

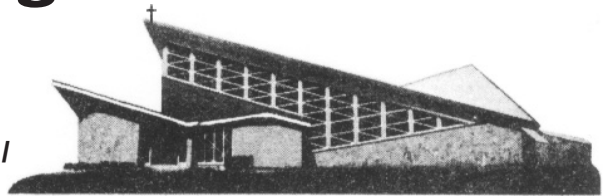
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Message from the Pastor

Peace to all of you!

This Sunday we celebrate the Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time. The First Reading, from the prophet Malachi, encourages the people of Israel to remain faithful to the Lord in spite of passing through difficulties. Apparently, the unjust people get away with their wrongdoings; however, in the long run, they will reap nothing, they will remain empty. Even though the just person suffers injustices, they will be at peace, and they will have fullness of life. The Lord is encouraging us to persevere and remain faithful to Him because we will certainly reap out fruits. The Second Reading, from the Second Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians, offers us the advice to continue to be active in the spiritual life. It is very easy to grow weak and not to be persistent. It happens when we are not connected with the Lord, and we lose hope. If we are not looking for anything, we start being complacent and we get spiritually lazy. The consequence is that everything in our lives becomes heavy and it upsets us. However, if we are attached to the Lord, we find hope in Him, and He guides our lives. We are active and we have the strength to face whatever comes our way. Let us ask to the Lord the gift of perseverance and to remain spiritually active in the Lord. The Gospel, from St. Luke, presents to us the beginning of the eschatological discourse of Jesus. As we are approaching the end of the liturgical year, He tells us that sooner or later everything around us will finish, it will end. Even though we see wars, catastrophes and other disasters happening, the Lord is inviting us not to panic, all this is normal in our fragile world. We live in a world that is not eternal, and all these things have happened and will continue to happen. In front of these situations, we need to find refuge and strength in the Lord. He will keep us standing and our hearts will rest secure. He remains forever and will give us hope to know that in Him we have Eternal Life. We need to persevere with hope knowing that this world will disappear, but we belong to the citizenship of Heaven. Let us put our hope in the Lord knowing that we will find strength in Him, and He will help us to persevere!

Let us continue pray for our deceased relatives and friends during the month of November! Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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 Angelus on the Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (November 18, 2007)

In today's Gospel passage, St Luke repropose the Biblical view of history for our reflection and refers to Jesus' words that invite the disciples not to fear, but to face difficulties, misunderstandings and even persecutions with trust, persevering through faith in him. The Lord says: "When you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified; for this must first take place, but the end will not be at once" (Lk 21: 9). Keeping this admonition in mind, from the beginning the Church lives in prayerful waiting for her Lord, scrutinizing the signs of the times and putting the faithful on guard against recurring messiahs, who from time to time announce the world's end as imminent. In reality, history must run its course, which brings with it also human

dramas and natural calamities. In it a design of salvation is developed that Christ has already brought to fulfilment in his Incarnation, death and Resurrection. The Church continues to proclaim this mystery and to announce and accomplish it with her preaching, celebration of the sacraments and witness of charity.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us welcome Christ's invitation to face daily events by trusting in his providential love. Let us not fear the future, even when it can appear with bleak colours, because the God of Jesus Christ, who entered history to open it to its transcendent fulfilment, is the alpha and the omega, the first and the last (cf. Rv 1: 8). He guarantees that in every little but genuine act of love there is the entire sense of the universe, and that the one who does not hesitate to lose his own life for him finds it again in fullness (cf. Mt 16: 25).

With remarkable effectiveness, consecrated persons, who have placed their lives completely at the service of the Kingdom of God, invite us to keep this perspective alive. Among these I would like to particularly recall those called to contemplation in cloistered monasteries. The Church dedicates a special day to them this Wednesday, 21 November, Memorial of the Presentation in the Temple of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We owe much to these people who live on what Providence provides them through the generosity of the faithful. "As a spiritual oasis, a monastery reminds today's world of the most important, and indeed, in the end, the only decisive thing: that there is an ultimate reason why life is worth living: God and his unfathomable love" (Pope Benedict XVI, Heiligenkreuz, Austria, 9 September 2007). Faith, which is active in charity, is the true antidote against a nihilistic mentality that is spreading its influence in the world even more in our time.

May Mary, Mother of the Incarnate Word, accompany us on our earthly pilgrimage. We ask her to sustain the witness of all Christians, so that it is always based on a solid and persevering faith.

Humanitarian Relief Aid for Hurricane Melissa and Typhoon Kalmaegi

In recent days two natural disasters have caused extensive damage in different parts of the world. The Archdiocese of Toronto will accept donations and channel funds through our Catholic partner in the Caribbean and Asia to support relief efforts underway in both regions.

Parishioners wishing to support humanitarian aid relief can use the envelopes provided or online in the following ways:

Online – www.archtoronto.org,

Cheques payable through the parish to:

St. John the Evangelist – Hurricane Melissa (or) Typhoon Kalmaegi



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.

MAID – Medical Assisted Death

In an ongoing effort to protect the vulnerable population from choosing MAID (Medical Assistance in Dying), a Private Members bill has been introduced into the House of Commons. Bill C-218 recognizes that mental illness is treatable with adequate community supports and is requesting that people suffering solely from a mental illness be excluded from eligibility for MAID.

Please support Bill C-218 in the upcoming signature campaign. Individuals suffering from a mental illness have the potential to lead a fruitful life with our prayers and with community supports.



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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.



Coffee With Friends

Tuesday, November 18th at 9:30am
Parish Centre
Open to all mature adults
An opportunity to:

- Experience fellowship · Enjoy a beverage & snack
- Socialize with friends, · Make new acquaintances

We are eager to have you join us!
Maturing Adults Ministry Team



Masses For The Week

Sat Nov 15– 5:00pm

+Rosa Ridino-Cannella
req. by Rosa & Tony Cannella

Mon Nov 17 – 8:20am

+Brian McMonagle
req. by Gail McMonagle

Tues Nov 18 – 8:20am

+Sonny Watman Ramirez
req. by Digna & Family

Wed Nov 19 – 7:00pm

+Austin Schranz
req. by Ed Schranz
+Jake McMahon
req. by Anne & Gary Robertson
+Mary Daly
req. by Gail McMonagle
+Ollie O'Neill
req. by Gerry Fay
+Joanne Brennan
req. by The Benchmark Group
+Mary Daly
req. by Piet & Rose Loomans

Thur Nov 20 – 8:20am

+Antonio, Divina, & Aldo Ciardullo
req. by Anna & Natale Ciardullo

Fri Nov 21 – 8:20am

+John Kirkland
req. by His Wife & Family

Make A Joyful Noise to the Lord!

St. John the Evangelist Parish Children's and Youth Christmas Choir
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
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Before November 25th please

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