

SACRAMENT PREPARATION PROGRAMS

2014 – 2015

FIRST EUCHARIST “Invited to the Feast” (Grade 2)	CONFIRMATION “Anointed for Mission” (Grade 8)
<u>Parents' Meeting</u> 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)	<u>Sessions I – IV</u> 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)

As your Pastor, I have been blessed to witness the presence of Christ in our parish through the dedication, sacrifices and hard work of so many parishioners.

I am grateful to Vicki, Troy and Gail for all that they do. This year, several new individuals joined the parish staff: our Lay Pastoral Assistant, Susan Douglas; our Parish Home Catechism Coordinator, Catherine Dykeman; and our Parish Bookkeeper, Sue McGee. Maura Brennan also joined Monique Roga as a part-time evening receptionist. Everyone has done amazing work. They keep the parish running smoothly and continually go above and beyond the call of duty. Thanks as well to Deacon Anthony Stone for his pastoral presence and valued ministry.

The parish simply could not function without all those who serve in our various parish ministries: members of the Pastoral Council, Finance Council, altar servers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, ushers, home communion to private homes and communion at nursing homes, gardeners, those who assist with funeral receptions, those who are involved with liturgical decoration, the catechists and everyone else involved in sacramental preparation for children and adults, musicians, cantors and choir members, the Knights of Columbus, and Catholic Women's League, and Feed the Hungry. A very special word of thanks to Deidre Newman and her team for a very successful evening concert of Christmas Joy.

We thank the members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society who, continually take the time to reach out to the needy families of our community and provide extra support at Christmas. I would also like to make special mention of those who helped on the day of the fire at Fairview Lodge and in the weeks that followed. Your volunteer support proved invaluable to both staff and residents.

A sincere expression of gratitude goes out to all who contributed their time and talent in any way to support the needs of the parish over the past year. Your pastor and fellow parishioners are profoundly humbled by your kindness and generosity. May God bless you abundantly during the Christmas Season and throughout the New Year. *Fr. Damian.*



Masses For The Week

Sat Dec. 27 – 9am

In Thanksgiving

req. by The Yearwood Family

Sat. Dec 27 – 5pm

+Nada & Andy Batinic

req. by Kaya Batinic

Tues. Dec 30 – 8:20am

+Andrew Gauthier

req. by Raymond Gauthier

Wed. Dec 31 5pm –

NO INTENTION

Thur. Jan 1 – 9am, 11am,

NO INTENTION

Fri. Jan 2 – 8:20am

+Mr & Mrs. J. Aldie Gauthier

req. by Raymond Gauthier

Sat. Jan 3 – 5:00pm

+Giovanna & Fernando Carpino

req. by Anna Hughes

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Mark McGowan will present:

“Two men named Francis:

A Saint and a Pope

Thursday January 29, 2015 at 7:30 –

9:00pm

in the church.

St. John the Evangelist Prayer Group
The Prayer Group will resume
meeting on Wednesday January 7,
2015 at 1pm in the Parish Centre.



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!

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

The most important gift of

Christmas

did not arrive by

Camel or

Reindeer.



Keep Christ in Christmas



Knights of Columbus

Pilgrimage to Shroud of Turin

May 10 – 23, 2015

Pope Francis has decreed that the Shroud of Turin be publicly displayed in the spring of 2015, to coincide with his visit to Turin. Fr. Martin Hilbert of the Oratory, Pastor of Holy Family Church Toronto, will lead a pilgrimage to see the Shroud and also a replica of the other burial cloth of Christ (the Sudarium) in Oviedo, Spain. Along the way, the group will also visit Fatima, Santiago de Compostela, Lourdes, Torreciudad, Montserrat, Barcelona, and Avignon. Call Fr. Hilbert at 416-532-2879 or visit <http://www.ihtours.com/itinerary=244> for more information.

Durham Catholic District School Brd Continuing Education Centre Winter/Spring 2015 Course Guide

Copies of the Durham Catholic DSB Continuing Education Winter/Spring 2015 course Guide are available once again at the back of the Church. Courses are offered in Computers, High School Credit Courses (day/night school & correspondence), English as a Second Language, Literacy/Upgrading, and Personal Support Worker. Classes begin January 6, 2015. Please take a copy from the foyer table.

Durham Catholic District School Board Full Day Kindergarten Registration

We welcome all interested families to register for our Full Day Kindergarten programs at schools across the region. Your child must be turning four years of age by December 31, 2015 to register in the Durham Catholic school system.

Step 1: Visit dcdsb.ca from **January 12 to 16, 2015** to enroll your child through the online application process. For questions about registration email admissions@dcdsb.ca

Step 2: Call your local Catholic school to make an appointment to complete your registration during the week of **January 19 to 23, 2015**.

Child Care

Do you have before and after school child care arrangements for September 2015? For information on child care programs available at Durham Catholic schools call 905-576-6150 ext. 2172 or email: childcare@dcdsb.ca

Durham Catholic District School Board French Immersion Registration

At the Durham Catholic District School Board, we welcome all students into our French Programs at schools across the region. We invite you to enroll your child through our online registration process at www.dcdsb.ca from **December 10, 2014 to January 16, 2015**. Students must be entering Grade 1 in September 2015 to register.

Toronto Serra Clubs

By Baptism we are God's holy family. Pray today for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained or consecrated person. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto (416) 968-0997. www.vocationtoronto.ca



ITALIAN NIGHT

Saturday, Jan. 24, 2015
Knights of Columbus Hall
133 Brock St. N. Whitby

Cocktails: 6:00pm

Dinner: 7:00pm

Dancing to follow - Cash Bar
Tickets - \$25 per person (Reserved tables for group purchases of 6 or more).

Tickets on sale after Masses
Jan. 3/4 & 10/11 weekends.

For tickets & information – contact Gerry or Roberta Deschenes at (905) 430-2978 or
deschenes.family@sympatico.ca

FEED THE HUNGRY PROGRAM

RESUMES FEBRUARY 8/9 2015.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Masses during Octave of Christmas

Sat/Sun Dec. 28 Feast of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

5 pm, 9 am 11 am

Wed. Dec 31 7th Day Octave of Christmas

5:00 pm *

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament to follow until 9pm*

Wed. Jan. 1 Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

9:00 am

11:00 am **Incense**

Looking Ahead

Sun Jan 4 – Social Sunday after 9am & 11am Masses, hosted by St. Vincent de Paul

Mon Jan 5

7:30pm St Vincent de Paul Meeting, PC main

Wed Jan 7

6:15 – 7:15pm PHCP, PC all, St. Jos/Alb Rms

Thu Jan 8

7:30pm RCIA, PC#1

Sat Jan 10

9am – 10:30am Confirmation Program Session 1

11am – 12:30pm Confirmation Program Session 1

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2015 Ecumenical Prayer Service Sunday January 25, 2015

Yorkminster Park Baptist Church
 1585 Yonge Street

Parking is available, refreshments to follow. For more info, call the Office of Ecumenical and Interfaith Affairs at (416) 934-3400 x 344 or x 527.

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