

SACRAMENT PREPARATION PROGRAMS

2013 – 2014

FIRST EUCHARIST “Invited to the Feast” (Grade 2)	CONFIRMATION “Anointed for Mission” (Grade 8)
Parents' Meeting Saturday, January 25 10:00 – 11:30 am (A-L) 1:00 – 2:30 pm (M-Z) in the Parish Centre (parents only)	Sessions I – IV Feb 1 & 8, Feb 22 & Mar 1 in the Parish Centre 9:00 am – 10:30 am or 11:00 am – 12:30 pm (as scheduled)



2nd Week – Look to the Word

Leader: The Lord is our faith and our life.

All: May the Lord's peace be with us all.

Leader: And may his love shine in our hearts.

All: Our hope is in the coming of the Lord.

Two purple candles are lit. During the week, relight whenever the family gathers together.

Leader: Let us pray that our faith may be strengthened for the coming of the Lord.

All: Amen

Suggested Scripture Readings:

Sunday: God's Word is a Lamp
Psalm 119: 103-105

Monday: A Virgin Shall Conceive
Isaiah 7:10-14

Tuesday: To us a Child is Born, A Son is Given
Isaiah 9:2-7

Wednesday: Behold, your King is coming
Zechariah 9:9-10

Thursday: Light Shines from Little Bethlehem
Micah 5:2-5a

Friday: Light shining in a Dark Place
2 Peter 1:16-21

Saturday: Time to Wake from Sleep
Romans 13:11 – 14

CHOCOLATE served. DRESS WARMLY.

Moving Forward Together – Special Collection for Aboriginal People

There will be a special collection today for the *Moving Forward Together Campaign* to help build a brighter future together with our Aboriginal brothers and sisters. While many First Nations, Inuit and Métis have found success in their work, hope in their families and fulfillment in their lives, far too many still live in a shadow of a painful past and struggle with crippling issues. It can be tempting to say these are aboriginal problems and not our concern, but not if seen through Christ's eyes. These are challenges that go right to the heart of what Jesus meant when he asked us to “love one another.” (John 15:12) Your support will help fund grassroots healing and education programs. Healing mends a broken past and education opens doors to a promising future. The *Moving Forward Campaign* will help fund programs such as Aboriginal student scholarships; inner-city Aboriginal youth programs; and workshops that help build bridges between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people. Negative cycles of the past can be changed with prayer, humility and charity.

See www.movingforwardtogether.ca



Masses For The Week

Sat. Dec 7 – 5:00pm

+Maria Campanelli

req. by Bridget Rooney

Tues. Dec 10 – 8:20am

+Edda Cappello

req. by Ciceri & Siciliano Families

Wed. Dec 11 - 7pm

+Maurizio Misasi

req. by Mario & Anna Misasi

Thur. Dec 12 – 8:20am

+Ruth Spratt

req. by Jack & Betty McCabe

Fri. Dec 13 – 8:20am

Intentions of Bob Graham

req. by His Family

Sat. Dec 14 - 5:00pm

+Slavko Hozjan

req. by Uena & Cecil Trotter

Archdiocese of Toronto DAY OF CONFESSIONS

Wednesday, December 11, 2013

At all Parishes in the Archdiocese
For information about Confessions,
please refer to

www.archtoronto.org/confession

Father Damian and a Jesuit priest will
be available in the confessional
throughout the day to hear
Confessions.

DAY OF CONFESSIONS

**8am to noon, 1pm to 4pm,
6:00 to 6:45pm, 7:30pm to 9pm**



Christmas Carols

Join us on December 21st
after the 5pm Mass at the

front entrance of the church for

the sixth annual Christmas Carol
gathering hosted by your Social
Committee of Pastoral Council. Song
sheets provided. **COOKIES** and **HOT**

St. Vincent de Paul – Can Banks

The Christmas Can Banks will
be collected on December
14/15. Please return the Can
Banks that weekend.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

**Sunday, December 15, 2013 at
7pm in the Church,
several priests available**



Campaign Life Coalition Christmas Cakes

Christmas cakes will be sold in the vestibule of the church after all masses on the weekend of **December 7/8**. The proceeds will go to support ongoing work by Campaign Life Coalition to protect all human life and to maintain full respect for life, including the unborn, the disabled, the sick and the elderly. Please support the work of this pro-family organization. Cakes are \$15 loaf size and \$25 for the round large cake.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER FUND
Special envelopes are available at the back of the Church for donations to offset the cost of decorating at Christmas. We appreciate your support and assistance at this time of year!

Parish Directory
- Free Family Photographs
For those parishioners who had family photographs taken earlier this year, your free 8X10 portrait is available at the parish office for pickup.

Refuge Christmas Backpack Program

Collection December 14/15 A project undertaken by students of All Saints C.S.S.

During the Christmas season The Refuge especially needs help meeting the basic needs of street youth. The Refuge depends on donations to provide for the current needs of our community's street youth.

Please assist with this program by making a donation on Dec 14/15 in the box provided in the foyer. Students of All Saints will take the donations to The Refuge in Oshawa. Thank you for your generosity.

Suggested list of donation items:

Backpacks are provided by the Refuge, but could still be donated -bus tickets, roll up blankets, -roll up towels, winter gloves, hats for adults, children and infants, socks, toiletries ie shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, body-wash, outer winterwear for adults, children, and infants, colouring books, pens and pencils, travel first aid kit.

CWL December General Meeting

All ladies of the parish are welcome to join us on Thursday, December 12th at 7:30 p.m., in the main room of the Parish Centre for our Christmas social. If you require transportation, please contact Lynne Childerhouse @ 905-668-5206 before Tuesday, December 10th.

Durham Catholic District SB French Immersion and Extended French Class Information Night

Parents interested in enrolling children in grade 1 French Immersion or Grade 4 Extended French class with the DCDSB for 2014-15 school year are invited to attend one of two information sessions offered.

Monday December 9 @7pm
St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic School
95 Waller Street, Whitby

Tuesday December 10 @7pm
St. Isaac Jogues Catholic School
1166 Finch Avenue, Pickering

See the notice on the bulletin board for more details. More notices are available at the back table.



St. John the Evangelist Choir will sing Christmas Carols beginning at 10:30pm on Christmas Eve prior to the 11:00pm Mass.

Looking Ahead

Mon Dec 9

7pm Parish Directory Cttee, PC#1

Tues Dec 10

7:30 – 9:30pm Choir rehearsal, PC

Wed. Dec 11

DAY OF CONFESSIONS

8am to noon, 1pm to 4pm,

6:00 – 6:45pm, 7:30pm to 9pm

9:30am Mass at St. Marguerite school

1pm Prayer Group, PC main

6 – 6:50pm PHCP, Gr 1-8, PC all

7:00 – 8:30pm PHCP Advent Social, PC main

Thur Dec 12

9:30am Mass with St. John's School

7:30 – 9pm RCIA, PC#1

7:30pm CWL, PC main

Fri Dec 13

10am Mass at Fairview Lodge

Sat Dec 14/Sun Dec 15

8am Saturday Knights clean church

SVDP Coin Bank collection

Refuge Backpack Program Collection

2014 Sunday Offertory Envelopes

available

1pm Sunday - Baptisms

7pm Sunday Evening of Reconciliation

Christmas Mass Schedule

Tues. Dec. 24	Vigil of Christmas 5:00 pm 8:00 pm 11:00 pm
Wed. Dec. 25	Nativity of the Lord 9:00 am 11:00 am
Thurs. Dec. 26	Feast of St. Stephen, first Martyr 9:00 am
Fri. Dec. 27	Feast of St. John (Patron Saint) 9:00am, followed by Refreshments
Tues. Dec 31	*8:20am (*does not replace obligation) 7 th Day Octave of Christmas 5:00pm
Wed. Jan. 1	Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God 9:00 am 11:00 am



Please note the Parish Office is closed at noon Tuesday, December 24th and will reopen on Thursday, January 2nd 9am.

**The magic of Christmas
doesn't come in a box.**

**It can't be bought, but can be
given;**

**Friendship, Understanding,
Kindness, Love, Compassion.**

**Keep Christ in
Christmas**
*Knights of
Columbus*

