

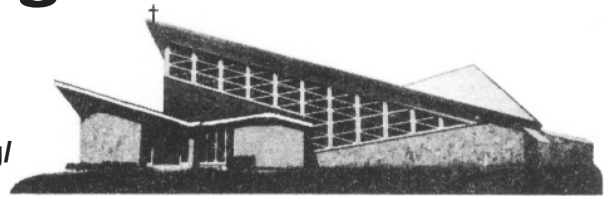
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Message from the Pastor

Peace to all of you!

This Sunday we celebrate the Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The First Reading, from the Book of Exodus, presents to us the episode of the battle of the people of Israel against the Amalekites. It was won because of Moses' intercession and prayer for them. When we face struggles and difficulties in our lives, we do not need to rely on our own strength but in God's grace. Therefore, we are called to pray to Him to give us strength and hope. The Second Reading, from the Second Letter of St. Paul to Timothy, offers words of advice and encouragement to Timothy. St. Paul calls him to remain steadfast in following and acting according to God's word. By doing this, he will reap fruits in abundance. We are also asked to remain attached to the Lord in every circumstance so that He may fill us with immense peace. The Gospel, from St. Luke, shows us the episode of the parable of the widow who perseveres in asking a judge to give justice for her. It is an image on how we are supposed to pray to God. We need to be persistent and to pray to Him constantly because we need Him. We do this because on our own we grow weak, and we need God's strength. We will experience His help and protection in any circumstance!

On Mondays and Thursdays 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. Come, the Lord is waiting for you!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant, and your Pastor

Pope Benedict XVI's Homily on the Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (October 17, 2010)

The celebration of holiness is renewed today in St Peter's Square. I joyfully address my cordial welcome to you who have come from even very far away to take part in it. I offer a special greeting to the Cardinals, to the Bishops and to the Superiors General of the Institutes founded by the new Saints, as well as to the Official Delegations and to all the Civil Authorities. Let us seek together to understand what the Lord tells us in the Sacred Scriptures proclaimed just now. This Sunday's Liturgy offers us a fundamental teaching: the need to pray always, without tiring. At times we grow weary of praying, we have the impression that prayer is not so useful for life, that it is not very effective. We are therefore tempted to throw ourselves into activity, to use all the human means for attaining our goals and we do not turn to God. Jesus himself says that it is necessary to pray always, and does so in a specific parable (cf. Lk 18: 1-8).

This parable speaks to us of a judge who does not fear God and is no respecter of persons: a judge without a positive outlook, who only seeks his own interests. He neither fears God's judgement nor respects his neighbour. The other figure is a widow, a person in a situation of weakness. In the Bible, the widow and the orphan are the neediest categories, because they are defenceless and without means. The widow goes to the judge and asks him for justice. Her possibilities of being heard are almost none, because the judge despises her and she can bring no pressure to bear on

him. She cannot even appeal to religious principles because the judge does not fear God. Therefore this widow seems without any recourse. But she insists, she asks tirelessly, importuning him, and in the end she succeeds in obtaining a result from the judge. At this point Jesus makes a reflection, using the argument a fortiori: if a

dishonest judge ends by letting himself be convinced by a widow's plea, how much more will God, who is good, answer those who pray to him. God in fact is generosity in person, he is merciful and is therefore always disposed to listen to prayers. Therefore we must never despair but always persist in prayer.

The conclusion of the Gospel passage speaks of faith: "When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" (Lk 18: 8). It is a question that intends to elicit an increase of faith on our part. Indeed it is clear that prayer must be an expression of faith, otherwise it is not true prayer. If one does not believe in God's goodness, one cannot pray in a truly appropriate manner. Faith is essential as the basis of a prayerful attitude. It was so for the six new Saints who are held up today for the veneration of the universal Church: Stanislaw Soltyś, André Bessette, Cándida María de Jesús Cipitria y Barriola, Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Giulia Salzano and Battista Camilla Varano.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION EVANGELIZATION OF THE NATIONS

There will be a second collection today for the Evangelization of the Nations, otherwise known as World Mission Sunday. This is a worldwide collection for the missionary church and it is our opportunity to assist at-need Catholic Communities globally. Offerings are combined with offerings from other Catholics around the world and distributed to missions and dioceses. We are called to share from our abundance with those less fortunate who lack the basic essentials to know, love and praise God. ***Thank you for your support of this important work.***

St. John's Prayer Group meet every Wednesday afternoon from 1pm to 3pm, in the parish centre.
All are welcome!

Knights - Annual Bottle Drive
A collection of Bottle & Cash Donations for Special Olympics is being accepted at the Parish Centre Entrance after all Masses on Saturday October 25th & Sunday October 26th

Oktoberfest!
The Knights of Columbus invite you to our annual Oktoberfest event! Join us for some German cheer, beer and fun. Featuring special musical guest The Usual Suspects. All proceeds go to support your local Knights of Columbus council for St John's.
Saturday Oct 25th
\$25 per person
Whitby Columbus Club
133 Brock St N Whitby
Doors open 6:30, Music at 7:30
Cash bar and snacks



All Saints Day Mass Saturday, November 1, 2025

We invite all children to dress like their favourite Saint, and join us on November 1st at 5pm Mass (arrival at 4:45pm)

This will be followed by a show and tell party and a potluck, in the Parish Centre after mass at 6pm. Please RSVP using the QR code from the poster in the foyer.

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
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Tickets available at the parish office



Masses For The Week

Sat Oct 18– 5:00pm

+Giacomo Bellotto

req. by Elisa Bellotto & Family

Mon Oct 20 – 8:20am

+Philomena Coutinho

req. by Eleuterio Fernandes

Tues Oct 21 – 8:20am

+Tricia Darcy Gibson

req. by the LaBarre Family

Wed Oct 22 – 7:00pm

+All Souls in Purgatory

req. by Joe & Joy

+Andrew Marioselva

req. by His Family

+Idalina Leitao

req. by Jessie & Sally Ongamin

A Personal Intention

req. by Nina Veltri

+Marjorie Shields

req. by Mary Louise LaBarre & Ken Reilly & Family

+Jose Salinas

req. by Mary Louise LaBarre & Ken Reilly & Family

Thur Oct 23 – 8:20am

+Julia Bradley

req. by Ken Reilly & Mary Louise LaBarre & Family

Fri Oct 24 – 8:20am

+Frank McNulty

req. by Valerie James



Coffee With Friends

Tuesday, October 21st

Parish Centre, 9:30

An opportunity to:

· Experience fellowship

- Enjoy a beverage & snack
- Make new acquaintances
- Brief presentation

We are eager to meet you!

Maturing Adults Ministry Team



Grade 9-12 meet on 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month
7-8:30 pm, St. Joseph's Room

Next meeting is this Thursday Oct 16th

Please contact Sarah Rodrigues for more information!

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Please join us on alternate Mondays Oct 20· Nov 3, 17, Dec 1, 15 at 7pm in the St. Joseph's Room

For more information please visit

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Society of St. Vincent de Paul, St. John the Evangelist Conference

BUNDLE WEEKEND Nov 8/9, 2025

A truck will be parked in St. John Parish parking lot over the weekend Nov 8th & 9th accepting gently used/new clothing, coats, linens, towels, bedding, textiles, drapery, shoes/boots.

We CANNOT accept furniture, appliances, mattresses, used baby equipment, books, dishes, construction material or video tapes.

Please bring your items to the truck after mass Saturday at 5pm, Sunday 9am or 11am or 2:00 pm in Spanish. Assistance provided to load your donation onto the truck. Thank you!

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