

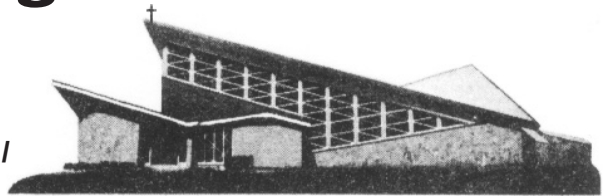
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Mrs. Vicki Morgan Secretary
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Support Staff

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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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Message from the Pastor

Peace to all of you!

Today we celebrate the Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. The First Reading, from the Book of the prophet Isaiah, presents a poem in which Israel is portrayed as the chosen vineyard of God. God has taken care of it by digging, cleaning around, and planting a choice vine. He expected that it will produce good grapes, but it yielded wild and sour grapes. It represents God's care and mercy for Israel and for us. He has given us so many gifts, He has loved us so much, but instead of producing good fruits of holiness, we have yielded fruits of anger, impatience, jealousy, and selfishness. God wishes that, with this appeal, we may be grateful for his merciful love and that we can bear fruits of love in abundance. The Second Reading, from the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians, offers us an exhortation in which he encourages the community of Philippi to follow the path of goodness and holiness. He encourages us to trust in the Lord especially when feel worried or anxious. God will surely fill us with peace, and we will be able to be calm no matter what painful event comes our way. The Gospel, from St. Matthew, brings us the parable of the wicked tenants of the vineyard. Jesus Christ addresses this parable to the Scribes and Pharisees since God expected that they will give fruits by welcoming God's grace into their lives, yet they rejected Him and remained close to His offer of salvation. It can seem that God is admonishing us and is angry with us; however, this is a message of love in which God is asking us with compassion that we open the doors of our hearts to His mercy. It is important to recognise that at times we do not correspond, as we should, to God's mercy, that we act with selfishness, anger, ungratefulness, but God does not give up on us. He repays us with mercy, and He gives us a new opportunity to receive the Kingdom of God in our lives. Let us realize that God's insistence is a great act of mercy by which He wishes that our hearts may be totally open to receive Him. Then, we will experience fullness of life and peace. Let us open the doors of our hearts to God's mercy and compassion!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant and your Pastor

Pope Benedict XVI's Angelus on the Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (October 2, 2011)

This Sunday's Gospel ends with a particularly severe warning from Jesus, addressed to the chief priests and the elders of the people: "The kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a nation producing the fruits of it" (Mt 21:43). These are words that call to mind the great responsibility of those in every epoch who are called to work in the Lord's vineyard, especially in roles of authority, and they press for a renewal of full fidelity to Christ.

He is "the very stone which the builders rejected" (cf. Mt 21:42), because they judged him to be hostile to the law and a danger to public order; but he himself, rejected and crucified, is risen, to become the "corner stone" on which the foundations of every human life and of the whole world may rest in total safety.

The truth of this is the subject of the Parable of the Unfaithful Tenants to whom a man entrusted his vineyard so that they might cultivate and harvest the produce. The owner of the vineyard symbolizes God himself, while the vineyard symbolizes his people, as well as the life he gives, so that with his grace and our hard work, we may do good. St Augustine comments: "God does also cultivate us... as a field, that he may make us better" (cf. Sermo 87, 1, 2: PL 38, 531). God has a project for his friends, but unfortunately the human response is often oriented to infidelity which is expressed in rejection. Pride and selfishness prevent us

from recognizing and welcoming even God's most precious gift: his Only-Begotten Son.

When, in fact, "he sent his son to them", the Evangelist Matthew wrote, "[the tenants] took him and cast him out of the vineyard, and killed him" (Mt 21:37, 39). God puts himself in our hands, agrees to make himself an unfathomable mystery of weakness and manifests his omnipotence in his faithfulness to a plan of love which, in the end, also provides for the proper punishment of the wicked (cf. Mt 21:41).

Firmly anchored in faith to the cornerstone which is Christ, let us abide in him, like the branch that can bear no fruit unless it remains attached to the vine. The Church, the People of the New Covenant, is built only in him, for him and with him. On this the Servant of God Paul VI wrote: "The first benefit which We trust the Church will reap from a deepened self-awareness, is a renewed discovery of its vital bond of union with Christ. This is something which is perfectly well known, but it is supremely important and absolutely essential. It can never be sufficiently understood, meditated upon and preached" (Encyclical Ecclesiam Suam, 6 August 1964: AAS 56 [1964], 622).

Dear friends, the Lord is ever close and active in humanity's history and accompanies us with the unique presence of his Angels, whom today the Church venerates as "Guardian Angels", that is, ministers of the divine care for every human being. From the beginning until the hour of death, human life is surrounded by their constant protection. And the Angels encircle the august Queen of Victories, the Blessed Virgin Mary of the Rosary, who, on the first Sunday of October, at this very moment, receives the fervent supplication from the Shrine of Pompeii and from the whole world that evil may be defeated and God's goodness revealed in its fullness.

Bible Study

Mondays beginning Oct 19th 7pm to 8:30pm
Study Guide \$30

Genesis: From Creation to Covenant

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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!**



Join us for Social Sunday and Ministry Fair this weekend after all masses in the Parish Centre

Grade 7 Confirmation

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)



Masses For The Week

Sat Oct 3 – 5:00pm

+Mary Helen
req. by Belshia

Mon Oct 5 – 8:20am

+Maria Costa
req. by Mario Costa

Tues Oct 6 - 8:20am

+Ida Edgecombe
req. by Colin Edgecombe

Wed Oct 7 – 7pm

+Harris Family
req. by Their Family
+Bryan McEachen, +Laura McEachen & Leanne McEachen
req. by Their Family
+Russell Ferreira
req. by Saasha, Shantel & Schoen Miranda & Family
Int. for Anniversary of Nicky & Terry Scott
req. by Anita & Mom

Thur Oct 8 – 8:20am

Special Intention for Fr. Damian Ali, 60th Birthday
req. by Gail & Vicki

Fri. Oct 9 – 8:20am

Intention for Nieves Siles
req. by Gail, Kristine, & Vicki

Sat Oct 10 – 5:00pm

+Betty Patrick
req. by Staff of St. John the Evangelist

San Juan Diego Spanish Mission DINNER & DANCE GALA WITH A LATIN FLARE

Saturday, November 7, 2026

6pm to 1am – dinner at 7pm

Raffle Prizes, 50-50 Cash Only!

Tosca Banquet Hall, 800 Champlain Ave, Oshawa
Tickets: \$120/pp can be purchased at the parish office from Vicki ; Social Committee Members: Nancy Mendez (289-830-7925) or Betty Santiago.
An evening of fun & laughter with friends and family.



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

Aid to Women

The pro-life organization Aid to Women has been operating in the GTA for over 40 years counselling abortion-minded women to choose life for themselves and their babies. They encourage those women by pledging to support them and their babies the first two years of their child's life with everything from diapers, clothing, car seats, strollers, food and much, much more. Aid to Women will be conducting a Baby Bottle for Life fundraising campaign at St. John the Evangelist at all masses October 10, 11, 2026. They will be handing out empty baby bottles and asking you to return the filled bottles at one of the masses on November 14, 15, 2026. Please support Aid to Women so they can continue their very important ministry and YES to life!

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, October 7, 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:

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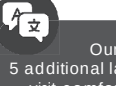

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