

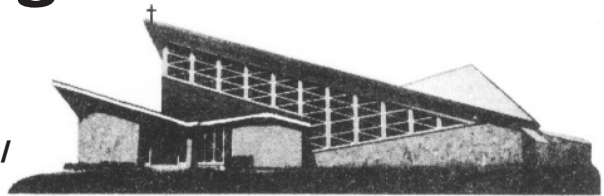
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Mrs. Sarah Rodrigues Youth Ministry  
Eileen McGowan Music Director

## 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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Message from the Pastor

Peace to all of you!

This Sunday we celebrate the Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The First Reading, from the Book of the prophet Amos, presents the risk of living a very comfortable life concerned only with our own pleasures and selfish desires. This attitude is very egocentric and is futile. It leads to emptiness and does not give any fruit of righteousness and peace. It goes against the core of our being, which is to love our neighbour. The prophet warns against this attitude. The Second Reading, from the First Letter of St. Paul to Timothy, gives an encouragement to Timothy to be faithful in the practice of the faith. It is not easy to persevere in following God's commandments in everyday life. At times, we can get discouraged because our attitudes do not change. However, St. Paul advises us to be faithful, with God's grace, to the faith that we have been given. The fruit that we will receive is fullness of life and peace. The Gospel, from St. Luke, offers us the account of the rich man and Lazarus. The rich man lives sumptuously every day and does not notice Lazarus, who is suffering at the door of his house. To live in a selfish way and giving pleasure to ourselves impedes us to see the needs of the others. This rich man does not even have a name because he has lost the meaning of his identity, which is to love and to be concerned with the good of others. Let us ask the Lord that our hearts are always open to see the needs of others and to help them!

*Starting Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup> 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, on Mondays and Thursdays at the same time. Come, the Lord is waiting for you!*

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant, and your Pastor

Pope Benedict XVI's Angelus on the Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (September 26, 2010)

In this Sunday's Gospel (Lk 16: 19-31), Jesus tells the Parable of the rich man and poor Lazarus. The former lives in luxury and egoism and when he dies, he will go to hell. The poor man on the contrary eats the food left over from the table of the rich man, and at his death he will be brought by angels to his eternal dwelling place with God and the saints. "Blessed are you poor", the Lord proclaimed to his disciples, "for yours is the Kingdom of God" (Lk 6: 20). But the message of the parable goes further. It reminds us that while we are in this world we should listen to the Lord who speaks through the Sacred Scriptures and to live according to his will, otherwise after death it will be too late to repent. This parable teaches us two lessons: the first is that God loves the poor and comforts their humiliation; the second is that our eternal destiny is conditioned by our attitude, it is up to us to follow the path that God has laid out for us in order to attain life and this path is love, not intended as a feeling but as service to others in the charity of Christ.

By a happy coincidence, tomorrow we shall be celebrating the Liturgical Memorial of St Vincent de Paul, Patron of Catholic charities, on the 350th anniversary of his death. In 16th-century France, he himself keenly perceived the strong contrast between the richest and the poorest of people. In fact, as a priest, he had the opportunity to experience the aristocratic life and life in the country, as well as the dregs of society in Paris. Encouraged by the love of Christ, Vincent de Paul knew how to organize permanent forms of service for marginalized people, giving life to the so-called "Charités" and "Charities", that is the groups of women who gave their time and

belongings to the most marginalized people. Some of these volunteers chose to consecrate themselves completely to God and to the poor, with St Louise de Marillac, and St Vincent, Founder of the "Daughters of Charity" the first female congregation to live a consecrated life "in the world", with the common people, including the sick and the needy.

Dear friends, only Love with a capital "L" can bring true happiness! This is shown by another witness, a young girl who was proclaimed Blessed yesterday in Rome. I am speaking of Chiara Badano, an Italian girl born in 1971, who was afflicted by a disease that caused her death just before she turned 19. Despite her suffering, she was a ray of light [luce] as her nickname suggests "Chiara Luce". Her parish, the Diocese of Acqui Termini and the Focolare Movement to which she belonged, are rejoicing today and it is indeed a celebration for all young people who can discover in her an example of Christian devotion. Fully accepting the will of God, she spoke her last words: "Bye Mum. Be happy because I am". Let us praise God because his love is stronger than evil and death. Let us thank the Virgin Mary, who leads youth, through difficulty and suffering, to love Jesus and to discover the beauty of life.



"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!

### Knights of Columbus News

Knights of Columbus, St John the Evangelist Council, meetings are the 1st Wednesday of each month from Sept to June. The next open meeting is Wednesday October 1, 2025 at 8PM at the Knights Hall at 133 Brock St North and all are welcome. For further information assisting the St John's community and becoming a Knight please contact Bryan Childerhouse [bryan.childerhouse@rogers.com](mailto:bryan.childerhouse@rogers.com) or call 416-508-9877

### Second Collection Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation October 4/5, 2025

Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in the collection being held October 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> to support Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund. The collection is part of a national grassroots effort to assist healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of This Land.

San Juan Diego Spanish Mission  
**DINNER & DANCE GALA  
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Saturday, November 8, 2025  
6pm to 1am - dinner at 7pm  
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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!

### 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!**



Masses For The Week

**Sat Sep 27– 5:00pm**  
**+Des Newman**  
*req. by The Hannon Family*

**Mon Sept 29– 8:20am**  
**+Mario Veltri**  
*req. by Nina Veltri*

**Tues Sept 30 – 8:20am**  
**+Ada Fausta Mussner**  
*req. by The Kolar Family*

**Wed Oct 1 – 7:00pm**  
**+All Souls in Purgatory**  
*req. by Broderick, Howard, Harrington  
Families*  
**+Gerardo Stancato & Ermina Garritano**  
*req. by Nina Veltri*  
**+Dan Dandridge**  
*req. by Society of St. Vincent de Paul*  
**+Marjorie Shields**  
*req. by Society of St. Vincent de Paul*  
**+Anthony & Gloria & Michael DeFreitas**  
*req. by Taryn DeFreitas*

**Thur Oct 2 – 8:20am**  
**+Ada Fausta Mussner**  
*req. by Tom & Teresa Simmons*

**Fri Oct 3 – 8:20am**  
**+Lina Aloise**  
*req. by Nina Veltri*

### *Nourish Caring for the Caregiver*

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**LIFETEEN on Thurs, Oct 2, 2025 @ 7 pm**  
Grade 9-12 meet on 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.



**EDGE on Thurs, Oct 9, 2025 @ 7 pm**  
Grade 5-8 meet on 2nd and 4th  
Thursday of the month  
7-8:30 pm, St. Joseph's Room  
Edge gives youth an opportunity to gather together, have fun, and learn more about the Catholic faith.

Most importantly though, Edge is about leading youth closer to Christ.

*Please contact Sarah Rodrigues for  
more information!  
[srodrigues@archtoronto.org](mailto:srodrigues@archtoronto.org)*



**Social Sunday October 5,  
2025**  
Following the 9am & 11am  
masses. Hosted by the Lectors &  
Communion Ministers in the parish  
centre. All are welcome!



**St. Vincent de Paul**

### **THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE**

**Pasta Sauce  
Canned Fruit  
Canned Vegetables  
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Cereal**

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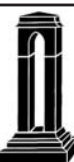
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