

SACRAMENT PREPARATION PROGRAMS

2014 – 2015

<p>FIRST EUCHARIST “Invited to the Feast” (Grade 2)</p>	<p>CONFIRMATION “Anointed for Mission” (Grade 8)</p>
<p>Parents' Meeting Saturday, February 21 9:30 – 10:00 am (coffee/tea) in the Parish Centre 10:00 – 11:30 am (meeting) in the Church (parents only)</p>	<p>Sessions I – IV Jan 10, 17, 31 & Feb 7 in the Parish Centre 9:00 am – 10:30 am or 11:00 am – 12:30 pm (as scheduled)</p>



This week's theme is Joy and Light

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 and the one pink candle 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

Scripture

Sunday	John 1: 6-9
Monday	Philippians 4: 4-5
Tuesday	Luke 1:46-47, 49
Wednesday	Isaiah 61:11
Thursday	1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18
Friday	James 5: 7-8
Saturday	Isaiah 9: 2

Thank You! From All Saints CSS

The Staff and Students of All Saints Catholic Secondary School thank Fr. Damian and the parishioners of St John the Evangelist for the generous loan of the Nativity figurines, and creche that have now been retired from parish display. This gift is a welcome addition to our Chapel to help set the tone during the Holy Season of Advent. The baby Jesus still has not appeared and the Wise Men are in the process of travelling from the East, which we hope will generate some questions. Along with our

Advent wreath and the many signs and symbols of our faith, we are hopeful this Creche will present both a focus for reverence and some teachable moments about our Catholic faith and culture this Advent. Thank you for your support!



Masses For The Week

Sat. Dec 13 – 5pm

+Jim Mackey

req. by Pat O'Connor

Tues. Dec 16 – 8:20am

+Phillip Bray

req. by Marjorie Shields

Wed. Dec 17 - 7:00pm

+Danny O'Leary

req. by The O'Leary Family

Thur. Dec 18 – 8:20am

+Michael Power

req. by The Power Family

Fri. Dec 19 – 8:20am

+Kate Kapustin

req. by The Conboy Family

Sat. Dec 20 – 5:00pm

+Bill MacAdam

req. by His Wife & Family



St Vincent de Paul Society

Christmas Can Banks

Please return the can bank on December 6/7. A member of St.

Vincent de Paul will be collecting them after Mass in the foyer. THANK YOU!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Mark McGowan will present:

“Two men named Francis:

A Saint and a Pope

Thursday January 29, 2015 at 7pm

Parish Evening of Reconciliation
Sunday December 14, 2014
at 7pm
Several Priests available

Marriage Preparation Courses

Holy Family Parish

91 Ribblesdale Drive, Whitby

February 20, 2015 7pm to 9pm

February 21, 2015 9am – 4:30pm

February 22, 2015 9am – 6pm

Please contact Holy Family Parish (905) 665-6470.

St. Gertrude's Parish
690 King St E., Oshawa

A six week course, beginning January

17th, 2015. Saturday evenings 7-9pm

Cost: \$150.00 To register please call

905-433-0828



Christmas Carols

Join us on December 20th after the 5pm Mass

at the front entrance of the church for the seventh annual Christmas Carol gathering hosted by your Social Committee of Pastoral Council. Song sheets provided. **COOKIES** and **HOT CHOCOLATE** served. Dress Warm!

2015 Envelopes are available in the parish office for pickup. The envelopes will not be distributed from the foyer. Each family will be assigned an envelope box in 2015.

Catholic Family Services**Heart to Heart Gala**

Our 10th Annual Heart to Heart Gala will take place on Saturday, February 28, 2015 at Deer Creek Golf & Banquet Facility. Join us for an elegant evening including a 3-course dinner with wine, dance, silent/live auction, draws. Tickets are just \$100 each and would make a lovely Christmas gift! For information and to purchase your tickets, please contact Tania McClean at (905) 725-3513 ex 121 or by email

t.mcclean@cfsdurham.com

St. John the Evangelist Prayer Group

The Prayer Group will resume Wednesday January 7th 2015 at 1pm in the Parish Centre

Durham CATHOLIC District School French Immersion Registration

We welcome all students into our French Programs at schools across the region. We invite you to enrol your child through our online registration process at www.dcdsb.ca from December 10, 2014 to January 16, 2015. To find your French Immersion School, visit our website. Students must be entering Grade 1 in September 2015 to register. To learn more, attend a Parent Information Session: December 3, 2014 at 7pm
St. Mark the Evangelist
95 Waller St. Whitby, ON

**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!

St Vincent de Paul Society thank you

for returning your Can Bank for Christmas. If you have not already done so, please drop them off at the parish office or at the back of the church.
God Bless!

Christmas Mass Schedule

Wed. Dec. 24	Vigil of Christmas 5:00 pm Incense 8:00 pm 11:00 pm Incense
Thu. Dec. 25	Nativity of the Lord 9:00 am 11:00 am *3pm – Spanish Mass
Fri. Dec. 26	Feast of St. Stephen, first Martyr 9:00 am
Sat. Dec. 27	Feast of St. John (Patron Saint) 9:00 am, followed By Refreshments
Sat/Sun Dec. 28	Feast of Jesus, Mary & Joseph 5 pm, 9 am 11 am
Wed. Dec 31	7 th Day Octave of Christmas 5:00 pm
Wed. Jan. 1	Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God 9:00 am 11:00 am Incense

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

Toronto Serra Clubs

There was a man named John, sent by God, who came as a witness to testify to the Light, so that through this person all people might believe. Is it possible God could be calling your name to witness to the Light of Christ in our day? If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997 email vocations@archtoronto.org

Special Mass & Celebration for the Feast of our Patron, St. John the Evangelist

Saturday December 27, 2014 at 9am

Please join us at Saturday, December 27th at 9am for mass celebrating the Feast of Our Patron, St. John, and join us for refreshments in the parish centre, hosted by Pastoral Council

**ADVENT RETREAT
HOLY FAMILY PARISH**

Dec 15, 16, 17

7pm Mass each night

Set aside a few evenings to shift your focus during this hectic days leading to Christmas. Come and attend Holy Family's Advent Retreat. Reconciliation will follow after Mass on December 17th.

This retreat will focus on the heart's readiness for the coming of the Saviour. Speakers are Fr. Laszlo and Fr. Dominic Borg.

The most important gift of Christmas

did not arrive by Reindeer

Keep Christ in Christmas



Knights of Columbus

Looking Ahead**Sun Dec 14**

12:45-2:15 Nativity Play rehearsal
7pm Evening of Reconciliation in the church

Tue Dec 16

10am Mass at All Saints
1pm – 4pm & 7pm – 9pm Christmas Sponsors drop off gifts for SVDP, PC main

Wed Dec 17

7:30pm Baptism Prep, PC#1
9am All Day – SVDP PC main, Rm 2

Thu Dec 18

9am All Day – SVDP PC main, 1,2,3

Fri Dec 19

10am Mass at Taunton Mills
8am All Day – SVDP PC main, 1,2,3

Sat. Dec 20

2pm – 3pm Cantor's Rehearsal
2:30 – 4:30pm Children's Christmas Choir Rehearsal, PC main
6pm