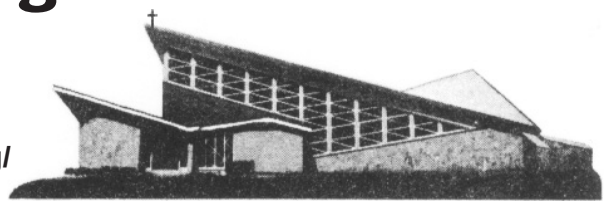
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Mrs. Vicki Morgan	Secretary
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Eileen McGowan	Music Director

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)	

EUCHARISTIC 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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FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

Message from the Pastor

Peace to all of you!

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints. The First Reading, from the Book Revelation, presents a great multitude of people from every race and language who partake in the solemn liturgy of Heaven. We are all walking towards Heaven and Christ makes it possible to start living here on earth as citizens of Heaven and one day we shall fully share in it. The Second Reading, from the First Letter of John, offers us a passage in which our identity and mission is underlined. It is wonderful to be children of God, to have the same Spirit of Christ, to act and love like Him. If this is so amazing now, how much more it will be when we will share fully with God in Heaven. The Gospel, from St. Matthew, brings us the famous passage of the Beatitudes. This is an image of who Christ is. He is the One who fulfills and accomplishes all the beatitudes because He has lived them firsthand. In Him, we can also receive the spirit of the Beatitudes and experience complete happiness now and fully in Heaven. Let us ask the Lord that we may be open to be saints!

Thanks to everybody who have organized the All-Saints' Party for children and parents. It was wonderful!

Let us also pray for our deceased brothers and sisters during the month of November!

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant and your Pastor

Pope Leo XIV's Homily on the Solemnity of All Saints (November 1, 2025)

On this Solemnity of All Saints, it is a great joy to include Saint John Henry Newman among the Doctors of the Church, and, at the same time, on the occasion of the Jubilee of the World of Education, to name him, together with Saint Thomas Aquinas, as co-Patron of the Church's educational mission. Newman's impressive spiritual and cultural stature will surely serve as an inspiration to new generations whose hearts thirst for the infinite, and who, through research and knowledge, are willing to undertake that journey which, as the ancients said, takes us per aspera ad astra, through difficulties to the stars.

The lives of the saints teach us that it is possible to live passionately amidst the complexity of the present, without neglecting the apostolic mandate to "shine like stars in the world" (Phil 2:15). On this solemn occasion, I wish to say to teachers and educational institutions: "Shine today like stars in the world" through your authentic commitment to the collective search for truth and to sharing it with generosity and integrity. Indeed, you do so through your service to young people, especially the poor, and your daily witness to the fact that "Christian love is prophetic: it works miracles" (Apostolic Exhortation Dilexi Te, 120).

The Jubilee is a pilgrimage of hope, and all of you, in the great field of education, know well how much hope is an indispensable seed! When I reflect on schools and universities, I think of them as laboratories of prophecy, where hope is lived, and constantly discussed and encouraged.

This is also the meaning of the Beatitudes proclaimed in today's Gospel. The Beatitudes bring with them a new interpretation of reality. They are both the path and the message of Jesus the Teacher. At first glance, it seems impossible to declare as blessed those who are poor, or those who hunger and thirst for justice, the persecuted or the peacemakers. Yet, that which seems inconceivable in the world's thinking is filled with meaning and light when brought into contact with the Kingdom of God. In the saints, we see this kingdom approaching and becoming present among us. Saint Matthew rightly presents the Beatitudes as a teaching, depicting Jesus as a Master, who transmits a new perspective on things, which is reflected in his own journey. The Beatitudes, however, are not just another teaching; they are the teaching par excellence. In the same way, the Lord Jesus is not just one of many teachers, he is the Master par excellence. Moreover, he is the Educator par excellence. We are his disciples and are in his "school." We learn how to discover in his life, namely in the path he has travelled, a horizon of meaning capable of shining a light on all forms of knowledge. May our schools and universities always be places of listening to the Gospel and putting it into practice!

Responding to today's challenges may sometimes seem beyond our capabilities, but this is not the case. Let us not allow pessimism to defeat us! I recall what my beloved predecessor Pope Francis emphasized in his Address to the First Plenary Assembly of the Dicastery for Culture and Education: that we must work together to set humanity free from the encircling gloom of nihilism, which is perhaps the most dangerous malady of contemporary culture, since it threatens to "cancel" hope. This reference to the darkness that surrounds us echoes one of Saint John Henry Newman's best-known texts, the hymn "Lead, Kindly Light." In that beautiful prayer, we come to realize that we are far from home, our feet are unsteady, we cannot interpret clearly the way ahead. Yet none of this impedes us, since we have found our Guide: "Lead, Kindly Light, amid the encircling gloom, Lead Thou me on;" "Lead, Kindly Light, The night is dark, and I am far from home, Lead Thou me on."

On this day we feel revive within us our attraction to Heaven, which impels us to quicken the steps of our earthly pilgrimage. We feel enkindled in our hearts the desire to unite ourselves forever to the family of Saints, in which already now we have the grace to partake. As a famous spiritual song says: "Oh when the Saints, come marching in, oh how I want to be in that number!". May this beautiful aspiration burn within all Christians, and help them to overcome every difficulty, every fear, every tribulation! Let us place, dear friends, our hand in Mary's maternal hand, may the Queen of All Saints lead us towards our heavenly homeland, in the company of the blessed spirits "from every nation, people and language" (cf. Rv 7: 9). And already now we unite in prayer in remembering our dear deceased, who we will commemorate tomorrow.



The Book of Life

The month of November is traditionally known as the month of the Holy Souls, having at its' beginning, the two great feasts - All Saints and All Souls. To commemorate your faithful departed family and friends, you are invited to submit a page for the "Book of Life." This page should be 8 ½" by 11" and fit into a standard 3-ring binder. On it you may type or print the names of whomever you would like to have remembered in a special way at all our parish Masses during November. You may decorate your "Family Page" in whatever way you wish, as long as it fits the above requirements. This "Book of Life" will be left in the sanctuary during November to remind us to pray, at church and at home for our loved ones. Please note previous years of pages are included already.

Donation envelopes for All Souls are available to write out the names of those you wish to be prayed for on our Special Commemoration Mass on Wednesday November 18th at 7pm, and every Wednesday in November at 7:00pm.

Please include your name and address for tax receipt purposes.

CWL would like to thank all who assisted and participated in our recent Walkathon to support our annual charitable disbursements and school projects. Another great success as we raised $2,480. Thanks to all the sponsors and generous parishioners who contributed.



Masses For The Week

Sat Oct 31 – 5:00pm
+Grant Davidson
req. by Evangeline & Amarie

Mon Nov 2 – 8:20am
Intentions for +All Souls

Tues Nov 3 - 8:20am
+Antonio, Rosina & Giovanni Bozzarello
req. by Anna & Natale Ciardullo

Wed Nov 4 – *8:20am* SPECIAL TIME
+Rosa & Gennaro Aloe
req. by Nina Veltri
+Anna & Matteo Garritano
req. by Nina Veltri
Int. for Barbara Prior's 70th Birthday
req. by Christiane Prior
+ Belarmino Moniz & John Lenz
req. by Herminia Moniz & Family
+Stephen Murray
req. by Bill & Ina Creaney

Thur Nov 5 – 8:20am
+Jeyanathirajah Singarajah
req. by Christine Marioselva

Fri. Nov 6 – 8:20am
+Fortunato, Maria & Daniele Ciardullo
req. by Anna & Natale Ciardullo

Sat Nov 7 – 5:00pm
+Humberto Schenflede
req. by His Wife & Family

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
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Saturday, November 7, 2026
6pm to 1am – dinner at 7pm
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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
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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.

A second collection for the Youth Ministry will be taken up this weekend. Thank you for supporting our Youth in St. John's Parish.

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