

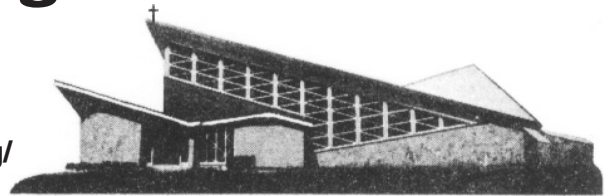
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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.
 Saturday 7:30pm Neocatechumenal Way
 Sunday 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m. Spanish
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 — One Sunday 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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ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Message from the Pastor

Peace to all of you!

Today we celebrate the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. The First Reading, from the Book of Exodus, presents the episode in which God establishes a covenant with the people of Israel on Mount Sinai. God has taken the people of Israel out of the slavery in Egypt; He has carried them through the desert. God wants to establish a covenant with His people desiring to guide them and to give them life. By seeing how God has been good to them through the deeds that He has performed in their midst, the people of Israel are willing to enter this covenant and become God's people. It is a grateful response of openness, being aware that God is offering fullness of life if they follow His ways. At times, we think that following God means to keep a series of precepts, but it is rather to accept and be willing to receive the life that God has in store for us. It is His own initiative and not our own doing. The Second Reading, from the Letter of St. Paul to Romans, offers us part of the teaching of St. Paul on Reconciliation and Forgiveness that Christ has gained for us. By committing sin, we have separated ourselves from God and have experienced spiritual death and lack of peace. By suffering and dying on the Cross, Christ has taken upon Himself all our sins and has crushed them on the Cross. He does not only destroy our sins, but He offers us the possibility to receive new life. We have been forgiven as a gift and not as a reward because of our good deeds. We need to be open and willing to receive this enormous gift so that it may transform us into people who have fullness of peace and can love like Christ. The Gospel, from St. Matthew, brings us a part of the missionary discourse. Christ has mercy for all humanity and wants everybody to share in His kingdom. Unfortunately, there are people who live as if God does not exist, or they live in anguish and overcome by different problems. Christ does not remain indifferent and desires to offer fullness of life to every person on earth. We all have experienced how

much God continues to do in our lives and how He fills us with peace and consolation. The Church by nature is missionary, which means that we are called to share what we believe. We are missionaries as well. We can share our faith by the way we live so that people around us can also experience God's mercy in their lives. What we believe is not only a private act, but it is something that has an effect on others. Let us ask the Lord to be grateful of how many good deeds the Lord has done in our lives so that we can share our faith with those around us!

Thanks to all the volunteers who attended the Volunteer Appreciation. Thank you for everything that you do for the parish. Thanks to Gail McMonagle, Vicki Morgan, Gail Stewart and Kristine Blyth who prepared the delicious appetizers for us!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant and your Pastor

Pope Benedict XVI' Homily on the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (June 15, 2008)

The biblical texts we have heard on this 11th Sunday of Ordinary Time help us to understand the reality of the Church: the First Reading (cf. Ex 19: 2-6a) recalled the Covenant made on Mount Sinai, during the Exodus from Egypt; the Gospel (cf. Mt 9: 36-10: 8) consisted of the account of the call and mission of the Twelve Apostles. We find the "constitution" of the Church presented here: how can we fail to perceive the implicit invitation addressed to every Community to renew its own vocation and missionary drive? In the First Reading the sacred author tells of God's Covenant with Moses and with Israel on Sinai. This is one of the great milestones in salvation history, one of those moments that transcend history itself in which the boundary between the Old and New Testaments disappears and the eternal plan of the God of the Covenant is manifest: the plan for the salvation of all men and women through the sanctification of a people to which God proposes to become "my own possession among all peoples" (Ex 19: 5). In this perspective, the people is called to become a "holy nation", not only in the moral sense, but first and above all in its own ontological reality, in its being as a people. Already in the Old Testament, how the identity of this people

is to be understood is gradually made clear in the course of the salvific events; then it was fully revealed with the coming of Jesus Christ. Today's Gospel presents us with a decisive moment for this revelation. In fact, when Jesus called the Twelve he desired to refer symbolically to the 12 tribes of Israel, going back to the 12 sons of Jacob. Thus, by placing the Twelve at the centre of his new community, he makes it understood that he came to bring the heavenly Father's design to completion, even if the new face of the Church was to appear only at Pentecost when the Twelve, "filled with the Holy Spirit" proclaimed the Gospel, and spoke in all the languages (Acts 2: 3-4). It was then that the universal Church was to be made manifest, gathered in a single Body of which the Risen Christ is Head yet, at the same time, sent by him to all the nations, even to the very ends of the earth (cf. Mt 28: 19).

Jesus' style is unmistakeable: it is the characteristic style of God who likes to do great things in a poor and humble manner. The solemnity of the accounts of the Covenant in the Book of Exodus leaves room in the Gospels for humble and discreet gestures which nevertheless contain an enormous potential for renewal. It is the logic of the Kingdom of God, not by chance represented by the tiny seed that becomes a great tree (cf. Mt 13: 31-32). The Covenant of Sinai was accompanied by cosmic signs that terrified the Israelites; the beginnings of the Church in Galilee, on the contrary, were exempt from such manifestations and reflect the docility and compassion of Christ's Heart although they foretold another battle, another upheaval, inspired by the forces of evil. Christ gave to the Twelve, we heard, "authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every infirmity" (Mt 10: 1). The Twelve must cooperate with Jesus in establishing the Kingdom of God, that is, his beneficial, life-giving lordship, and life in abundance for the whole of humanity. The Church in essence, like Christ and together with him, is called and sent out to establish the Kingdom of life and to drive out the dominion of death so that the life of God may triumph in the world; so that God who is Love may triumph.

**Prayer Group LAST MEETING
BEFORE SUMMER
Wednesday June 24 @ 1pm,
Parish Centre**

JUNE 14, 2026

Mission Co-op Appeal

Sister Salam, SSVM, a missionary sister from The Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matara (www.ssvmissions.org) will be coming to speak at St John the Evangelist on June 27/28, 2026. She is a missionary sister from Egypt serving in Toronto. She is looking forward to sharing about how the sisters care for the abandoned children, feed the poor, educate girls and much more in their 20 years serving God's most needy in Egypt. As we daily strive to help those in need, we are most grateful to all of you for your prayers, contributions and generosity, truly a grace from God and a consolation for our missionary sisters. Please be assured of our prayers. God bless, Sr Maria

Thank you to those who volunteered their time to assist with the Sacrament Celebrations. Your generosity and kindness strengthen our parish community and is a shining example of faith in action.

Thank you!

YOU ARE INVITED...

All maturing adults are invited to a **strawberry social** to celebrate the arrival of summer. We welcome **interested maturing adults** to join us in the parish centre following the 9:00 a.m. Mass on **Tuesday, June 16th**, in the parish centre. Kindly respond to the contact below by Sunday, June 14th If you intend to join us or add your name to the sign up sheet located at the back of the church..

Date: Tuesday, June 16th

Time: 9:00 - 10:30

Place: Parish Center

Reply: Iris @905-668-3218

Knights of Columbus

Donations Accepted for Natuashish

The Knights of Columbus are raising funds towards the Labrador community of Natuashish who need our support. The music night to fundraise this in past years was not held in May, so we are collecting donations instead. Donations of \$20 or more receive a tax receipt. Contact Grand Knight Al Taylor for more details at 905 925 5382 (text message preferred).

Cheques can be made out to "KofC Council 4895 - Charity Trust"

Please do not write them out to St. John's Parish.

CWL

Your CWL is hosting this fundraiser for the Youth Program in our parish. It will take place after 5pm, 9am & 11am masses. We hope you will come shop at the parish centre for your Father's Day gifts. Hardcover books will be \$3.00 and paperback books at \$1.00. Thank you for your continued support.

R.C.I.A

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) provides instruction and spiritual formation to anyone 16 years of age and older who are not baptized, or baptized in another Christian community, who would like to become a member of the Catholic Church. Catholic adults who have not yet celebrated their First Eucharist or the Sacrament of Confirmation may also take part. RCIA Sessions take place on Thursday evenings from 7pm to 9pm in the Parish Centre beginning soon. Interested participants should contact Fr. Francisco at the Parish Office as soon as possible to register: (905) 668-3676.



FINAL CHANCE TO REGISTER

Golf Scramble
Saturday, June 27,
2026

South Ajax Golf Course.

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Masses For The Week

Sat Jun 13- 5:00pm
+Deceased Mbrs Forcier & Meaney Families
req. by Carolyn Meaney

Mon Jun 15 - 8:20am
+Rita Hadden
req. by Donna & Terry Elliott

Tues Jun 16 - 8:20am
+John Humphries
req. by Dan & John Humphries

Wed Jun 17 - 7pm
+Deceased Mbrs of the Harris Family
req. by Their Family
+Nelson Gacutan
req. by His Family
+Norman Sparrey
req. by Bernie Hamer
+Lucena Dematta
req. by Onilla Anabel
+Logendra Nagalingam
req. by Pavalam Ratnasingham
+Kulendra Nagalingham
req. by Pavalam Nagalingham
Int. for Mary Grace Sales Fuentes
Req. by Bill & Sylvia Reyes

Thur Jun 18 - 8:20am
+Bruce Humphries
req. by Deacon Dan Humphries

Fri. Jun 19 - 8:20am
+William & Betty Leitch
req. by The Deehan Family

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