO MARTYRS' SHRINE

Date: Saturday, July 26th

Departs St. John's at 8:30am  
returns at 6:30pm

Cost: \$45.00

For further details call: 905-668-3218



### Masses For The Week

Sat Jun 21- 5:00pm

+Anne Gallagher

req. by Carol Jeffers & Family

Mon. Jun 23 – 8:20 am

+Andrew Marioselva

req. by His Family

Tues Jun 24 – 8:20am

+Alex Pol

req. by Carol Demoe

Wed Jun 25 – 7:00pm

+Charles Medrozo Sr.

req. by The Medrozo Family

+Antonio Sagmit Sr.

req. by The Sagmit Family

+Theresa Deneumoustier

req. by Donald, Dorothy & Shawn Berry

+Albert Schranz

req. by Ed Schranz

+All Souls in Purgatory

req. by Harrington, Broderick & McLellan Family

Thur Jun 26 – 8:20am

+Paulo Vargas

req. by Dpra Schenflede

Fri Jun 27 – 8:20am

+Ed Debosky

req. by Jim & Mary McTeague & Family



Catholic Cemeteries and  
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**Rosary for Priests**

Saturday, July 26, 2025 @2pm

**Annual Mass of Faithful Departed**

Wednesday, August 13, 2025 @7pm

Resurrection Cemetery

355 Taunton Road East, Whitby

### 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!

### Parish Home Catechism Program

A learning partnership between parents and catechists to teach children about the help them grow in their Catholic faith. Children need to know about their faith and live it to receive the sacraments. Traditionally, the program is for children in public and private schools, however our program is for any child grades 1-8. The program runs from September to early May on Wednesday evenings 6:15pm – 7:15pm, taught by a wonderful group of catechists. Registration will begin in August. If you are interested in becoming a catechist, please contact the parish office.

### GRAND IN YOUR HAND

Your Catholic Women's League will be selling 50/50 tickets for the "Grand in Your Hand" draw after all masses on June 21/22. 100 tickets will be sold at \$20.00 each. The winner will win \$1,000.00 and \$1,000.00 will go towards o/r January charitable disbursements. Once the 100 tickets are sold, the draw will be made. The winner will be contacted and announced in the bulletin. We thank you for your continued support and we wish you luck.

### 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.



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