

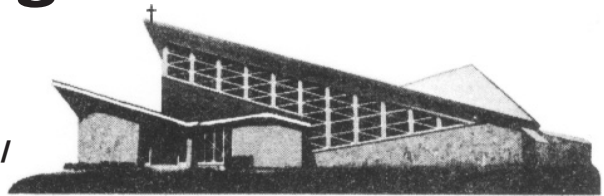
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Pastoral Team

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Mrs. Sarah Rodrigues Youth Ministry
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Mrs. Sue McGee Bookkeeper
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.

Pastoral Council	Fr. Francisco Fernandez	905-668-3676
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Christian Initiation of Adults - RCIA	Kristine Blyth	905-668-3676
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First Reconciliation & First Eucharist Preparation	Mrs. Kristine Blyth	905-668-3676
Confirmation Preparation	Mrs. Kristine Blyth	905-668-3676
Parish Home Catechism Program	Lorraine Thomas	905-409-1743

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Auxiliary Ministers of Communion	Fred Shady	905-668-1081
Choir	Eileen McGowan	905-668-0959
Feed the Hungry	Paula Campbell	905-668-2293
Home Communion	Clark Weddell	905-434-8121
Lectors	Deidre Newman	905-665-6360
Liturgy of the Word with Children (JK-Gr.2) Sun. 9:00 a.m. Mass	Phyllis Pereira	905-665-5917
Ministers of Consolation	Anne Marie Yaraskavitch	905-666-3860
Neocatechumenal Way	Gail Stewart	905-668-3676
Parish Prayer Group	Klara Bari	905-668-9579
Ushers	Sharon Weslake	905-668-4817

Catholic Women's League	Lynne Childerhouse	905-431-6582
Development & Peace (CCODP)	Estela Rios	905-430-7753
Knights of Columbus #4895	Al Taylor	905-925-5382
St. Vincent de Paul Society - Help Line		905-430-6734

Catholic Cemeteries	Oshawa 905-725-3513	Ajax	905-668-8912
Catholic Family Services	1-800-241-3534	or	905-428-1984
Rose of Durham (Young Parent Support Services)			905-432-3622

St. John the Evangelist School 905-668-4011

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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Message from the Pastor Peace to all of you!

This Sunday we celebrate the Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The First Reading, from the Book of the prophet Amos, presents the admonition of the prophet to the people so that they may treat each other with fairness. At that time, there was a lot of inequality, and many people were treated unjustly. Amos reminds them to act with justice and fairness, especially towards the poor and needy. The Second Reading, from the Letter of St. Paul to Timothy, gives us his advice to pray for every person on earth so that we may live a peaceful life. This prayer should be done from a heart that is at peace with everybody. Based on God's plan that He wants everybody to be saved, we should pray for all people, without distinction, so that they can experience God's mercy in their lives. Even those who are far away from God, He wants that they may still receive His mercy. It should fill us with hope to see that anybody can be open to God's love. The Gospel, from St. Luke, offers us the account of the astute administrator. The shrewdness of this person is praised because he survives a very difficult situation. Jesus uses this parable to encourage us to be as quick and resolute regarding our eternal salvation. We should respond promptly to God's invitation to receive his abundant life. This is what is more important because it what endures for ever. Let us answer with promptness to enter God's kingdom in our daily lives!

Starting Monday, October 6th 19th at 7:30pm we are having the announcement of the Good News in our parish. I really encourage you attend and to experience how much God loves us and to experience His mercy in our lives. It is free and you do not need to sign up, just come and listen to Him. It will take place in the Church, and it will be Mondays and Thursdays at the same time. Come, the Lord is waiting for you!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant, and your Pastor



"May the God of hope fill you
with all joy and peace as you trust
in Him"

Romans 15:13

GOD WANTS TO GIVE YOU LIFE TO THE
FULLEST!

**Word of Good News for Youth &
Adults**

Starting October 6, 2025

Mondays and Thursdays at 7:30pm
St. John the Evangelist Parish
903 Giffard St. Whitby
COME AND SEE!

San Juan Diego Spanish Mission
DINNER & DANCE GALA WITH A LATIN FLARE
Saturday, November 8, 2025
6pm to 1am – dinner at 7pm
Tosca Banquet Hall, 800 Champlain Ave, Oshawa
Tickets \$120 per person
Raffle Prizes, 50-50 Cash Only!
Tickets available at the parish office



Life Chain is a peaceful public witness to the sanctity of human life and the evil of abortion. Christians pray for its end and hold signs bearing truths such as "Abortion Kills Children" and "Abortion Hurts Women" at hundreds of locations across Canada. Please set aside just one hour on Sunday October 5th at 3pm to gather together at HWY 2 and Cochrane. Everyone is welcome, regardless of age, background, or experience. This is a special opportunity to provide our neighbours with a much-needed message of love, hope, and mercy. Remember how Our Lord asked His apostles: "Could you not watch one hour with me?" (Mk 14:37)

Canada Needs Our Lady Rosary

Saturday, October 11, 2025

12:00 – 1:00pm

**Gather in the Church parking lot and proceed to
Cochrane & Dundas Sts
Bring your Rosary!**

St. John the Evangelist

11am mass Choir

Our 11 am Sunday mass Choir is gearing up for the new Choir Season! We welcome all new and returning singers, age 13 and up. Music reading ability is an asset, but not a requirement. All are welcome. Bring a smile, a pencil, your water bottle, and get ready to make a joyful noise to the Lord!

Practices: Tuesdays 7pm-8:30 in the Parish Centre, starting Sept 9, 2025.

Registration/Information contact: Eileen McGowan 905 442-0567 (call or text) ejpmcgowan1@rogers.com



Masses For The Week

Sat Sep 20– 5:00pm

+Mollie & +Tec Hughes

req. by Kathie Steffler & Linda Calder

Mon Sept 22– 8:20am

+Andrew Marioselva

req. by His Family

Tues Sept 23 – 8:20am

+Michael Oliver

req. by The Fitzpatrick Family

Wed Sept 24 – 7:00pm

+All Souls in Purgatory

req. by Broderick, Howard, Harrington Families

In Thanksgiving for our 55th Anniversary

req. by John & Judy Morris

+Arleigh Reichert

req. by The Coffee Group

+Phyllis Dinunzio

req. by Jenna Sheppard

+Kwan Lam Ng

req. by Louis & Popsy

Thur Sept 25 – 8:20am

+Ada Fausta Mussner

req. by John Blekaitis

Fri Sept 26 – 8:20am

+Armenio Medeiros
req. by Nelly & Todd Johnson

Nourish Caring for the Caregiver

Virtually every one of us will care for a loved one at some time in our life. Though rewarding, it's not always easy. Nourish for Caregivers is for anyone juggling the challenges of everyday life, health, career and caring for an aging parent, spouse, child or grandparent, in town or at a distance. Nourish provides caregivers a faith perspective, as well as practical and emotional support, useful tools, and share experience. Discover the blessings that come from caring for another.

Please join us beginning Monday, October 6th in the St. Joseph's Room at 7pm – 8pm

For more information please visit www.NourishForCaregivers.com, or contact Robert MacLennan, 905-668-3676 or email stjohntheevangelistwh@archtoronto.org

**Needs of the Church in Canada
Bishop's Collection Sept 27/28, 2025**

A second collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada is an annual initiative helps support and assist the Bishops in their ministry of accompanying, teaching, guiding, sanctifying, and caring for the Church in Canada.

Thank you for your support.

YOUTH MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

During the 9 am & 11 am Sunday Masses

Celebrating mass with children at a level they can understand. The Sunday readings and Gospel stories are read and discussed in child friendly language that makes the lessons accessible and actionable for children. The children return to the mass in time to participate in the Eucharist with their family.

Phyllis Pereira: phyllis.pereira@dcdsb.ca

ALTAR SERVERS

Any child who has received their First Holy Communion

An Altar Server is a young person who helps the priest during Mass and other liturgies. They assist by carrying the cross, holding candles, bringing the bread, wine, and water to the altar, and ringing the bells. Their service helps the whole church pray better, and it's a way of showing love for God and serving the parish community.

Parish Office: stjohntheevangelistwh.archtoronto.org

Parish Home Catechism Program (PHCP)
Grades 1-7

Parish Home Catechism Program is a faith Formation program for any interested child grades 1-8, and is necessary for children who attend non catholic private, public or alternative schools, to receive their Sacraments. Children learn about their Roman Catholic Faith through material that is based on the weekly Sunday Mass.

Lorraine Thomas: lthomas@archtoronto.org

FAMILY MINISTRY

Parents and children of all ages
Connecting parish families through events that build fellowship, joy, and faith.

SACRAMENTAL PREP

Baptism

First Holy Communion (Grade 2+)

Confirmation (Grade 7+)

Sacrament Preparation is a parish-based program in cooperation with our parish schools to provide a deeper understanding of the gift of God's Grace through Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation for young people and their families.

Kristine Blyth (Lay Pastoral Assistant): kblyth@archtoronto.org

EDGE MINISTRY

Grade 5-8

October-June ~ 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month

7-8:30 pm ~ St. Joseph's Room

Edge gives youth an opportunity to gather, have fun, and learn more about the Catholic faith. Most importantly though, Edge is about leading youth closer to Christ.

Sarah Rodrigues (Youth Minister): srodrigues@archtoronto.org

LIFETEEN MINISTRY

Grade 9-12

October-June ~ 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month

7-8:30 pm ~ St. Joseph's Room

Lifeteen helps teenagers form a deeper relationship with Christ through engaging activities and talks. It is a place where teens can make new friends, find support, ask questions about their faith and have fun! Most importantly though, Lifeteen is about leading youth closer to Christ.

Sarah Rodrigues (Youth Minister): srodrigues@archtoronto.org

Totus Tuus Summer Camp

Day Camp (9 am-2:30 pm) - Students entering
grade 1-6 in the fall

Evening Program (6-9 pm) - Students entering
grade 7-12 in the fall

A parish-based Catholic summer camp program dedicated to evangelization, faith formation and leadership development.

Sarah Rodrigues (Youth Minister): srodrigues@archtoronto.org

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Parish/Regional Ministry Meetings, Conferences, Retreats, Post-Secondary Campus Ministry <https://ocytoronto.org/>

Instagram: @spiritusministry
spiritusministry@gmail.com

**FIRST COMMUNION (Gr 2)
REGISTRATION and INFORMATION NIGHT
in the Church (one parent & candidate to attend)
Tuesday, September 30, 2025 @7pm**

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



Social Sunday
Oct 5, 2025

Hosted by Lectors & Communion Ministers
Join us after 9am or 11am Masses, all are welcome!

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