

## SACRAMENT PREPARATION PROGRAMS

2017 – 2018

FIRST EUCHARIST (Grade 2)	CONFIRMATION (Grade 7)
<b><u>RITE OF ENROLMENT</u></b> at the Church (children & families) Saturday, February 10 at 5:00 pm <b>OR</b> Sunday, February 11 at 9:00 am <b>OR</b> Sunday, February 11 at 11:00 am	<b><u>Session V</u></b> February 24 in the Parish Centre 9:00 am – 10:30 am or 11:00 am – 12:30 pm (as scheduled)
It is mandatory that all children who do not attend Catholic school participate in the Parish Home Catechism Program for <b>TWO</b> years prior to receiving each sacrament.	

### LENT BEGINS WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 14TH- ASH WEDNESDAY

#### PENANCE IN LENT

Fridays in the Lenten Season are days of penance, when small sacrifices are encouraged. Abstaining from meat on Fridays has become a customary Lenten penance for Catholics. The Canadian Bishops have recommended that this penitential practice continue among the faithful, but also stated that other acts of penance may be substituted, such as special prayers or acts of service for others.

**Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** are days of obligatory fasting and abstinence from meat. "The law of fasting prescribes that only one meal be taken in a day; but it does not forbid taking some nourishment in the morning and evening" (Letters & Legislation, Archdiocese of Toronto). The law of fasting binds those from 18 to 59 years of age, while the law of abstinence from meat binds Catholics who are 14 years of age and older, but every person, regardless of age, can participate in fasting and abstaining from meat if they wish, as long as one's health will allow it.

Parents and educators are reminded of their duty to introduce children gradually to the understanding and practice of penance, including fasting and abstinence, in the life of Catholics. Adult example will be the greatest influence in this matter (Guidelines for Pastoral Liturgy, 1999-2000, CCCB).

**During Lent, Friday Mass changes to 7pm. First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 6pm with Adoration for 1 hour. In addition, Mass will be celebrated on Monday mornings at 8:20am from Feb 26<sup>th</sup> to Mar 26<sup>th</sup>.**



#### Masses For The Week

Sat. Feb. 10 – 5:00pm

**+Frank Moloney**  
req. by His Family

Tue. Feb. 13 – 8:20am

**+James Peters**  
req. by Patrick & Maire Fitzpatrick

Wed Feb 14 – 8:20am

**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
+Carol Robertson  
req. by Ron & Sandie Kirby

Wed Feb 14 – 7:00pm

**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
**+Rezka Rezonja**  
req. by Tina Struna & Family

**+Maté Kapular**  
req. by Mary Plavetich

**In Thanksgiving**  
req. by A Parishioner

**+Domenic Borg**  
req. by His Wife

**+Dr. Salim Naqvi**  
req. by The Mohamed Family

Thur. Feb 15 – 8:20am

**+Ted Kapuscinski**  
req. by Doreen & Family

Fri. Feb 16 – 8:20am

**+Josephine Bonello**  
req. by Family & Friends

Sat. Feb 17 – 5:00pm

**+Kathleen Hutchings**  
rea. by Her Family



#### **Lent 2018: Together for Peace**

Dear parishioners, thank you for your support of the Fall Education Campaign "Women at the Heart of Peace", 330 cards were mailed from our parish telling our PM the importance of involving women in the peace processes to work along men as equals and give their ideas. With this bulletin, find the Lent Calendar to help you deepen your understanding of the social issues that affect us all, and the Prayer of Saint Francis to guide us in the way. Next Durham meeting: Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM, all are welcome.

## CWL General Meeting

Calling all ladies of the parish - you are invited to our February general meeting - Thursday, February 15th 7:30 pm in the main room. We look forward to seeing you there. If you require transportation, please do not hesitate to contact Lynne @ 905.431.6582 or at [lchilderhouse@hotmail.com](mailto:lchilderhouse@hotmail.com).



Fr. Kevin Belgrave will be presenting a talk on Homosexuality, Gender Identity, and the Catholic Church: Welcoming and Accompanying with the Heart of Christ. Fr. Kevin currently teaches moral theology, as well as bioethics and human sexuality at St. Augustine's Seminary. His talk will explore the Catholic vision of the human person, love, and sexuality. It will show how this vision guides pastoral care for brothers and sisters experiencing same-sex attraction and gender identity questions. A period of questions and answers will follow his presentation. **It will be held at Holy Family Catholic Church, Whitby Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at 7:30pm** No cost, all are welcome. Sponsored by the Catholic Teachers Guild of Durham

### Way of the Cross 2018

Friday February 16 Stations of the Cross for Peace (Matthias Neuman, OSB, 2005, Liguori, MO: Liguori Publications)

Upcoming Fridays to be advised

### Band of Christian Brothers Men's Conference

On February 24<sup>th</sup> join Hector Molina and Bishop of St. Catharines Gerard Bergie along with hundreds of men for Serviam Ministries' 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Band of Christian Brothers Men's Conference at Canada Christian College in Toronto. The theme is "Manly Virtue". It is a one day intensive men's retreat consisting of spiritual talks, Mass, Adoration, Confession, fraternity and prayer. Special Father/Son rates available. All info and tickets: <https://www.serviamministries.com/events/virtue/>, [info@ServiamMinistries.com](mailto:info@ServiamMinistries.com) or 1-888-522-2070.

### Prayer Group

Meet Wednesdays at 1pm in the Parish Centre

#### Date Topic

Feb 14 (Ash Wed) to Mar 7<sup>th</sup> 4 part Mission with Fr. Patrick Fitzpatrick "3 Troubling Questions"  
Mar 14 Praise & Worship in Song  
Mar 21 A Journey to Remember. The Way of the Cross.  
Holy Week No Meeting. Prayer Group resumes April 4<sup>th</sup>

### Taunton Mills Sunday - New Ministers Needed

Eucharist Ministers are needed once every six weeks. Teams of two go to Taunton Mills on Sunday mornings as Eucharistic Ministers giving the residents Communion or a blessing. New members are provided training, and would shadow a team one Sunday on the routine. Our next schedule will start in July. If you think that this is something you could do, please call the Parish Office. Thank you!

### St. Leo the Great Parish, Brooklin

#### Lenten Mission with Mark Mallett

February 25, 26 & 27<sup>th</sup>, 7 - 9 p.m., Canadian speaker, author, singer/songwriter and Catholic missionary Mark Mallett is coming to St. Leo the Great Parish, Brooklin to give a 3-Day Lenten Mission. The mission theme will be: "Preparing for the Lion of Judah: Are We Living in the End Times?"

### WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT WEEKEND

Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre Mississauga, ON February 16-18 2018. The retreat will be preached by the Center Team, Oblate Father Pawel Ratajczak and Mrs. Anne Hales. A beautiful way to begin the season of Lent. For further information or registration, please call 905-278-5229.

**COINS FOR LIFE** boxes will be available to pick up next weekend, Feb 17/18. Coins collected go to support the National March for Life in Ottawa. Please return the boxes on or before Divine Mercy Sunday, April 8, 2018

**The 2017 income tax receipts will be distributed after all Masses Feb 17/18 & Feb 24/25. Alternatively, you may pick it up from the office during regular business hours Mon & Tue 9am to 5pm, Wed, Thur, Fri 9am to 8pm. Closed noon to 1pm daily.**