

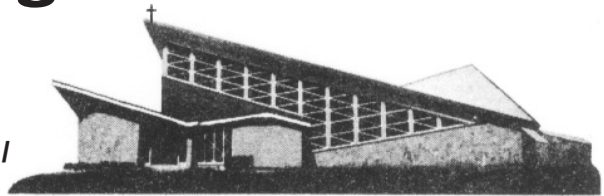
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Message from the Pastor

Peace to all of you!

This Sunday we celebrate the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The First Reading, from the Book of Sirach, presents to us the important notion that the Lord always answers and cares for the person who is in need. The Lord is a merciful God who always comes to our need. It also shows that the prayer of the humble person easily reaches the Lord. A person such as this, knows that they need God's help and is opened to accept God's plan in one's lives. We need also to have an attitude of humility and ask the Lord for His help. The Lord will certainly answer us in His own time and even in better ways than we ever expected. The Second Reading, from the Second Letter of St. Paul to Timothy, offers us the experience of St. Paul when he was in prison. Even though he was in a dire situation and was left alone, the Lord encouraged him and gave him strength to endure that suffering and to bring consolation to those around him. The Gospel, from St. Luke, shows us the episode of the Pharisee and the tax collector. It underlines the right attitude that we must have in front of God. The Pharisee has a proud and selfish attitude because he praises himself and despises the tax collector. He is not really praying; he is just focused about how good he is. Therefore, his prayer is purposeless and empty. On the other hand, the tax collector has a humble attitude. He is aware of his sins and asks for God's mercy. He experiences God's consolation and peace. Let us ask the Lord that He may give us a humble heart that seeks the Lord, aware of our sinfulness and at the same time of His great mercy!

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 witness 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 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (October 24, 2010) Two weeks from the opening Celebration, we are gathered once again on the Lord's day, at the Altar of the Confession in St Peter's Basilica, to conclude the Special Assembly for the Middle East of the Synod of Bishops. In our hearts is a deep gratitude towards God who has afforded us this truly extraordinary experience, not just for us, but for the good of the Church, for the People of God who live in the lands between the Mediterranean and Mesopotamia. As Bishop of Rome, I would like to express my gratitude to you, Venerable Synod Fathers: Cardinals, Patriarchs, Archbishops, Bishops. I wish to especially thank the Secretary General, the four Presidents Delegate, the Relator General, the Special Secretary and all the collaborators, who have worked tirelessly in these days. This morning we left the Synod Hall and came to "the temple to pray": in this, we are touched directly by the parable of the pharisee and the publican, told by Jesus and recounted by the Evangelist St Luke (cf. 18:9-14). We too may be tempted, like the pharisee, to tell God of our merits, perhaps thinking of our work during these days. However, to rise up to Heaven, prayer must emanate from a poor, humble heart. And therefore we too, at the conclusion of this ecclesial event, wish to first and foremost give thanks to God, not for our merits, but for the gift that He has given us. We recognize ourselves as small and in need of salvation, of mercy; we recognize all that comes from Him and that only with his Grace we may realize what the Holy Spirit told us. Only in this manner may we "return home" truly enriched, made more just and more able to walk in the path of the Lord.

The First Reading and the responsorial Psalm stress the theme of prayer, emphasizing that it is much more powerful to God's heart when those who pray are in a condition of need and are afflicted. "The prayer of the humble pierces the clouds" affirms Ecclesiasticus (35:21); and the Psalmist adds: "Yahweh is near to the broken-hearted, he helps those whose spirit is crushed" (34:18). Our thoughts go to our numerous brothers and sisters who live in the region of the Middle East and who find themselves in trying situations, at times very burdensome, both for the material poverty and for the discouragement, the state of tension and at times of fear. Today the Word of God also offers us a light of consoling hope, there where He presents prayer, personified, that "until he has eliminated the hordes of the arrogant and broken the sceptres of the wicked, until he has repaid all people as their deeds deserve and human actions as their intentions merit" (Ecc 35:21-22). This link too, between prayer and justice makes us think of many situations in the world, particularly in the Middle East. The cry of the poor and oppressed finds an immediate echo in God, who desires to intervene to open up a way out, to restore a future of freedom, a horizon of hope.

This faith in God who is near, who frees his friends, is what the Apostle Paul witnesses to in today's epistle, in the Second Letter to Timothy. Realizing that the end of his earthly life was near, Paul makes an assessment: "I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith" (2 Tim 4:7). For each one of us, dear brothers in the episcopacy, this is a model to imitate: may Divine Goodness allow us to make a similar judgment of ourselves! St Paul continues, "the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed for all the gentiles to hear" (2 Tim 4:17). It is a word which resounds with particular strength on this Sunday in which we celebrate World Mission Day! Communion with Jesus crucified and risen, witness of his love. The Apostle's experience is a model for every Christian, especially for us Shepherds. We have shared a powerful moment of ecclesial communion. We now leave each other so that each may return to his own mission, but we know that we remain united, we remain in his love.



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.

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 November 5, 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 or call 416-508-9877

The 2025-2026 Sunday Missals are available this weekend.
Cost is \$5 per book.

Commemoration of All Faithful Souls

All Souls Day Mass is Sunday, November 2nd at 9am & 11am and 2pm Spanish.

Resurrection Cemetery
– 355 Taunton Rd E, Whitby
All Souls' Day Mass

Saturday November 8, 2025 at 2:00 PM

Join us for our All Souls' Day Mass to commemorate our dear faithful departed, in the mausoleum. All are welcome

The Book of Life

The month of November is traditionally known as the month of the Holy Souls, having at its' beginning, the two great feasts - All Saints and All Souls. To commemorate your faithful departed family and friends, you are invited to submit a page for the "Book of Life." This page should be 8 ½" by 11" and fit into a standard 3-ring binder. On it you may type or print the names of whomever you would like to have remembered in a special way at all our parish Masses during November. You may decorate your "Family Page" in whatever way you wish, as long as it fits the above requirements. This "Book of Life" will be left in the sanctuary during November to remind us to pray, at church and at home for our loved ones. Please note previous years of pages are included already.

Donation envelopes for All Souls are available to write out the names of those you wish to be prayed for on our Special Commemoration Mass on Wednesday November 12th at 7pm, and every Wednesday in November at 7:00pm.

Please include your name and address for tax receipt purposes.

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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!

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



Masses For The Week

Sat Oct 25– 5:00pm

+Francisco Piga
req. by Alex Piga

Mon Oct 27 – 8:20am

+Frank McNulty
req. by Iris & Mathias

Tues Oct 28 – 8:20am

+Elpidio Peralta
req. by Pablo & Maria Enrique

Wed Oct 29 – 7:00pm

+All Souls in Purgatory
req. by Joe & Joy
+Ferdinando (Dino) Raimondi
req. by The Wilding Family
+June Duffy-Smith
req. by Maureen Halpin
+James Gardner
req. by Ron & Elizabeth Locas
+Domenic & Maria Borg
req. by Rita & Saviour Bonello
+Deceased Member of the Bonello Family
req. by Rita & Saviour Bonello

Thur Oct 30 – 8:20am

Int. for Fr Peter Conlin, 40th Anniv. of Ordination
req. by Denise & Shirley Washburn

Fri Oct 31 – 8:20am

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