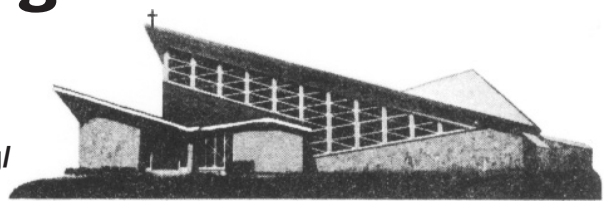
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Eileen McGowan	Music Director

Support Staff

Mr. Francisco Perez	Caretaker
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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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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Message from the Pastor

Peace to all of you!

Today we celebrate the Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. The First Reading, from the Book of Proverbs, presents a passage in which a prudent and wise wife is praised. Her faith is put into action, and the purpose of her life is to serve and help everybody around her. This image of a woman of faith helps us all to realize that we are called to have a deep personal relationship with God which brings us to serve and care for each other. Our everyday life is sustained and supported by our faith expressed in good actions towards others. Let us ask the Lord that He may give us the strength to put into action the faith in which we put our trust. The Second Reading, from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians, gives us an answer from the apostle regarding the coming of the Lord. It seemed that the Lord was not coming as soon as everyone expected Him. Members of the community were thinking that that it was fine to procrastinate and become despondent since their belief in Christ was enough. However, Paul encourages them to rekindle their hope by assuring them that it is important to be ready to receive the Lord when He comes so that we may receive His graces. It is essential to be awake and to be well disposed to receive constantly the graces that Christ wants to pour out in us. If we do this, certainly we will receive fulness of life. The Gospel, from St. Matthew, brings us the parable of the talents. There are two people who negotiate with what they have received, and they bear fruit. Whereas there is one who keeps for himself what he has received and remains fruitless. The main message of this teaching is that we need to put into practice what God has entrusted to us. He has blessed us with many gifts, especially His mercy, compassion, and faith in our lives. Our fulfillment comes when we allow these gifts to shape our lives and we act moved by sharing God's gifts. Consequently, we will receive lots of peace and we will be blessed people. If we keep all these gifts for ourselves or think that we are so busy that we do not have time for God, then we remain sterile, and our life becomes empty and superficial. At the end of our day, we are agitated, and we do not find rest. God wants to help us to have a life fulfilled when we are generous with the gifts that we have received, and we put them into action. Let us ask the Lord that He may give us a grateful heart to consider all the good things that the Lord has done with us, and we can share them with others!

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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (November 13, 2011)

The word of God of this Sunday — the second to last Sunday of the liturgical year — warns us of the transience of our earthly existence and invites us to live it as a pilgrimage, keeping our gaze fixed on the destination for which God has created us. Moreover, since he made us for himself (cf. St Augustine, *Confessions* 1, 1), he is our ultimate destination and the meaning of our existence.

Death, followed by the Last Judgement, is an obligatory stage to pass through in order to reach this definitive reality. The Apostle Paul says: "the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night" (1 Thess 5:2), that is, without warning. May knowledge of the glorious return of the Lord Jesus spur us to live in an attitude of watchfulness, waiting for his manifestation and in constant remembrance of his first Coming.

In the well known Parable of the Talents — recounted by the Evangelist Matthew (cf. 25: 14-30) — Jesus tells the story of three servants to whom their master entrusted his property, before setting out on a long journey. Two of them behaved impeccably, doubling the value of what they had received. On the contrary, the third buried the money he had received in a hole. On his return, the master asked his servants to account for what he had entrusted to them and while he was pleased with the first two he was disappointed with the third.

Indeed, the servant who had hidden his talent and failed to make it increase in worth, had calculated badly. He behaved as if his master were never to return, as if there would never be a day on which he would be asked to account for his actions. With this parable Jesus wanted to teach his disciples to make good use of his gifts: God calls every person and offers talents to all, at the same time entrusting each one with a mission to carry out. It would be foolish to presume that these gifts are an entitlement, just as failing to use them would mean failing to achieve our purpose in life.

In commenting on this Gospel passage St Gregory the Great noted that the Lord does not let anyone lack the gift of his charity, of his love. He wrote: "brothers, it is necessary that you pay the utmost attention to preserving love in everything you must do" (*Homilies on the Gospel*, 9, 6). After explaining that true charity consists in loving enemies as well as friends, he added: "if someone lacks this virtue, he loses every good he possesses, he is deprived of the talent he received and is cast out into the darkness" (*ibid.*).

Dear brothers and sisters, let us accept the invitation to be watchful, of which the Scriptures frequently remind us!



Handicraft Holy Land Christians

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!

Shepherd's Trust Collection

November 14/15, 2026

The mission of the Shepherd's Trust is to help ensure that elderly and disabled priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. Your generous gift will help our priests to maintain a modest but active and independent lifestyle in their retirement years. For priests who are ill or otherwise infirm, the Trust ensures they have access to nursing home facilities and medical care. Thank you for your support of this important work.

CHRISTMAS GIVING – 2026

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will be assisting our neighbours in need at Christmas. As with previous years, gift cards will be distributed. To support this endeavour, we are requesting your support with either CASH OR CHEQUE donations. The Society provides tax receipts for cash or cheque donations. Please use the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul envelopes which are available on the back counter in the Church. We will use your generous donations to purchase gift cards and

will distribute them to our neighbours in need in early December. It would be very helpful if we received your donation by November 30th, 2026. Thank you for your generous support.

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, Nov 28 | 3:00–4:45 PM
Saturday, Dec 5 | 3:00–4:45 PM
Saturday, Dec 12 | 3:00–4:45 PM
Saturday, Dec 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
Email: eileen.mcgowan59@gmail.com

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.

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Make your gift to ShareLife and DOUBLE your impact!
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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.

The Book of Remembrance

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.



Masses For The Week

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

Mon Nov 16 – 8:20am
Int. for Dilshan Anrun
req. by. Christine Marioselva

Tues Nov 17 - 8:20am
+Brian McMonagle
req. by Gail McMonagle

Wed Nov 18 – *7:00pm*
COMMEMORATION MASS
+Deceased Members of the Harris Family
req. by Harris Family
+Deceased Members of the Kitcher & Washburn Family
req. by Denise & Shirley Washburn
+Divina Veltri
req. by Nina Veltri
+Carole Wardell & Michael Connolly
req. by Nina Veltri
+Armand Richardson
req. by Melvyn, Margaret & Adrian D'Souza
+Domenic & Maria Borg & Deceased Mbrs Bonello Family
req. by Saviour & Rita Bonnello

Thur Nov 19 – 8:20am
+Giovanni & Rosina & Maria Ciardullo
req. by Anna & Natale Ciardullo

Fri. Nov20 – 8:20am
+Maria Costa
req. by Mario Costa

Sat Nov 21 – 5:00pm
+Bryan McEachen & Laura & Leanne McEachen
req. by Their Family

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