

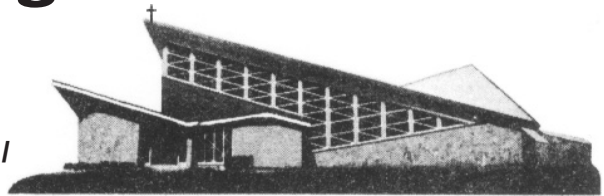
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Mr. Francisco Perez Caretaker
Mrs. Sue McGee Bookkeeper
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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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Feed the Hungry	Paula Campbell	905-668-2293
Home Communion	Estela & Bill Rios	905-668-3676
Lectors	Deidre Newman	905-665-6360
Liturgy of the Word with Children (JK-Gr.2) 9am Mass	Catherine Phillips 647-504-3647, 11am mass	Meryl Aguiar 647-524-1519
Ministers of Consolation	Anne Marie Yaraskavitch	905-666-3860
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
Knights of Columbus #4895	Al Taylor	905-925-5382
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
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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Durham Catholic District School Board		905-576-6150	www.dcdsb.ca

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Message from the Pastor

Peace to all of you!

Today we celebrate the Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The First Reading, from the Book of the prophet Isaiah, presents the final portion of the message of consolation addressed to the people of Israel. In exile, they are suffering and struggling, yet God promises that they will be restored and transformed. They are called to seek the Lord because He is going to do wonderful things in their lives. We are encouraged to seek the Lord and to ask Him to help us so that His wonderful plans may happen in our lives. His ways and desires are life-giving. The Second Reading, from the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians, offers us a meditation of St. Paul while he is in prison. He has been announcing the Gospel to many communities and now he is in a dilemma whether God is calling Him to be with Him in Heaven, or he will continue his mission. St. Paul wants to glorify God whatever God has in store for him. The Lord is inviting us to have this discernment in our own lives, which will give us the openness to accept whatever happens in our lives. This will give us a lot of peace and consolation daily. The Gospel, from St. Matthew, brings us the parable of the workers who are hired to work in the vineyard. There are workers who are hired at different times of the day and are promised to receive the same payment. This parable teaches us that God has a desire that all of us participate and share in the kingdom of God. The important thing is to enjoy the peace and the fullness of life that God wants to offer us. It does not matter when in life we participate of the joys of His kingdom, what is relevant is that we fully share in the life that God has in store for us. There are people who enter later in life in the Church, and we should be happy for them receiving them and welcoming them. Let us be grateful for being part of the Kingdom of God and realize the riches and joys to which God is calling!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant
and your Pastor

VEGETABLE FUNDRAISER IS CANCELLED

***Due to a devastating storm that
destroyed the crops at
Willowtree Farms, we must
cancel the Vegetable
Fundraiser.***

Pope Benedict XVI's Angelus on the Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (September 21, 2008)

You may remember that when I addressed the crowd in St Peter's Square on the day of my election it came naturally to me to introduce myself as a labourer in the vineyard of the Lord. Well, in today's Gospel (cf. Mt 20: 1-16), Jesus recounted the very same parable of the owner of the vineyard who at different hours of the day hires labourers to work in it. And in the evening he gives them all the same wages, one denarius, provoking protests from those who began work early. That denarius clearly represents eternal life, a gift that God reserves for all. Indeed those who are considered the "last", if they accept, become the "first", whereas the "first" can risk becoming the "last". The first message of this parable is inherent in the very fact that the landowner does not tolerate, as it were, unemployment: he wants everyone to be employed in his vineyard. Actually, being called is already the first reward: to be able to work in the Lord's vineyard, to put oneself at his service, to collaborate in his work, is in itself a priceless recompense that repays every effort. Yet only those who love the Lord and his Kingdom understand this: those who instead work only for the pay will never realize the value of this inestimable treasure.

UPDATE ON BILL C-218

This bill would **exclude** a mental disorder as the **sole underlying medical condition for medical assistance in dying(MAID)**.

Two important dates are coming up in parliament:

Wednesday, September 23, 5:30 - 6:30 for the second hour of debate in the House of Commons

Wednesday, October 7 is the anticipated date for the vote. If the bill passes, it will move forward to committee for further study

This is an important opportunity to once again, let your Member of Parliament know that you support Bill C-218. **Every phone call, email, letter help to demonstrate the strength of support for protecting the right to mental health treatment recovery and hope.**

Thank you for your support.

MP, Ryan Turnbull
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mcu@justice.gc.ca

Minister of Health
hcmminister.ministresc@hc-sc.gc.ca

Prime Minister
pm@pm.gc.ca

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.

Prayer Group

Join us every Wednesday
from 1pm – 3pm
in the Parish Centre. All are welcome

Ministry Fair

Share your gifts and talents with our parish and extended community! We have some amazing opportunities for you to consider! **Join us in the Parish Center for our Ministry Fair on Saturday & Sunday October 4, 2026, following the 9am & 11am Masses.** Enjoy a coffee and treat and visit our various ministry tables to learn more!

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 October 1st. Interested participants should contact Fr. Francisco at the Parish Office as soon as possible to register: (905) 668-3676



Society of St. Vincent de Paul, St.
John the Evangelist Conference

BUNDLE WEEKEND October 24/25, 2026

A truck will be parked in St. John Parish parking lot over the weekend Oct 24th/25th accepting gently used/new clothing, coats, linens, towels, bedding, textiles, drapery, shoes/boots.

We CANNOT accept furniture, appliances, mattresses, used baby equipment, books, dishes, construction material or video tapes.

Please bring your items to the truck after mass Saturday at 5pm, Sunday 9am or 11am or 2:00 pm in Spanish. Assistance provided

SACRAMENT PREPARATION PROGRAMS

2026– 2027

FIRST EUCHARIST (Grade 2)

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 \$50 fee for program expenses and a **photocopy** of your child's Baptism Certificate)

CONFIRMATION (Grade 7)

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 \$60 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.

Second Collection Sept 26/27, 2026 Needs of the Church in Canada

Overview

The Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada is organized by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB). It provides essential funding for the bishops' nationwide mission, including:

- Teaching, guiding, sanctifying, and caring for the Church
- Doctrinal and ethical work
- Ecumenical and interreligious dialogue
- Evangelization, catechesis, and faith formation
- Social justice initiatives
- Relations with Indigenous peoples
- Promotion of a culture of life and family



Masses For The Week

Sat Sept 19– 5:00pm

+Mollie & +Tec Hughes
req. by Kathie Steffler

Mon Sept 21 – 8:20am

+Primitivo Pagao
req. by Kenneth & Brinna Makalintal

Tues Sept 22 - 8:20am

+Andrew Marioselva
req. by Christine Marioselva

Wed Sept 23 – 7pm

+Salvatore Palazzolo
req. by His Wife & Family
+Normande Nomandin
req. by Sonya Wright
+Russell Ferreira
req. by Frank & Lynne Miranda & Family
+Peter Guimond
req. by St. John's Choir
+Lucie Azzuolo
req. by Mary Louise LaBarre & Ken Reilly & Family
+Timothy Roy David DeSouza
req. by Steve & Nicole Peres & Family

Thur Sept 24 – 8:20am

Int. for Mahadeo & Lois Balkissoon
req. by John & Cathy Fernandes

Fri. Sept 25 – 8:20am

+Armenio Medeiros
req. by Nelly & Todd Johnson

Sat Sept 26 – 5:00pm

In Thanksgiving for 56th Wedding Anniversary
& +Lois Russell
req. by John & Judy Morris



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.

Canada Needs Our Lady Rosary
Saturday, October 10, 2026

12:00 – 1:00pm

Gather in the Church parking lot and proceed to Cochrane & Dundas Sts
Bring your Rosary!

PARISH HOME CATECHISM PROGRAM (PHCP) 2026-27

PHCP runs 2 Wednesday evenings per month, 6:15– 7:15 p.m., September through to May.

Registration open until
Wed, Oct 14, 2026. Fee \$60

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. Please contact Lorraine Thomas, PHCP Coordinator, 905-409-1743 or lthomas@archtoronto.org.

CWL 5K Walkathon

Sponsor forms handed out Sept 19/20.

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.

Nourish Caring for the Caregiver

Virtually every one of us will care for a loved one at some time in our life. Though rewarding, it's not always easy. Nourish for Caregivers is for anyone juggling the challenges of everyday life, health, career and caring for an aging parent, spouse, child or grandparent, in town or at a distance. Nourish provides caregivers a faith perspective, as well as practical and emotional support, useful tools, and share experience. Discover the blessings that come from caring for another.

Please join us beginning Monday, October 5th in the St. Joseph's Room at 7pm – 8pm
For more information please visit www.NourishForCaregivers.com, or contact Robert MacLennan, 905-668-3676 or email

stjohntheevangelistwh@archtoronto.org

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

Contact: Eileen McGowan 905 442-0567
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