

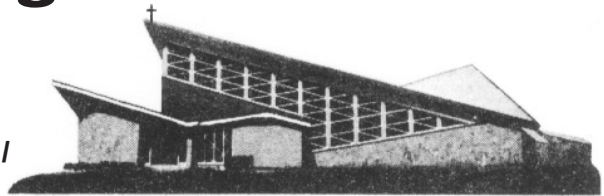
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Mr. Francisco Perez Caretaker
Mrs. Sue McGee Bookkeeper
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Message from the Pastor

Peace to all of you!

Today we celebrate the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The First Reading, from the Book of the Exodus, presents a part of the stipulations of the covenant that God made with His people Israel. God has freed His people from the slavery in Egypt. He has made a covenant with them on Mount Sinai. A very important aspect of this covenant is that they treat with fairness, respect, and justice the members of the same community. God has treated His people with mercy and compassion while they were in slavery. In turn, now they are supposed to care for each other in the same way that they were treated. We are all called to love our neighbour in the same way that God has loved us. The Second Reading, from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians, continues with the opening statement and greeting that St. Paul addresses to the community of Thessaloniki. He is so grateful that they received the preaching of the Good News with an open heart and consequently, their lives have been transformed. We are all encouraged to act in the same way. Let us ask the Lord that our hearts may be completely open to receive God's mercy through the message of the Good News. This message is life-giving and able to transform our hearts. The Gospel, from St. Matthew, brings us a passage in which the Pharisees ask Jesus which of the main commandments of the Law is to be observed to find salvation. Christ reminds them that the heart of the Law is to love God above all else and to love one's neighbour as oneself. This commandment is very difficult for us to keep and we all fall short. Christ has fulfilled this commandment since He has loved God with all His soul, heart, mind and strength and His neighbour as Himself. Now, we can fulfill this commandment with the help of the Holy Spirit and find fullness of life. Let us ask the Lord that He may bring to fulfillment this command of life in our daily lives!

I encourage you to support our Youth Ministry with our Second Collection next weekend!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant and your Pastor

Pope Benedict XVI's Homily on the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (October 26, 2008)

he Word of the Lord, resounding a short while ago in the Gospel, reminded us that the whole divine law is summarized in love. The Evangelist Matthew narrates that after Jesus had answered the Sadducees, silencing them, the Pharisees met to put him to the test (cf. 22: 34-35). One of them, a doctor of law, asked him: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the law?" (22: 36). The question makes apparent the concern, present in ancient Jewish tradition, over finding a unifying principle in the various formulations of God's will. This was not an easy question, considering that in the law of Moses, a good 613 precepts and prohibitions are contemplated. How does one discern, among all of these, which is the most important? But Jesus does not hesitate, and readily responds: "You shall love the Lord your God with your all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment" (22: 37-38). Jesus quotes the Shemà in his answer, the prayer the pious Israelite recites several times a day, especially in the morning and in the evening (cf. Dt 6: 4-9; 11: 13-21; Nm 15: 37-41): the proclamation of the integral and total love due to God, as the only Lord. Emphasis is placed on the totality of this dedication to God, listing the three faculties that define man in his deep psychological structures: heart, soul and mind. The word mind, *diánoia*, contains the rational element. God is not only the object of love, commitment, will and sentiment, but also of the intellect, which should not be excluded from this milieu. Then, however, Jesus adds something which, in truth, had not been asked by the doctor of law: "And a second is like it, You must love your neighbour as yourself" (22: 39). The surprising aspect of Jesus' answer consists in the fact that he establishes a similarity between the first and the second commandments, defined this time too with a biblical formula drawn from the Levitical code of holiness (cf. Lv 19: 18). And thus by the end of the passage the two commandments become connected in the role of a fundamental union upon which all of biblical Revelation rests: "On these two commandments the whole law is based, and the prophets as well" (Mt 22: 40).

The Gospel passage on which we are focusing makes clear that being disciples of Christ means practicing his teachings, which can be summarized in the first and greatest commandment of the divine law,

the commandment of love. Even the First Reading, taken from the Book of Exodus, insists on the duty of love; a love witnessed concretely in relationships between persons, which must be relationships of respect, collaboration, generous help. The neighbour to be loved is the stranger, the orphan, the widow and the needy, in other words, those citizens who have no "defender". The holy author goes into details, as in the case of the object pawned by one of these poor persons (cf. Ex 22: 25-26). In this case God himself is the one to vouch for the neighbour's position.

In the Second Reading, we can find a concrete application of the supreme commandment of love in one of the first Christian communities. St Paul writes to the Thessalonians, leading them to understand that, while having known them for such a short time, he appreciates them and holds them dear in his heart. Because of this, he pinpoints them as "a model for all the believers of Macedonia and Achaia" (1 Thes 1: 7). Weaknesses and difficulties are not lacking in this recently founded community, but it is love that surpasses all, renews all, conquers all: the love of those who, knowing their own limits, docilely follow the words of Christ, the divine Teacher, passed down through one of his faithful disciples. "You, in turn, became imitators of us and of the Lord, receiving the word despite great trials, with the joy that comes from the Holy Spirit", the Apostle wrote. He continued: "For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere" (1 Thes 1: 6, 8). The lesson that we can draw from the Thessalonians' experience, an experience that is truly common in every authentic Christian community, is that neighbourly love is born from docile listening to the divine Word. It is a love that will even withstand difficult trials for the truth of the divine Word, and in this way true love grows and truth shines in all its splendour. How important it is to listen to the Word and incarnate it in personal and community life!

Annual Pewcount is October 24/25, 2026

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

Youth Ministry

A Second collection will be taken up next weekend Oct 30/Nov 1 for the needs of the youth in the parish.



Masses For The Week

Sat Oct 24 – 5:00pm

+All Souls in Purgatory
req. by Frank Kwa

+Giacomo Bellotto
req. by Elisa & Family

Mon Oct 26 – 8:20am

+Philomena Coutinho
req. by Eleuterio Fernandes

Tues Oct 27 - 8:20am

+Frank McNulty
req. by Iris & Mathias

Wed Oct 28 – 7pm

+Elpidio Peralta
req. by Maria & Pablo Enrique

+Vincent Villanti
req. by Elda Villanti

+Salvatore Palazzollo
req. by His Wife & Family

+ Antonia & Francesco Veltri
req. by The Veltri Family

+Deceased Members of the Pingoy & Tiaga Families
req. by Their Family

+Clorinda & Clemente Garritano
req. by The Veltri Family

+Stephen Murray
req. by Saviour & Rita Bonello

Thur Oct 29 – 8:20am

+Lucie Azzuolo
req. by John & Chris Stafford

Fri. Oct 30 – 8:20am

Int for Fr. Damian
req. by Gail McMonagle & Linda & Pierre Pilon

Sat Oct 31 – 5:00pm

+Grant Davidson
req. by Evangeline & Amarie

Aid to Women Bottle Drive

Reminder to return the filled bottles at any of the masses on any weekend no later than November 14/15th. Thank you for your generosity to support women and babies in need.

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.

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.**



Society of St. Vincent de

Paul,

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

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY PART-TIME BOOKKEEPER 7 HOURS/WEEK ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH

Overview

St. John the Evangelist is seeking a part-time bookkeeper to manage parish finances by recording and organizing financial transactions, revenue and expenditures and preparing regular reports.

Responsibilities

Record transactions, payment of parish expenses, remittances, maintain ledgers & files, prepare reports, process payroll, Prepare tax returns, prepare budgets.

General Requirements

- College or university education in accounting, bookkeeping & payroll and/or equivalent
- Good working knowledge of bookkeeping in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, specifically as they apply in a non-profit setting
- Payroll administration experience required
- Experience in tracking budget expenses
- Proficient in MS Office and payroll software
- Data entry and attention to detail and accuracy
- Demonstrated ability to set priorities, meet deadlines, and organize work effectively, including developing and maintaining effective record keeping systems
- Superior verbal and written communication skills
- Knowledge of parish operations and the Catholic Church an asset
- Must be legally entitled to work in Canada
- A criminal background check will be conducted by the Archdiocese of Toronto to the successful candidate.

Interested candidates should submit their resume and cover letter to Fr. Francisco Fernandez Siles FFsiles@archtoronto.org. Deadline for applications is November 14, 2026.

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