

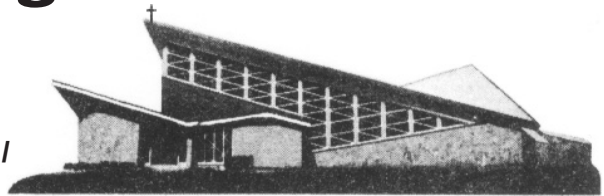
St. John the Evangelist Church

903 Giffard Street, Whitby, Ontario L1N 2S3

Rectory Office: Ph:905-668-3676

email: stjohntheevangelistwh@archtoronto.org

website: www.stjohntheevangelistwh.archtoronto.org/



Pastoral Team

Rev. Francisco Fernandez Siles Pastor
Deacon Dan Humphries Permanent Deacon
Mrs. Kristine Blyth Lay Pastoral Asst.
Mrs. Vicki Morgan Secretary
Mr. Kyle Abrahamse 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.

Pastoral Council	Fr. Francisco Fernandez	905-668-3676
Finance Council	Paul D'Aurelio	905-665-3056

Christian Initiation of Adults - RCIA	Kristine Blyth	905-668-3676
Baptism	Fr. Francisco	905-668-3676
First Reconciliation & First Eucharist Preparation	Mrs. Kristine Blyth	905-668-3676
Confirmation Preparation	Mrs. Kristine Blyth	905-668-3676
Parish Home Catechism Program	Lorraine Thomas	905-409-1743

Altar Servers	Fr. Francisco	905-668-3676
Auxiliary Ministers of Communion	Fred Shady	905-668-1081
Choir	Eileen McGowan	905-668-0959
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

1103 Giffard St., Whitby L1N 2S3

St. Luke the Evangelist School 905-665-5828

55 Twin Streams Road, Whitby L1P 1N9

Durham Catholic District School Board

St. Marguerite d'Youville School

250 Michael Blvd., Whitby L1N 6B1

All Saints Catholic Secondary School

3001 Country Lane, Whitby L1P 1M1

905-576-6150

www.dcdsb.ca

905-666-9301

905-666-7753

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Message from the Pastor

Peace to all of you!

Today we celebrate the Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The First Reading, from the Book of the prophet Isaiah, presents a passage that shows God's intervention for the people of Israel while they are in exile in Babylon. They are discouraged and they have felt abandoned, but God promises them that He will free them through King Cyrus. God takes care of them, and He is going to act wonders in their lives. At times, in front of difficult situations, we feel hopeless and without any strength. However, God is there to support us and to strengthen us. He is a sure rock and support for our lives. The Second Reading, from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians, offers us the introductory part of the letter. The community of Thessaloniki have welcomed the message of the Good News, and consequently their lives have been transformed. St. Paul acknowledges that they are full of faith, hope and charity. He encourages them to keep firm in what they have received by being active in good works. We also need to always be open to receive the proclamation of the Good News since it is life-giving and renews our lives. The Lord is inviting us to be always open and willing to be transformed by the freshness of the Gospel. The Gospel, from St. Matthew, brings us episode in which Christ was put to the test when they asked Him whether it was allowed or not to give tax to the emperor. He avoids a yes or no answer, which would have been controversial. If he had said yes, it would have meant that He is in favour of the Romans and He will have been discredited as the expected Messiah. If He had said no, He would have been taken by the Romans as a revolutionist. Christ asks them who is the image that is on the coin. It is Caesar's. He tells them to give to Caesar what belongs to him and to God, what belongs to God. It means that we human beings belong to God since He has created us in His image and likeness. We need to give God the opportunity to make us live in the way that He has always intended for us. He has created us out of love-to-love others. This is the fulfillment of our lives. Let us allow the Lord to bring us to love others as He has loved us!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant and your Pastor

Pope Benedict XVI's Homily on the Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (October 16, 2011)

Let us now come to the biblical Readings in which the Lord speaks to us today. The first, taken from the Second Book of Isaiah, tells us that God is one, there is no other; there are no gods other than the Lord and even the powerful Cyrus, Emperor of the Persians, was part of a larger plan that God alone knew and carried ahead. This Reading gives us the theological meaning of history: the epochal upheavals and the succession of great powers are under the supreme domination of God; no earthly power can stand in his stead. The theology of history is an important and essential aspect

of the New Evangelization because the people of our time, after the inauspicious season of the totalitarian empires in the 20th century, need to rediscover an overall look at the world and at time, a truly free, peaceful look, that look which the second Vatican Council communicated in its documents and which my predecessors, the Servant of God Paul VI and Bl. John Paul II, illustrated with their Magisterium.

The Second Reading is the beginning of the First Letter to the Thessalonians and this is already very evocative because it is the oldest letter that has come down to us of the greatest evangelizer of all time, the Apostle Paul. He tells us first of all that one does not evangelize by oneself: in fact he too had collaborators, Silvanus and Timothy (cf. 1 Thes 1:1) and many others. And he immediately adds something else that is very important: that proclamation must always be preceded, accompanied and followed by prayer. Indeed, he writes: "We give thanks to God always for you all, constantly mentioning you in our prayers" (v. 2). The Apostle then says he is well aware of the fact that he did not choose the members of the community, but that [God]: "has chosen you", he says (v. 4). Let us now reflect on the Gospel passage. It is the text about the legitimacy of the tribute to be paid to Caesar which contains Jesus' famous answer: "render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's" (Mt 22:21). But, before reaching this point there is a passage that can be applied to those who have the mission of evangelizing. Indeed, those who are speaking with Jesus — disciples of the Pharisees and the Herodians — compliment him, saying "we know that you are true, and teach the way of God truthfully, and care for no man" (v. 16). It is this affirmation itself, although it is prompted by hypocrisy, that must attract our attention. The disciples of the Pharisees and Herodians do not believe in what they say. They are only affirming it as a *captatio benevolentiae* to make people listen to them, but their heart is far from that truth; indeed, they want to lure Jesus into a trap to be able to accuse him. For us, instead, those words are precious: indeed, Jesus is true and teaches the way of God according to the truth, and stands in awe of none. He himself is that "way of God", which we are called to take. Here we may recall the words of Jesus himself in John's Gospel: "I am the way, the truth, and the life" (14:6).

All Saints Day masses and Potluck Celebrations

Children ages 1-12 are encouraged to dress up as their favourite Saint or in a career costume like a priest, etc on Sunday November 1st, for the All Saints' Day masses at 9.00 am, 11.00 am and 2.00 pm (in Spanish). Please arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of mass in the Church foyer. After mass there is a show and tell **costume dress parade and a best costume competition. Please register your family for the potluck party and your food contribution via the QR code on the invitation flyers in the Church foyer and on the parish Facebook page.**

OCTOBER 18, 2026



Masses For The Week

Sat Oct 17 – 5:00pm

+Giacomo Bellotto
req. by Elisa & Family

Mon Oct 19 – 8:20am

+Jacintha Dcunha
req. by Joel & Sarah & Sydney Dcunha

Tues Oct 20 - 8:20am

+Lucie Azzuolo
req. by Roberta & Gerry Deschenes

Wed Oct 21– 7pm

+Idalina Leitao
req. by Her Family
+Desmond Newman
req. by Marjorie, Deidre, Elizabeth & Marsha
A Personal Intention
req. by Nina Veltri
+ Mario Veltri
req. by The Veltri Family
Int for Tanya Slaphnicar
req. by The Taccogna Family

Thur Oct 22 – 8:20am

+Andrew Marioselva
req. by Christine Marioselva

Fri. Oct 23 – 8:20am

+Armando Lorayes
A Personal Intention
req. by Maribel Lorayes

Sat Oct 24 – 5:00pm

+All Souls in Purgatory
req. by Frank Kwa

Aid to Women Baby Bottle Campaign

REMINDER: Please return the bottles by Nov 14/15 weekend when members from Aid to Women will be collecting them.

WORLD MISSION COLLECTION

Evangelization of the Nations

There will be a second collection today for the Evangelization of the Nations. This is a worldwide collection for the missionary church, and it is our opportunity to assist at-need Catholic Communities globally. We are called to share from our abundance with those less fortunate who lack the basic essentials to know, love and praise God. Thank you for your support!

Coming this Tuesday after 9:00 Mass

Maturing Adults gathering(MAM)

Location: Parish Centre, Main Room

Coffee/tea, light refreshments, lively conversation

An opportunity to socialize with parishoners

All adults are welcome!

**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

Annual Pewcount is October 17/18, 24/25, 2026

There will be assigned members of the parish counting the number of parishioners attending at all masses over the next two weekends. Please excuse the slight disruption that may occur. Thank you kindly.

Bible Study

Mondays beginning Oct 19th 7pm to 8:30pm

Study Guide \$30

Genesis: From Creation to Covenant

The Beginning of God's Story—and Yours

Genesis: From Creation to Covenant is an eight-session study exploring how the first book of the Bible lays the foundation for the entire story of salvation.

EDGE Grades 5-8 meet on the

2nd and 4th Thursday of the month

7-9:00pm pm, St. Joseph's Room

Life Teen Grades 9-12 meet on

1st and 3rd Thursday of the month

7:00 – 9:00pm, St. Joseph's Room

Please contact Kyle Abrahamse for more information!

J. THOMAS HAMER
Barrister and Solicitor
WILLS
POWERS OF ATTORNEY
ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATES

JT Hamer Law
330 Byron St. S.
jthamer@jthamerlaw.com
416-520-2242

BARNES MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME
Family owned and operated since 1863
905.655.3662
5295 Thickson Rd. N., Whitby
(1 minute North of Taunton on Thickson)

DR. J. D'SOUZA
FAMILY DENTIST
New Patients Welcome
185 Brock St. N. (at Mary)
905-430-0118

HOME CARE
PSW & Nursing
You Can Trust
289-355-8852
vitalityliving.ca

For all your mortgage needs!
Caroline Anderson
Mortgage Agent
Level 2 M18001780
905.767.2748
mortgageswithcaroline@gmail.com
M Mortgageville
Independently owned and operated FSRA 13693

QVN NAILS
Diabetic & ingrown toenail care
& corn extractions. All types of
manicures & Spa pedicures. Waxing
100B Lupin Dr. | Linh: 416-882-9153

ERC EYE REJUVENATION CENTER
OPTOMETRY
Your Dry Eye & Ocular Disease Specialists
Urgent Eye Care
Family Eye Exams
289-638-2150
www.ercptometry.com

PSYCHOLOGY FOR GROWTH
Dr. Richard Amaral
Registered Psychologist
Teens, Adults, Couples & Families
173 Brock St. N.
647-446-PSYC (7792)
www.PsychologyForGrowth.com

WCC Hall Rentals
133 Brock St. N.
rentals@whitbycolumbusclub.ca
www.whitbycolumbusclub.ca
905-668-6412

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES
FUNERAL SERVICES
In keeping with your Catholic faith
www.catholic-cemeteries.com
Resurrection Cemetery **905-668-8912**

TEAM FENNESSEY
The team you will recommend!
TOBY FENNESSEY
Broker | Residential/Investment Properties
St. John's parishioner since 1988
Direct: 905-622-3667 | toby@teamfennessey.com
www.teamfennessey.com | teamfennessey
Royal Heritage Realty Ltd., Brokerage

NOFRILLS
920 Dundas Street West, Whitby

Vitality
Remember...
Let our advertisers know you saw their ad here.
Remember...
Do it for your home
do it for the health of
your family.
For a FREE No Obligation
phone estimate, call:
905-433-5000

BE THE GOOD
Inquire about financial assistance
at stmichaelscollegeschool.com
SMCS
ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE SCHOOL

RIGHT AT HOME
EDITH LOSADA
Realtor®/Parishioner
Service in Spanish & English
SU AMIGA EN REAL ESTATE
C: 289-939-3600 B: 905-665-2500
EdithLosada10@gmail.com

Shopping Locally Saves Gas

Deidre Anne Newman
B.Sc., LL.B.
Barrister & Solicitor
Family, Criminal, Wills
Parishioner
2A-119 Consumers Drive
Whitby, Ontario L1N 1C4
T: **905-665-6360**
dnewman@danewmanlaw.com

Funeral Director – Michael Lodge
W.C. Town Funeral Chapel
110 Dundas St. E., Whitby **905-668-3410**

Chris Leahy
DURHAM SECURITY
905-556-1801
Turn your home into a Smart Home!
\$50 donated to St. John's for every new contract.
chris@durhamsecurity.ca

vandermeer nursery
Durham's destination garden
centre since 1961. Open year-round!
vandermeernursery.com

ROYAL LEPAGE
FRANK REAL ESTATE BROKERAGE
Mary-Louise LaBarre
Sales Representative / Parishioner
Cel **905.718.6367**
Bus **905.666.1333**
1.866.273.1333
mlabarre@sympatico.ca

THE LIVING BENEFITS GROUP
life • disability • critical illness
long term care • health • dental • RRSPs
JIM CORRIGAN
310 Byron St. S. **905.430.7921**

Optical Group Inc.
Dr. Constance Odiase, O.D.
One Stop Shop
Complete Family Eye Care
Glasses • Sunglasses
Contact Lenses
107 Kent St, Whitby
905-665-0522
www.opticalgroup.ca

THE PERFECT SPOT
TO ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS!
TO ADVERTISE IN THIS SPACE PLEASE CALL
1-800-268-2637

Melinda Montoro
Psychotherapist
Counselling Services in English & Spanish
Support is just a call away. Lets talk?
647-785-6779
www.hopeonthejourney.com

FOR ALL YOUR TAX NEEDS
Personal
Corporate
Trusts
Accounting & Bookkeeping
Lazarus Kaoma
Accountant
437-476-1117
info@lazaruskaoma.ca

CELEBRATE FAITH'S
SPECIAL EVENT GROUP BOOKINGS
BAPTISMS COMMUNIONS CONFIRMATIONS
LOCATED AT ROYAL ASHBURN GOLF CLUB
995 MYRTLE RD. WEST, WHITBY