

FIRST EUCHARIST

“Invited to the Feast”

(Grade 2)

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**

Dear Parishioners:



You may be noticing a few liturgical changes during the Lenten season. I wanted to take this time to address these changes.

1. At my suggestion, the auxiliary ministers of the Eucharist are trying a new procedure to improve the flow of communicants returning to their pews following reception of the Eucharist. In addition to the two ministers distributing Holy Communion to the faithful who are coming up the centre aisle, additional Eucharistic ministers are now positioned in front of the FIRST PEW on each side of the centre aisle instead of standing to the immediate left or right of the priest. There is no change for those approaching a Eucharistic minister on either of the side aisles.

2. The *Roman Missal* states that the practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church takes place before the first mass on the Fifth Sunday of Lent, signifying the beginning of “Passiontide”, the last two weeks of Lent. During this period, the Liturgy of the Word increasingly reveals Christ's divinity as he makes his way toward Jerusalem. As the Church prepares to enter more deeply into the mystery of Christ's suffering and death, the signs of resurrection are veiled. The crosses remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, while other holy images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil.

3. Beginning this year, we will dispense with the practice of using bread on Holy Thursday other than the hosts normally consecrated at Mass. The hosts consecrated at the Mass of the Lord's Supper will be used for distribution of Holy Communion on both Holy Thursday and Good Friday.

4. Even though various parishes have adopted different ways of celebrating the optional rite of the Washing of the Feet during the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, the Church's liturgy intends that the feet of 12 men, chosen beforehand, be washed and dried by the principal celebrant, in imitation of the sacred action rendered by Christ upon his apostles. I wish to celebrate this rite as intended by the official directives of the Church.

5. I have purchased new oil containers which will be displayed in an ambry to be installed near the baptismal font. Beginning this year, at the beginning of the Holy Thursday liturgy, the fresh oils, blessed by the Archbishop during the Mass of Chrism, will be presented to the parish community. Thank you for your patience and cooperation. Feel free to speak to me in person if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours in Christ,
 Fr. Damian

***Good Friday is a Universal Day
 throughout the Church of fast and
 abstinence from meat.***

** For Catholics in Canada, Good Friday (and Ash Wednesday) are days of fasting and abstinence from meat. The law of abstinence from meat binds Catholics who are 14 years of age and older while the law of fasting binds those from 18 to 59 years of age, but every person regardless of age can participate in fasting and abstaining if they wish. “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). Parents and educators are reminded of their duty to introduce children gradually to the understanding and practice of penance. Adult example will be the greatest influence in this matter

(Guidelines for Pastoral Liturgy, 1999-2000, CCCB).

Good Friday Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land

In the Year of Faith we go back in time and place where our ecclesial faith was born and was gradually built. As the early Church and Christians of the Holy Land today, we know who has known and loved us: Christ among us, hope for glory (Col 1,27)

The Church of the Holy Land continues to be a witness of hope that challenges and supports us. This Church needs our hope and our solidarity. A prayer, a gesture and generosity can change loyalties. Our gestures of solidarity support the life of the Christian communities, the facilitation of social and charitable works and the maintenance of the Holy Sites. They ensure the training of priests for the present and the future.

The hope is shared and thus is transmitted. You just need the heart of a child of God to take in hand the light that passes through time and illuminates our path. A moment of wonder, attention to others and practical support are means always at our disposal to keep intact the memory of Jesus Christ, Hope of the Holy Sites and Christians of the Holy Land.

The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday March 26 from 9am to 3pm. It will be open from 3pm to 5pm that day.



MINISTRY FAIR**- Social Sunday MAY 5th**

If you are interested in joining a ministry or want to find out more information about the many ministries available in our church, please join us in the Parish Centre after the 9:00 and 11:00 am masses on Social Sunday, May 5th. If you have any questions, call Kathie at 905 666-4210.

Chocolate Easter Eggs

We have some solid Belgium chocolate eggs left and will be selling them after masses, until they are sold out. \$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00. The profits of the sale of these eggs go to support the FertilityCare Toronto formerly the Marguerite Bourgeoys Family Centre. Thank you for your support.

Ray Hayes Memorial Music Night For Natuashish

Presented by

Knights of Columbus

St John the Evangelist Council 4895

Knights North Committee

FEATURING MUSICAL TALENTS WITHIN THE KNIGHTS' AND PARISH FAMILIES.

Saturday April 13, 2013

Knights Hall - 133 Brock St N Whitby ON

Doors Open at 6:45pm

Performances Begins at 7:30pm

Prizes - Snacks - Cash Bar

Tickets - \$15.00 per person

For Tickets & Information Contact

Mark McGowan - 905-668-0959

Knights North is a multi-year project supporting Father Chris Rushton OMI and the youth of the Innu of Natuashish, Labrador (formally Davis Inlet)



**Our 2013
SHARELIFE GOAL
\$148,000
750 DONORS**

**HELP US REACH OUR TARGET
Here's how we are doing:**

SHARELIFE COLLECTION -**Week 1**

2013	2012
\$28,755	\$35,189
158	198
Donors	

ShareLife
Working wonders for young mothers...

"I love my daughter with all my heart, and that makes me a good mother, but all of the support and education I've received from Rose of Sharon has made me a great mother," says Lisa. She has also been given all the information and tools to have a healthy relationship with her daughter's father, and everyone else in her life. As far as her career dreams... she will be graduating high school this year and beginning an advanced college diploma in Fashion Business Management. Since Lisa became part of the Rose of Sharon community her life is back in the right direction and things are actually falling into place. "Not bad for two years and one little phone call".

ShareLife agencies provided counselling, support and community education to more than 6,200 young people last year - offering personal and group counselling to 1,705 pregnant youth and young mothers who turned to them for help.

Second ShareLife collection - April 21, 2013

Please give generously. You can work wonders!



Masses For The Week

Sat. Mar 23 - 5:00pm

+Mary Knap

req. by Richard & Irene Olech

Tues. Mar 26 - 8:20am

+ Deceased Members of the Tyszewicz & Gnyra Families

req. by Halina Gnyra

Wed. Mar 27 - 7pm

+Antonino Sidoti

req. by His Family

Thur. Mar 28 - 7:30pm

NO INTENTIONS

Fri. Mar. 29 - 3:00pm

NO INTENTIONS

Sat. Mar. 30 - 8:15pm

NO INTENTIONS**Holy Week Celebrations**

Tues March 26
Mass 8:20am

Wed. March 27
Mass 7:00pm



Thurs. March 28
**Mass of the Lord's
Supper
7:30pm**



Fri. March 29
**Good Friday
of the Lord's Passion 3:00pm
Stations of the Cross 7:00pm**



Sat. March 30
**Easter Vigil,
8:15pm**



Sun March 31
**Resurrection of the
Lord
9am and 11am**

There is no morning Mass on Holy Thursday and Good Friday. There are no confessions and no 5 p.m. Mass on Holy Saturday.

Looking Ahead**Sun. Mar 24**

1pm - 3:30pm Family Day for Children celebrating 1st Eucharist (Apr 6/7, 13/14)

Tues Mar 26

7pm - Movie - Jesus of Nazareth

Thu Mar 28

4pm Altar Svrs Rehearsal

Fri Mar 29 Good Friday

Collection for the Needs of the Holy Land

2pm Altar Svrs Rehearsal

3pm Good Friday of the Lord's

Passion

7pm Stations of the Cross

presented by the Youth of St.

John's Church

Sat. Mar 30

10am Altar Svrs Rehearsal

3pm Children's Choir Rehearsal

8:15pm Vigil with reception to follow

MOVIE**JESUS OF NAZARETH, FROM THE PASSION TO THE RESURRECTION**

In the Parish Centre

Tuesday, March 26, 2013 @7pm