

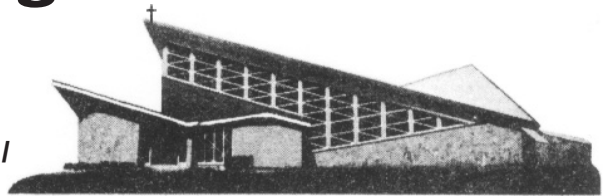
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Mrs. Cassandra Hamilton Youth Ministry
Eileen McGowan Music Director

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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.

Pastoral Council	Fr. Francisco Fernandez	905-668-3676
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Liturgy of the Word with Children (JK-Gr.2) 9am Mass	Catherine Phillips 647-504-3647, 11am mass	Meryl Aguiar 647-524-1519
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Neocatechumenal Way	Gail Stewart	905-668-3676
Parish Prayer Group	Klara Bari	905-668-9579
Ushers	Sharon Weslake	905-668-4817

Catholic Women's League	Lynne Childerhouse	905-431-6582
Development & Peace (CCODP)	Estela Rios	905-430-7753
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Catholic Cemeteries	Oshawa 905-725-3513	Ajax	905-668-8912
Catholic Family Services	1-800-241-3534	or	905-428-1984
Rose of Durham (Young Parent Support Services)			905-432-3622

St. John the Evangelist School	905-668-4011	St. Marguerite d'Youville School	905-666-9301
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Message from the Pastor
Peace to all of you!

Today we celebrate the Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. The First Reading, from the Book of the prophet Jeremiah, presents a portion of the personal confessions of the prophet. Whenever he announces God's word, he faces persecution and reproach. Consequently, he questions why this happens to him, and he wants to give up his role as a prophet. Yet, God's call is stronger than his worries and he continues announcing God's name to the people of Israel. All of us encounter struggles and difficulties in our own lives and sometimes we want to give up. However, God always comes to our rescue and gives us strength to continue amid any problem. The Second Reading, from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans, offers us a part of his exhortation to live morally well. He invites them to offer their lives to God so that He can transform them. It is important that we face our everyday events aware that He accompanies us and guides us. Then, we will go through situations at peace and not overworked and stressed out. We live in this world, but we cannot be absorbed by the business and worries of our society. We need to be focused on God so that He may be the source and purpose of our lives. The Gospel, from St. Matthew, brings us the episode in which Jesus announces for the first time to his disciples that He needs to go to Jerusalem to suffer, die and to rise from the dead. St. Peter does not agree with this plan and does not want Jesus to go through this road. There are times in which we do not understand why we must go through difficulties, and we complain to God. Yet, Christ tells Peter to follow Jesus and trust Him and He says the same to us. Jesus mentions that whoever wants to follow Him needs to be open to be guided by God and not remain in one's plans and ideas. Moreover, we need to follow Him with our own situations and everyday difficulties. If we put our trust in Him, we find life and peace; if we trust in our own plans and ideas, we experience anguish and distress. Let us put our lives in the hands of Christ so that in Him we may find fulfillment!

I hope everybody has had a restful and peaceful summer. May God accompany us in our working and busy lives!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant and your Pastor

On Labour Day Monday Sept 7th, the office will be closed, Mass is at 9am

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Prayer Group

Join us Wednesdays beginning
September 9, 2026,
from 1pm – 3pm weekly, in the Parish
Centre
All are welcome

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



St Vincent de Paul Society

Over the summer we

experienced a great demand

for grocery support in our community. In order to support families struggling with back-to-school lunches, please consider the following non-perishable food donations on your next grocery trip: Cereal, granola bars, crackers, fruit cups, cookies, puddings. We also appreciate cash or cheque donations using our envelopes located on the counter. Please place your food donations into the grey tote in the foyer.

Join the Knights of Columbus

Serve. Connect. Make a Difference.

The Knights of Columbus, St. John the

Evangelist Council, is a welcoming group of men dedicated to faith, service, charity, and fraternity. We work together to support the St.

John's community, build lasting friendships, and make a meaningful difference close to home.

We meet on the first Wednesday of each month, from September to June, and we warmly invite you to attend our next meeting:

Wednesday, September 2, 2026

8:00 PM

Knights Hall, 133 Brock Street North

Whether you're looking to give back, meet like-minded individuals, or explore becoming a Knight, this is a great opportunity to learn more and see how you can get involved. No commitment—just come by, meet the members, and see what we're about.

To reserve your spot at our next meeting, please

contact: Bryan Childerhouse

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416-508-9877

CWL WALK-A-THON

CWL members will be participating in a 5-kms walk-a-thon to raise funds for our charitable donations to be disbursed in January. We will be handing out sponsor forms the weekend of September 19th & 20th. Your sponsorship of a CWL member would be most appreciated. Or, pick up a sponsorship form, solicit your sponsors and join us in the fund-raising activity. Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions, please contact Lynne Childerhouse at 905-431-6582 or lchilderhouse@hotmail.com.

SACRAMENT PREPARATION PROGRAMS

2026– 2027

FIRST EUCHARIST (Grade 2)	CONFIRMATION (Grade 7)
REGISTRATION and INFORMATION NIGHT in the Church (one parent only to attend) Tuesday, September 29th at 7:00 pm (please bring completed registration form, a <u>\$50</u> fee for program expenses and a photocopy of your child's Baptism Certificate)	REGISTRATION and INFORMATION NIGHT in the Church (one parent & candidate to attend) Tuesday, October 13th at 7:00 pm (please bring completed registration form, a <u>\$60</u> fee for program expenses and a photocopy of your child's Baptism Certificate)
It is mandatory that all children who do not attend Catholic school participate in the Parish Home Catechism Program.	

New Altar Servers Needed!
 Please contact the parish office or speak to Fr. Francisco for any child interested in serving at Mass, ages 8 and older and have had their First Communion. Training provided.



Masses For The Week

Sat Aug 29 – 5:00pm

+Mary Anne

req. by Belshia

Mon Aug 31 – 8:20am

+Rafael Araneta

req. by Kenneth & Brinna Makalintal

Tues Sept 1 - 8:20am

+Guerrino Agostinis

req. by Gisele Bourgeois

Wed Sept 2 – 7pm

In Thanksgiving for Christina & Jessie Rayos

req. by Maria Rayos

+Kulendra Nagalingham

req. by Their Family

+Tina Joy Grenard

req. by Melvyn, Margaret & Adrian

D'Souza

+Teresita Costa Avinante

req. by Boniface Tuurosang & Family

Thur Sept 3 – 8:20am

+Sr. Ann Howard

req. by Mary Louise LaBarre & Ken Reilly & Family

Fri. Sept 4 – 8:20am

Int. for 40th Wedding Anniversary

req. by Pat & Vicki Morgan

Sat Sept 5 – 5:00pm

+Everest D'Souza

req. by His Wife & Family

Veggie Bags are Back!

Our Thanksgiving Vegetable Foodraiser & Fundraiser

St. John the Evangelist Parish is pleased to partner with Willowtree Farm for this unique fundraiser. We will be selling Fresh-from-the-Farm, local vegetables – make it a part of your Thanksgiving Dinner or for friends and family. As always, challenges to farming may affect what is available.

Order on-line OR pick up your order envelope in the upcoming September bulletin or at the back of the church. If ordering by envelope, fill out the order form and return it in the envelope with your payment by Sunday September 28th. You can bring your orders to the Parish Office or place them in the Collection Baskets at any Mass. When considering orders for friends or family, please also consider the option to donate to St. Vincent de Paul. On the order form there will be a place to indicate if the vegetables are to be donated; donated bags do not need to be picked up. *The Veggie Bags are prepared at the Parish Centre on Friday October 2nd. You will need to pick up your veggies over the weekend of October 2nd, 3rd, 4th at the pick-up times listed on the order form.*

Key Dates:

Order by Sunday September 28th (Parish Office)

Pick-up by Sunday October 04th (Parish Centre).

PARISH HOME CATECHISM PROGRAM (PHCP) 2026-27

St. John the Evangelist PHCP provides faith formation classes for elementary school children. Our mission is to assist parents with our Catechism team in developing the Catholic Faith in their children. This is usually offered to students in non-Catholic schools, however it is also offered to all elementary students to increase their faith knowledge. PHCP runs 2 Wednesday evenings per month, 6:15–7:15 p.m., September through to May. Classes begin Wednesday, September 10, 2026 with a “meet and greet” registration/activity evening.

PHCP REGISTRATION:

Registration for PHCP will be open until Wednesday, October 14, 2026.

For your convenience, registration forms are available on the parish website, at the back of the Church or in the Parish Office. Please register in person in the parish office during regular business hours or you may place your registration package, labelled PHCP in the Sunday collection basket. The registration fee is \$60 per child. If you are interested in registering your child for PHCP and would like more information about the program, please contact Lorraine Thomas, PHCP Coordinator, 905-409-1743 or lthomas@archtoronto.org.

Please Note: A copy of the child's baptismal certificate is required for children who are NEW to the PHCP and who were not baptized at St. John the Evangelist Church.

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