

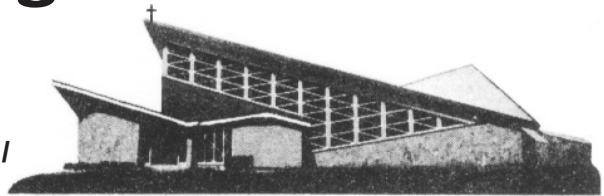
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Mrs. Sarah Rodrigues Youth Ministry
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Mr. Francisco Perez Caretaker
Mrs. Sue McGee Bookkeeper
Mrs. Gail Stewart Cook/Housekeeper

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.

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Home Communion	Clark Weddell	905-434-8121
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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
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Catholic Women's League	Lynne Childerhouse	905-431-6582
Development & Peace (CCODP)	Estela Rios	905-430-7753
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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
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THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

Message from the Pastor

Peace to all of you!

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica. We commemorate the importance of the unity and universality of the Church around the world. The Lateran Basilica is the Cathedral of the Pope in Rome and is the mother of all the churches around the world. We are all united with the Church in Rome. The First Reading, from the Book of the prophet Ezekiel, presents the episode in which water that flows from the Temple of Jerusalem purifies every surface that it touches. This is an image of the Holy Spirit that we receive in the Church and that transforms our hearts. The Second Reading, from the First Letter of the apostle Paul to the Corinthians, offers us an image of God's Temple. He underlines that apart from the building, which is important, we are the temple of the Lord. If the Holy Spirit dwells in us, we are tabernacles of God's presence for the world. The Gospel, from St. John, shows us the episode of the cleansing of the Temple of Jerusalem. It was God's dwelling presence among us on earth; however, it had become a place for business. Jesus purified it recovering the purpose of the Temple, which was a meeting place of prayer with God. In Jesus Christ we can enter into right relationship with God and our hearts become God's dwelling place. Let us open our hearts to the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in our hearts!

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



THE VANDERMEER CHRISTMAS FLORAL FUNDRAISER IS HERE

This year, we are partnering with Vandermeer Garden Centre to offer **vouchers** for fresh, high-quality floral arrangements. These vouchers can be used at your convenience to pick up your flowers directly from Vandermeer Nurseries. Enjoy flowers at their freshest!

Even more, all purchases will be made online. A QR code will be provided next week to access the ordering system and select your floral arrangement. Vouchers will be delivered to the parish by the beginning of Advent. Pickup times on selected **weekend Masses** or from the **Parish Office during usual business hours**.

More details to follow Nov 15/16.

Mass in Memory of Loved Ones We Have Lost Through Death **Wednesday November 12th, 2025, 7:00 pm**

The Wednesday evening mass on Nov 12th will provide an opportunity for members of our parish family to come together, in remembrance of loved ones we have lost through death. The mass will include a special acknowledgement of individuals who have been buried from our parish over the last year and a lighting of candles in memory of loved ones.

We hope that you will accept this invitation to join fellow parishioners for this special mass.

If you would like additional information, please contact the parish office at (905) 668-3676.



Shepherd's Trust Collection November 15/16, 2025

The mission of the Shepherd's Trust is to help ensure that elderly and disabled priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. Your generous gift will help our priests to maintain a modest but active and independent lifestyle in their retirement years. For priests who are ill or otherwise infirm, the Trust ensures they have access to nursing home facilities and medical care. Thank you for your support of this important work.



Handicraft Holy Land Christians

On the weekend of November 15-16, we will welcome our special guest Vanessa from Sebastien Cardinal's team representing "Handicraft Holy Land Christians", who after all the masses will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the Christian presence in the Holy Land. Christians in the Holy Land graciously ask your support through conscience prayers and will have many unique hand carved olive wood religious art pieces made by these families in Bethlehem available for purchase after every mass.

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

The Book of Remembrance

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.



Masses For The Week

Sat Nov 8– 5:00pm

+Nicolette Edge

req. by Fred & Jacqui Shady

Mon Nov 10 – 8:20am

+Maria Costa

req. by Mario Costa

Tues Nov 11 – 8:20am

+Giovanni & +Rita & +Giuseppina Beltrano

req. by Anna & Natale Ciardullo

Wed Nov 12 – 7:00pm

+All Souls in Purgatory

req. by Joe & Joy

A Personal Intention

req. by Minnie Chillingworth

+Mike Dawson

req. by The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

+George Johnston

req. by Anne & Gary Robertson

Thur Nov 13 – 8:20am

+Matthew Healy

req. by Brian Healy

Fri Nov 14 – 8:20am

In Thanksgiving

req. by Hyacinth, Cavin, Cydell & Herschelle



Make A Joyful Noise to the Lord!

St. John the Evangelist Parish Children's and Youth Christmas Choir 2025

Calling all young singers, age 7 and up! You are invited to share your talents as Music Ministers, leading the people in singing praise to God for Christmas Eve 5pm Family mass.

4 Sunday Rehearsals at the Parish:

NOV 30, DEC 7, 14, 3:00-4:45 pm DEC 21 2:30-5:00 pm

Attendance at ALL rehearsals is necessary for all choir members, to learn the music well, build a solid team effort in harmony, and feel confident and ready to lead song together.

To register, please contact Eileen McGowan

905 668-0959 (home), Cell phone or text: 905 442-0567

email ejpmcgowan1@rogers.com

Before November 25th please



CHRISTMAS GIVING – 2025

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will be assisting our neighbours in need at Christmas. As with previous years, gift cards will be distributed. To support this endeavour, we are requesting your support with either **CASH OR CHEQUE** donations. The Society provides tax receipts for cash or cheque donations. Donations of **GROCERY GIFT CARDS** are also gratefully accepted, however, we are not able to provide receipts for gift cards. Please use the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul envelopes which are available on the back counter in the Church. We will use your generous donations to purchase gift cards and will distribute them to our neighbours in need in early December. It would be very helpful if we received your donation by November 30th, 2025. Thank you for your generous support.



Make your gift to ShareLife and DOUBLE your impact!

NEW: Your gift will double in value! From November 3 until year end, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$500,000.

For those who turn to ShareLife agencies, the challenges are great - uncertainty feels heavy, hope feels far away. You can ease the struggles of our brothers and sisters in Christ. Your support for ShareLife becomes a saving grace for at-risk children and youth, refugees in crisis, and survivors of domestic violence, ensuring they receive the care and resources they need.

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