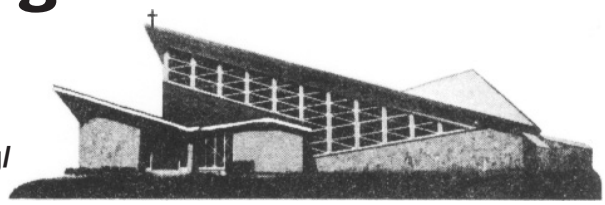
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
Mon – Fri 9 a.m. - 12 noon
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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)	

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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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Message from the Pastor

Peace to all of you!

Today we celebrate the Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. The First Reading, from the Book of Wisdom, presents a beautiful passage on the importance of God's wisdom for our everyday life. We think that we must search for God and to take time to find Him by studying. Moreover, we need to do so many deeds to feel His presence. All this is good; however, this reading shows us that God is the One who takes the initiative, and He is the first who searches us so that we may enter into a relationship with Him and find peace. It is very important to realize that our personal relationship with Christ is a very important hinge of our lives. It is from this relationship that we gain strength and help in our every day lives. The Second Reading, from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians, gives us a passage in which the apostle talks about the resurrection of the dead. During this month of November, we remember our deceased brothers and sisters, and we take more time to think about death. St. Paul wants to give us hope by assuring us that we are called to share in the Resurrection of Christ, and we have redeemed to inherit Eternal Life. It is important that we focus on our faith because in front of death we all feel afraid, and it is difficult to believe in life after death. The Resurrection of Christ assures us that it is stronger than death, sickness and our own fears and doubts. In our every day lives we can already have a foretaste of the Resurrection when we experience how God helps us and takes out of difficult situations. The Gospel, from St. Matthew, brings us the parable of the ten wedding bridesmaids. The main point of this parable is to be watchful and vigilant so that when Christ comes, we can be ready to receive Him. It does bring us hope because the meeting with Christ in our lives is very important. We can be distracted or worried with so many things. Christ wants to help us to focus on Him and make of prayer a daily habit. When we rely in Christ, unexpected events in our lives do not take away peace from us. Instead, we can face any situation at peace. Let us ask the Lord to fill us with hope so that we can welcome the Lord when He comes to give us life to the fullest!

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

Fr. Francisco Fernandez, Your servant and your Pastor

Pope Benedict XVI's Angelus on the Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (November 6, 2011)

The Biblical Readings of this Sunday's Liturgy invite us to extend the reflection on eternal life that we began on the occasion of the commemoration of the faithful departed. On this point there is a clear difference between those who believe and those who do not believe or, one might likewise say, between those who hope and those who do not hope.Indeed St Paul wrote to the Thessalonians: "but we would not have you ignorant, brethren, concerning those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope" (1 Thess4:13). Faith in the death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ in this sphere too is a crucial divide. St Paul always reminded the Christians of Ephesus that before accepting the Good News they had been "separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world" (Eph 2:12). Indeed the religion of the Greeks, the pagan cults and myths, were unable to shed light on the mystery of death; thus an ancient inscription said: "In nihil ab nihilo quam cito recidmus" which means: "how quickly we fall back from nothing to nothing". If we remove God, we remove Christ and the world falls back into emptiness and darkness. Moreover, this is also confirmed in the expressions of contemporary nihilism that is often unconscious and, unfortunately, infects a great many young people.

Today's Gospel is a famous parable that speaks of ten maidens invited to a wedding feast, a symbol of the Kingdom of Heaven and of eternal life (Mt 25:1-13). It is a happy image with which, however, Jesus teaches a truth that calls us into question. In fact five of those 10 maidens were admitted to the feast because when the bridegroom arrived they had brought the oil to light their lamps, whereas the other five were left outside because they had been foolish enough not to bring any. What is represented by this "oil", the indispensable prerequisite for being admitted to the nuptial banquet?

St Augustine (cf. Discourses 93, 4), and other ancient authors interpreted it as a symbol of love that one cannot purchase but receives as a gift, preserves within one and uses in works. True wisdom is making the most of mortal life in order to do works of mercy, for after death this will no longer be possible. When we are reawoken for the Last Judgement, it will be made on the basis of the love we have shown in our earthly life (cf. Mt 25:31-46). And this love is a gift of Christ, poured out in us by the Holy Spirit. Those who believe in God-Love bear within them invincible hope, like a lamp to light them on their way through the night beyond death to arrive at the great feast of life.

Let us ask Mary, Sedes Sapientiae, to teach us true wisdom, the wisdom that became flesh in Jesus. He is the Way that leads from this life to God, to the Eternal One. He enabled us to know the Father's face, and thus gave us hope full of love. This is why the Church addresses the Mother of the Lord with these words: "Vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra" [our life, our sweetness and our hope]. Let us learn from her to live and die in the hope that never disappoints.

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE TO THE LORD!
St. John the Evangelist Parish Children's and Youth Christmas Choir 2026

Calling all young singers ages 7 and up! Share your musical gifts as we lead the parish in joyful song at the **Christmas Eve 5:00 PM Family Mass.**

Rehearsals at the Parish:

Saturday, November 28 | 3:00–4:45 PM
Saturday, December 5 | 3:00–4:45 PM
Saturday, December 12 | 3:00–4:45 PM
Saturday, December 19 | 2:30–5:00 PM

Attendance at all four rehearsals is required.

To register by November 25, contact Eileen McGowan:
Home: 905-668-0959 | Call or text: 905-442-0567
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Mass in Memory of Loved Ones We Have Lost Through Death

Wednesday November 18th, 2026, 7:00 pm

The Wednesday evening mass on Nov 18th will provide an opportunity for members of our parish family to come together, in remembrance of loved ones we have lost through death. The mass will include a special acknowledgement of individuals who have been buried from our parish over the last year and a lighting of candles in memory of loved ones.

We hope that you will accept this invitation to join fellow parishioners for this special mass.

If you would like additional information, please contact the parish office at (905) 668-3676.

CWL NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

League Sisters and women of the parish mark your calendar – you are invited to our general meeting, Thursday, November 19th, 7:30 p.m. in room 1 of the parish centre. If you have any questions, or require transportation, please contact Lynne Childerhouse at 905-431-6582 or lchilderhouse@hotmail.com.



Handicraft Holy Land Christians

On the weekend of November 14th, 15th members representing "Handicraft Holy Land Christians" graciously ask your support through your prayers and will have many unique hand carved olive wood religious art pieces made by these families in Bethlehem available for purchase after every mass in the Parish Centre. Thank you!

The Book of Remembrance

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 Remembrance" 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.

Shepherd's Trust Collection November 14/15, 2026

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Coffee With Friends COMING SOON: A TIME FOR CONVERSATION AND CONNECTION

Next Maturing Adults gathering: **Tuesday, November 17th @9:00, Parish Centre**



Masses For The Week

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

Mon Nov 9 – 8:20am
+Antonio, Divina & Aldo Ciardullo
req. By Anna & Natale Ciardullo

Tues Nov 10 - 8:20am
+Giovanni, Rita & Giuseppina Beltrano
req. by Anna & Natale Ciardullo

Wed Nov 11 – *7:00pm*
+Alice Hozjan
req. by Her Family
+Matteo & Gennaro Garritano
req. by Nina Veltri & Family
+Erminia & Gerardo & Francesco Stancato
req. by Nina Veltri & Family
+Luisinha Fernandes
req. by Melvyn, Margaret & Adrian D'Souza
+Stephen Murray
req. by Maire Fitzpatrick & Family
+Bill Rail
req. by Jane Rail
+Joseph Adrien LaBarre
req. by The LaBarre Family

Thur Nov 12 – 8:20am
+Deceased Members of the Sullivan & Murphy Families
req. by Geraldine Sullivan

Fri. Nov 13 – 8:20am
+Matthew Healy
req. by Brian Healy

Sat Nov 14 – 5:00pm
+Antonino & Vincent Villanti
req. by The Villanti Family

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