

FIRST EUCHARIST

“Invited to the Feast”

(Grade 2)

RITE OF ENROLMENT

Saturday, March 2, 5:00 p.m. or

Sunday, March 3, 9:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m.

FAMILY DAY

Sunday, March 24, 1:00–3:30 pm

for children celebrating First Communion on

Apr 6-7-13-14

(one parent – one child)

FAMILY DAY

Sunday, April 14, 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

for children celebrating First Communion on

April 20-21-28

(one parent – one child)

**From the Pastor's Desk**

Just a reminder that **Wednesday February 13th 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 14th birthday one is bound by the law of abstinence; after the 18th birthday, one is bound by the law of fasting - both until the beginning of their 60th year.

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

- 8:20am Mass with ashes, in Church
- 7pm Mass with ashes, in Church

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

Catholicism**Thursday February 14, 2013****7:30 – 9:00p.m.** in the Parish Centre**Topic:** The Indispensable Men: Peter, Paul and the Missionary Adventure.**Friday March 1, 2013, 2pm**

World Day of Prayer, celebrated at St.

John the Evangelist. Homilist: Fr.

Damian MacPherson, S.A.

Theme: “I was a stranger and you welcomed me”

IMPORTANT!!!

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

Lectors

Wednesday February 20, 2013

7:30pm – 9:30pm, Parish Centre

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, Parish Centre

Looking Ahead**Sun. Feb 10** – Pancake Breakfast after 9am and 11am Masses**Tue Feb 12**

9am Mother's Group, Topic: Sacraments, PC1

Wed. Feb 13

1pm Prayer Group, PC main

Thu Feb 14

7:30pm Catholicism, PC main

Fri Feb 15

10am Mass at Fairview Lodge

Sat Feb 16, Sun Feb 17*Tax Receipts available**Parish Directory Signup**Coins for Life***Plenary Indulgence**

A plenary indulgence is attached to the practice of the Way of the Cross, providing that the other general conditions for gaining plenary indulgences are fulfilled: detachment from all sin, sacramental confession and Communion, and prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father. To gain the indulgence, the Way of the Cross should be made before legitimately erected stations, moving from one station to another. If this devout exercise is carried out publicly and such movement by all present cannot be done without some disorder, it is sufficient that the person who is leading the exercise move from station to station while the others remain in their places. Persons who are prevented from fulfilling the above requirements can obtain this indulgence if they spend some time eg. 15 minutes, in devout reading and meditation upon the passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. (cf. Handbook of Indulgences, n.63, 1991).

2013 Schedule Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross begin on the first Friday of Lent following the 7pm Mass.

Friday Feb 15 – The Way of the Cross by Thomas Wichert

Friday Feb 22 – Stations of the Cross for the Sick and Suffering

Friday Mar 1 – Pro-Life Meditations on the Way of the Cross

Fri Mar 8 Mary's Way of the Cross

Fri Mar 15 – The Way of the Cross from St.

Patrick's Basilica, Lough Derg

Fri Mar 22 – Development & Peace

Presentation of Stations of the Cross

Fri Mar 29 (Good Friday) – The Stations of the Cross presentation by Parish Youth

THE GIFT OF HOSPITALITY WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

Once again we are preparing to host the members of the N.E.T. Ministries Team who will be facilitating the Confirmation Retreat for our Gr. 8 students in May 2013.

NET Ministries is a Catholic evangelistic outreach program located in the Archdiocese of Ottawa. The team is comprised of young adults of vibrant faith who have given at least a year of their lives, some more, to travel across Canada to share their faith with Catholic youth. Using a retreat format, the team members blend a fun, high-energy experience, with a straightforward and personal presentation of the Gospel message and how Jesus Christ has affected their lives. They use large group presentations, small group discussions, music, games, skits, prayer, personal testimonies, and the Sacraments.



Knights of Columbus

Marian Hour of Prayer

The Knights of Columbus have embarked on a pilgrimage with Our Lady of Guadalupe, bearing her image from council to council, from parish to parish, to spread her message and her love. Through this Marian Prayer Program, we have a chance to gather as a family before the mother of humanity and offer our prayers and intentions.

You are invited to join the members of Council 4895 at a special mass to be held on Saturday February 16, 2012 at 10:00 am.

This program will be followed by veneration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction.

LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD

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

SHARELIFE SUNDAY

7pm Lenten Reconciliation Service

Tuesday March 26

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

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 26th - March 2nd and March 5th - 9th. 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 2nd - 3rd and February 16th - 17th. 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. Call Ken (905) 668-7081 or Linda (905) 493-3034



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 Prayer Group

Wednesdays 1pm – 2:30pm, PC

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 20th. It's a great way to prepare our hearts for Easter.

The Ministry of the Word: Proclaiming God's Deeds of Power A Workshop for Lectors

Wednesday February 20, 2013
7:30 – 9:30pm, Parish Centre

The role of the parish lector is integral to the celebration of Sunday Eucharist. This session will explore the root of lay liturgical ministry, highlight the role of the assembly, review the place of the Liturgy of the Word and reflect on spiritual preparation for those who are called to proclaim the Word of the Lord. Suggestions and tips for effective proclamation will be addressed in this workshop. This workshop will be of interest to those serving as lectors and those interested in this ministry.

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 9 - 5:00pm

+Donald Gibson

req. by Anne Hendriks

Tues. Feb 12 – 8:20am

+Attilio Cannella

req. by Tony & Rosa Cannella

Wed. Feb 13 - 8:20am

+Eleanor Dickie, In Thanksgiving

Lloyd & Pat

Wed. Feb 13 - 7pm

+Wyn Burgess

req. by SVDP, St. John the Evangelist Council

Thur. Feb 14 – 8:20 am

+Antonina Crimi

req. by Natale & Anna Ciardullo

Fri. Feb 15 – 7:00pm

+Marcela Arellano

req. by The Arellano Family

Sat Feb 16 - 5:00pm

+Gerard Morgan

req. by Patrick & Vicki Morgan & Family

Campaign Life Coalition Coins for Life 2013

Containers will be available in the foyer next weekend. Coins for Life support such projects as National March for Life, 40Days for Life, Life-Chain and other pro-life work we do.

Thank you on behalf of the unborn. For more information email

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