

## SACRAMENT PREPARATION PROGRAMS

2012 – 2013

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| <p><b>CONFIRMATION</b><br/>“Anointed for Mission”<br/>(Grade 8)</p> <p><b>"Program Sessions for Candidates"</b><br/><b>Saturday, February 2 and 9</b><br/><b>at 9 - 10:30 and 11 – 12:30</b><br/>(as scheduled)</p> | <p><b>FIRST EUCHARIST</b><br/>“Invited to the Feast”<br/>(Grade 2)</p> <p><b>"Rite of Enrolment"</b><br/>at<br/><b>Saturday, March 2, 5:00 pm or</b><br/><b>Sunday, March 3, 9:00 or 11:00 am Mass</b></p> |
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### UPCOMING EVENTS

Fr. Robert Barron's 10 part DVD Catechetical Series, **Catholicism**

**Thursday February 7, 2013**

**7:30 – 9:00p.m.** in the Parish Centre

**Topic:** Our Tainted Nature's Solitary  
**Boast:** Mary, the Mother of God



From the Pastor's Desk

Just a reminder that **Wednesday February 13<sup>th</sup> is Ash Wednesday** and marks the beginning of **Lent**. During this Lenten Season **Mass will be celebrated at 7:00pm on Fridays followed by Stations of the Cross**. We hope this will be an opportunity for many of you to celebrate the Eucharist this week and take part in this time honoured devotion of our Church. Please note the following:

### Regulations concerning Fast & Abstinence

**Ash Wednesday and Good Friday** are the only two days in Canada of **obligatory fast and abstinence**. The universal law of the Church indicates that every Friday should be day of penance. In Canada the Bishops have legislated that Catholics may substitute abstinence with another act of penance such as special prayers for another or an action of service. The choice is left to each Catholic to determine honestly according to his/her conscience. There is **no substitution** indicated for the regulation to fast and abstain on **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday**.

The law of abstinence forbids the eating of meat; the law of fasting allows one full meal a day but does not prohibit taking some food in the morning and evening, observing common sense.

After the 14<sup>th</sup> birthday one is bound by the law of abstinence; after the 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, one is bound by the law of fasting - both until the beginning of their 60<sup>th</sup> year.



**ASH WEDNESDAY**

- 8:20am Mass with ashes, in Church
  - 7pm Mass with ashes, in Church
- There are no school services**

**All Fridays during Lent**  
**7:00 pm Mass , followed by**  
**Stations of the Cross**



### PARISH DIRECTORY 2013

We are starting the process of putting together a parish directory for 2013. A Committee has formed, and dates are being set. The first dates for picture taking are February 26<sup>th</sup> - March 2<sup>nd</sup> and March 5<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>. There will be both daytime and evening appointments available. The sign up dates for these appointments will be after masses on the weekends of February 2<sup>nd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> and February 16<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>. There will be more picture taking dates in April, after Easter. All those who have a picture taken for the directory will receive a free 8 X 10 portrait and a copy of the finished directory. Help make this project a success by having your family pictured in the directory.



### CHOIR NEWS

St. John's choir is welcoming new choir members in February. Both men and women are needed, high school age and up.

Join the choir and sing in our concert in June. For information call Kevin @ 905-432-1173.



**St. John's Parish**  
**PANCAKE**  
**BREAKFAST**

**Sunday, February 10**  
**after 9 am and 11 am**  
**Masses**

in the Parish Centre.

\$3/Person or \$10/Family  
Tickets available Feb 2/3  
in the foyer after Mass.

**Hosted by your Pastoral**  
**Council**

**CWL The Toronto Archdiocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada is offering a scholarship to St. Michael's College.**

This scholarship is open to any young woman who is of Catholic faith, who is completing her secondary school education, and who has indicated on her application to the University of Toronto that St. Michael's College is her first college of choice. The applicant must be entering the Faculty of Arts and Science in one of the following areas of study: Commerce, Computer Science, Humanities and Social Sciences or Sciences. Applications due to Toronto CWL **April 15, 2013**. For further information, please contact Martha Hamilton, CWL Education Chairperson (905) 430-2444.

**The Toronto Archdiocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada promotes the Mary Dobell Pro-Life Awareness Essay and Poetry Contest** to support and encourage an awareness and

positive attitude toward a broad range of pro-life issues. This year, topics may include themes from our Catholic Education Week in May such as:

**Faith that is rooted;**  
**Faith that is nurtured;**  
**Faith that is discerned;**  
**Faith that is witnessed or**  
**Faith that is celebrated.**

Admissions are accepted from grades 7 – 12 and are due **February 22, 2013**. For more information, please contact Martha Hamilton, CWL Education Chairperson at (905) 430-2444



### Masses For The Week

Sat. Feb 2 – 9:00am No Intention

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**+Gerard Choquette**

*req. by Pat Milburn, Anne Hendriks & Bridget Carolan*

Tues. Feb 5 – 8:20am

**+Maurizio Misasi**

*req. by Anna & Mario Misasi*

Wed. Feb 6 – 7pm

**+Joseph Pal**

*req. by Jim Corrigan & Ann Belej-Corrigan*

Thur. Feb 7 – 8:20 am

**+Del Jackson**

*req. by Gary & Beth McConnell*

Fri. Feb 8 - 8:20am

**+Louis McKenna**

*req. by Karen & Will Burke & Family*

Sat Feb 9 - 5:00pm

**+Donald Gibson**

*req. by Anne Hendriks*



### Pre - Lenten Pancake Breakfast

**SATURDAY, February 9, 2013**  
**8:00-10:00 AM**

**Everyone is invited to enjoy**

**PANCAKES, SAUSAGES, BACON & EGGS**  
**COFFEE, TEA, MILK & JUICES**  
 Knights of Columbus Hall  
 133 Brock Street N Whitby ON

**TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR**  
**TICKETS \$5.00 EACH**  
**FAMILY \$15.00**

### Looking Ahead This Week

**Sun Feb 3**

Social Sunday, Feed the Hungry

**Mon. Feb 4**

7:30pm SVDP Mtg, PC main

**Tues Feb 5**

9am Mothering with Grace, Topic: Technology, PC 1

**Wed. Feb 6**

1pm Prayer Group, PC main

6 – 6:50pm PHCP, Gr 1-8, PC all  
 7:30pm Pastoral Council, PC main

**Thu Feb 7**

7:30 – 9pm Catholicism, Topic: Our Tainted Nature's Solitary Boast: Mary, the Mother of God

**Sat Feb 9**

9am to 1pm Confirmation Session 4, PC all

**Sun. Feb 10**

Pancake Breakfast after 9am & 11am  
 Masses



### LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD

**Ash Wednesday Feb 13**

**Mass with Ashes 8:20am & 7pm**

An extra Mass will take place to invite families to receive the Eucharist and Ashes

**Friday March 1**

2pm World Day of Prayer Ecumenical Prayer Service hosted by St. John the Evangelist Parish. Homily by Fr. Damian MacPherson, S.A.

**Sun March 17**

7pm Lenten Reconciliation Service

**Tuesday March 26**

7pm to 9pm Movie – Jesus of Nazareth, PC

### **Come and See Discernment Retreat, Scarboro Missions**

**2685 Kingston Rd Scarb, ON**

**Friday Feb 22 to Sun Feb 24, 2013**

A discernment Retreat for men considering serving Christ as a Scarboro Missioner will begin Friday Feb 22 at 6:30pm to Sunday Feb 24<sup>th</sup> at noon. Registration deadline is February 15, 2013 Cost \$100

Call (416) 261-7135 x 265 or email

[lmo@scarboromissions.ca](mailto:lmo@scarboromissions.ca)

### **IMPORTANT!!!**

Archdiocese of Toronto  
 Office of Formation for Discipleship  
**Workshops for Liturgical Ministries**

#### **Lectors**

Wednesday February 20, 2013 7:30pm  
 – 9:30pm – in the Church

#### **Eucharistic Ministers**

Thursday February 21, 2013  
 7:30 – 9:30pm – in the Church

#### **Liturgy of the Word for Children**

Saturday February 23, 2013  
 10am to noon – in the Parish Centre

**St. John's Prayer Group**

### **Wednesdays 1pm – 2:30pm Parish Centre**

Come and join us during Lent for a 2-part CD presentation by Scott Hahn on the healing power of Confession and a 4-part DVD series by Ron Rohheizer from a past mission beginning Feb 13 to March 20<sup>th</sup> It's a great way to prepare our hearts for Easter.

### **World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life**

Sat Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> the Church celebrates the World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life. In the Archdiocese of Toronto, we are blessed to have living and serving among us more than 1,000 religious men and women of over 100 different religious congregations. This World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life is a wonderful opportunity for us to thank God for the gifts of these religious sisters, brother and priests and to pray for God's blessing upon them in their efforts to faithfully live the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience.



Society of St Vincent de Paul

### **TURNING CONCERN INTO ACTION**

The Vincentians of St John's thank everyone for their continuing support. Although our non perishable foods are generally adequate, we continue to have a need for:

### **Peanut Butter**

**We appreciate all donations;** but please consider dropping off peanut butter over the upcoming Sundays.

**This Sunday is Social Sunday**  
**Everyone is welcome to join us**  
**after 9am or 11am Mass for**  
**refreshments and social time.**

### **Feed the Hungry Program**

Please take a container, prepare the recipe provided and return the FROZEN container to the parish centre parking lot on Saturday Feb 9 at 1pm. It will be taken to St. Vincent Pallotti Kitchen for immediate distribution.