

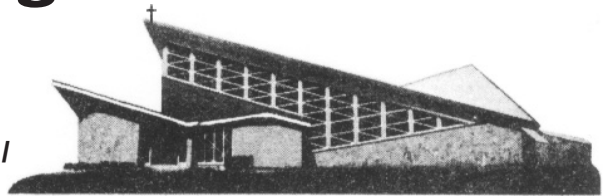
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Mrs. Vicki Morgan Secretary
Mrs. Cassandra Hamilton Youth Ministry
Eileen McGowan Music Director

Support Staff

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.
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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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Message from the Pastor

Peace to all of you!

Today we celebrate the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. The First Reading, from the Book of the prophet Ezekiel, presents a passage that underlines the importance of fraternal correction. The prophet is called to be a sentinel who admonishes people to follow the good and reject evil. It is true that we do not like to bother other people to give them advice and it is difficult to listen to others when they tell us something. However, we are called to help each other and give them advice any time somebody is going astray. We do it with the purpose of winning our brother or sister so that they reject evil and do good. The Second Reading, from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans, offers us a beautiful exhortation on how to live a peaceful life. He calls us to love our brothers and sisters constantly. The person who is moved by charity towards others always does the right thing. In order to love others, it is important to realize how much Christ has loved us first. Then, as a consequence, we can then love in the same measure by which we have been loved. The Gospel, from St. Matthew, brings us a passage in which Christ deals with how to solve disagreements in the community. We all live in the midst of people with different personalities, culture and upbringing. It is very common that there are times in which misunderstandings and disagreements occur. How do we deal with them in the community? We are called to do it with charity, patience and compassion. When somebody acts against me, I am tempted to retaliate and to spread gossip about that person. However, Jesus strongly encourages us to speak directly with that person in order to solve and clarify the issue at hand. If that person remains stubborn and still continues to act wrongly, then I can call other two people to try to convince that person to act rightly. The only purpose in talking with that person is that he/she can follow the right path and find peace. However, if that person still remains stubborn, the only thing that needs to be done is to respect, accept and love such an individual. We can put him/her in God's hands and hopefully can open their hearts to do good. Another very important teaching of Jesus is the fact we live our faith in community, together with brothers and sisters. To be united, has enormous power for ourselves and is a very strong example for our society. Let us remain attached to the Lord so that He can make our community of St. John's one in which we live in unity, charity, compassion and forgiveness!

I wish an amazing year to all students and teachers who are starting next Tuesday. Let us welcome Kyle Abrahamse to our parish as our new interim youth minister!

The Parish office is closed Labour Day Monday, Mass is at 9am!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant and your Pastor

Pope Benedict XVI' Angelus on the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (September 4, 2011)

The biblical Readings of Mass this Sunday converge on the theme of brotherly love in the community of believers whose source lies in the communion of the Trinity. The Apostle Paul says that the whole Law of God finds fullness in love, so that in our relationships with others the Ten Commandments and every other precept are summed up in these words: "Love your neighbour as yourself" (cf. Rom 13:8-10). The Gospel text from chapter 18 of Matthew on the life of the Christian community tells us that brotherly love also involves a sense of mutual responsibility. For this reason if my brother commits a sin against me I must treat him charitably and first of all, speak to him privately, pointing out that what he has said or done is wrong. This approach is known as "fraternal correction": it is not a reaction to the offence suffered but is motivated by love for one's brethren.

St Augustine comments: "Whoever has offended you, in offending you, has inflicted a serious injury upon himself; and would you not care for a brother's injury?... You must forget the offence you have received but not the injury of one of your brethren (Discourse 82, 7).

And what if my brother does not listen to me? In today's Gospel Jesus points to a gradual approach: first, speak to him again with two or three others, the better to help him realize what he has done; if, in spite of this, he still refuses to listen, it is necessary to tell the community; and if he refuses to listen even to the community, he must be made to perceive that he has cut himself off by separating himself from the communion of the Church.

All this demonstrates that we are responsible for each other in the journey of Christian life; each person, aware of his own limitations and shortcomings, is called to accept fraternal correction and to help others with this specific service.

Another fruit of love in the community is unanimous prayer. Jesus said: "If two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in Heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Mt 18:19-20).

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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.

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

FIRST EUCHARIST (Grade 2)

REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION NIGHT

in the Church (one parent only to attend)
Tuesday, September 29th at 7:00pm
Please bring the completed registration form
and \$50 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 enrol in Parish Home
Catechism Program.

CWL Walkathon

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.

CWL SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

Wine & Cheese Start Up Meeting
Thursday, September 17th @7:30pm in PC
Room 1. Contact Lynne for more
information or transportation 905-431-
6582 lchilderhouse@hotmail.com

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 Sept 5 – 5:00pm

+Everest D'Souza

req. by His Wife & Family

Mon Sept 7 – 9:00am LABOUR DAY

+Clarence Alvarez

req. by Roberta Alvarez

Tues Sept 8 - 8:20am

+Humberto Schenflede

req. by His Wife & Family

Wed Sept 9 – 7pm

+Bryan McEachen, +Laura McEachen &

+Leanne McEachen

req. by Their Family

+Joan Mackinnon Belch

req. by Maureen Halpin

+Adrian Akey

req. by Boniface Tuurosang & Family

+Timothy Roy David De Souza

req. by Stephen & Nicole Smith & Family

Thur Sept 10 – 8:20am

+Joaquin Augusto Moreno Lesmes

req. by The Alzale Family

Fri. Sept 11 – 8:20am

+Maria Costa

req. by Mario Costa

Sat Sept 12 – 5:00pm

+Rosina, Salvatore, Carmelo & Carmelo

Mollica Lazzaro

req. by Angela D'Angelo

Veggie Bags are Back!

Our Thanksgiving Vegetable Foodraiser & Fundraiser

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).

Join our Parish Community With those around North America for LIFE CHAIN

Life Chain is an annual prayerful pro-
life event taking place across North
America on SUNDAY OCTOBER 4TH
AT 3PM. We will meet at the corner of
Cochrane and Hwy 2 (Dundas) to
provide a quiet witness to the
community. Please join us.

Nourish for Caregivers

Will begin on Monday October 5, 2026
at 6:30pm in St. Joseph's Room,
meeting every other Monday.

St. John the Evangelist

11am mass Choir

Our 11 am Sunday mass Choir is gearing
up for the new Choir Season! We welcome
all new and returning singers. Music
reading ability is an asset, but not a
requirement. All are welcome. Bring a
smile, a pencil, your water bottle, and get
ready to make a joyful noise to the Lord!

**Practices: Tuesdays 7pm-8:30 in the
Parish Centre, starting Sept 15, 2026.**

Registration/Information contact: Eileen
McGowan 905 442-0567 (Please leave
voice message or text)

eipmcgowan1@rogers.com

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
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