

<p><u>SACRAMENT PREPARATION PROGRAMS</u> 2017 – 2018</p>	
<p>FIRST EUCHARIST (Grade 2)</p>	<p>CONFIRMATION (Grade 7)</p>
<p>PARENTS' MEETING in the Church (parents only) Tuesday, January 30, 2018, 7:00 – 8:30 pm</p>	<p>Sessions I – V Jan 13, 20, 27, Feb 3 & 24 in the Parish Centre 9:00 am – 10:30 am or 11:00 am – 12:30 pm (as scheduled)</p>
<p>It is mandatory that all children who do not attend Catholic school participate in the Parish Home Catechism Program for <u>TWO</u> years prior to receiving each sacrament.</p>	

THANK YOU

I wish to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank my wonderful friends and volunteers who helped with this year's Christmas decorating:

- Irena and Boris Stebih
- Robbie Thompson
- Carolyn Meanny
- Pat Garrard
- Therese Howard
- Gail McMonagle
- Aggie Sandrelli
- Kathy Steffler

It took us a few nights and exactly an hour on Christmas Eve. The hard work and dedication from each of you is heart-warming. I thank you all so very much.

God bless,
Margaret Lance

Prayer Group
Meet Wednesdays at 1pm in the Parish Centre

Date Topic

- Jan 10 The Search for Meaning
– Day of Discovery Video
- Jan 17 Hope – Fr. Tom Forest
- Jan 24 In His Sandals – Mother Angelica
- Jan 31 Taking Authority – Fr. Mark Goring
- Feb 7 The Joy of the Gospel – Bishop Respect
- Feb 14 Empty to be Filled – Peter Herbeck
(Ash Wed)



Masses For The Week

Sat. Jan 6 – 5:00pm

+Sam Saturno

req. by Tony & Rosa Cannella & Family

****Mon Jan 8 – 8:20am****

Int. for the Needs of St. John's Parish

Tue. Jan 9 – 8:20am

+Evana Cameron

req. by Simon Charbonneau

Wed Jan 10 – 7:00pm

+Michael Catterall & Helen Lecours

req. by Their Family

+Zoltan Polgar

req. by Rosalia Polgar

+Bryan McEachen

req. by Maureen Morin

+Connor Lacy

req. by The Staff of Fr. Don

+Deceased Members of the Carpio & Robles Families

req. by Evangeline Davidson

Thur. Jan 11 – 8:20am

+Muriel Burns

req. by The Murray Family

Fri. Jan 12 – 8:20am

+Gerry Bucking

req. by Betty & Bernie Bucking

Sat. Jan. 13 – 5:00pm

+Werner Kuenzle

req. by Jenny Kuenzle & Family

Catholic Family Services
HEART TO HEART GALA
Saturday February 24, 2018
Deer Creek Golf & Banquet Facility, Ajax
Tickets \$100
Contact Tania McClean (905) 725-3513, x 121
www.cfsdurham.com

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Ecumenical Prayer Service**

Sunday, January 28, 2018 at 3 PM

Metropolitan United Church (56 Queen St. E.)

Come and join us for an ecumenical prayer service to pray for the unity of all Christians, led by His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins and other city-wide Christian church leaders.

Refreshments to follow the service. All are welcome

**Friars' Student Writing Award
Submission Deadline: January 8, 2018
Friars' Student Writing Award 2018
- Win Great Prizes!**

Students aged 14 – 18 are invited to write a five hundred-word essay on the theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, celebrated January 18-25, 2018.

The Theme is *"Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power."* (cf. Exodus 15:6) Students should read the Scripture passage Exodus 15:1-21 and respond to the following question in the essay:

Just as the Israelites sought deliverance from enslavement, in contemporary society the dignity of all people is threatened by new enslavements to poverty, violence, injustice and addictions. In what ways can Christians of all denominations work together to stave off these assaults to human dignity? Explain.

For 2018, First prize is an iPad Pro (128 GB), second prize is a Kobo Aura H2O Edition 2, and third to sixth prizes are a one-year subscription to The Catholic Register and other prizes.

Essays will be edited and published in The Catholic Register. Deadline for entries is JANUARY 8, 2018. Email your essay to editor@catholicregister.org or fax it to 416-934-3409, include your full name, email address and phone number, and the name of your school on the front page of the essay.

**Durham District Catholic School Board
Register for French Immersion**

Online registration is open. Students entering Grade 1 in September 2018 are eligible to register. Visit dcdsb.ca to learn more about our French immersion program and to register your child.

Toronto Serra Clubs

www.vocationstoronto.ca

The Son of God was first manifested to the world through the visit of the magi. Today, God's Son is brought into the world and is present to the world through His Church. If you think that God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation

Director, Archdiocese of Toronto (416) 968—0997 or email vocations@archtoronto.org

Looking Ahead

Sun Jan 7

1:30pm Spanish Mass, refreshments in PC main to follow

Mon Jan 8

8:20am Mass – *Feast of Baptism of the Lord*

Wed Jan 10

1pm Prayer Group, PC main

6:15pm – 7:15pm PHCP, PC all

Thu Jan 11

7pm – 9pm RCIA, PC 1

Fri Jan 12

10am mass at Fairview Lodge

Sat Jan 13

9am – 10:30am

Session 1 Confirmation Classes

11am – 12:30pm

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PASTORAL COUNCIL

DATES TO REMEMBER!

Date	Event
Sunday, February 4th, 2018	Pancake Breakfast Social Sunday following the 9 & 11 a.m. masses hosted by Pastoral Council and the CWL
Saturday, March 31st, 2018	Easter Vigil reception to welcome RCIA members following mass
Saturday, April 28th, 2018	Taste of the Parish (following the 5 p.m. mass)
Saturday, June 9th, 2018	Family Fun Day – 12:00-3:30 p.m.

Please note that there are no Social Sundays in January, March, April, May or June.

