

SACRAMENT PREPARATION PROGRAMS

2014 – 2015

FIRST EUCHARIST “Invited to the Feast” (Grade 2)	CONFIRMATION “Anointed for Mission” (Grade 8)
CELEBRATION In the Church Tuesday, November 25 (A-L) and Thursday, December 5 (M-Z)	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)

You are invited to a musical evening of
Christmas Joy
on Saturday, November 29 at
7:00pm
St. John the Evangelist Church
Featuring the Junior Choir,
St. Michael's Choir School
and St. John the Evangelist Church Choir.

Proceeds will be in support of
St. John the Evangelist Renovation Fund.

Post concert reception of Christmas treats and cider will take place in the parish centre.

Tickets: Suggested Donation
(Prior to Concert Night)

Adult \$15 Child 12 and under \$5
Tickets will be available after mass in the foyer Nov 15/16, 22/23 or by contacting the Parish Office (905) 668-3676. To reserve tickets or to obtain further information please contact the spiritual committee of the pastoral council;

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St. John the Evangelist Parish Children's Christmas Choir 2014

Calling all young singers, age 9 and up! You are invited to share your talents as Music Ministers, leading the people in singing praise to God for **Christmas Eve 5p.m. Family mass.**

WHERE? Rehearsals will all be held at St John the Evangelist Parish Centre.

WHEN? 3:00- 4:15 pm*
 Saturdays DEC. 6, DEC. 13,
 And 2:30-4:15 pm. Sat DEC 20

CANTORS REHEARSALS:
Saturday Dec 13 at 2:00 pm, 1 more rehearsal to be determined if needed.)

Music Ministry at Mass
December 24th
4:30 to 6:30 pm

Attendance at **ALL** rehearsals is necessary for all choir members, so that we learn the music well, build a solid team effort in harmony, and feel confident and ready to lead song together. Pre-registration is appreciated. Youth leaders welcome!
Please call Eileen McGowan at 905 668-0959 or email
eipmcmgowan1@rogers.com

Looking Ahead

Tues Nov 25

7pm 1st Reconciliation, (A-L)
 7pm Choir rehearsal in PC main & Church
Wed Nov 26

1pm Prayer Group, PC main
 6:15-7:15pm PHCP, PC all, St. Jos/Alb Rms
 7pm Mass for the Faithful Departed
 7:30pm Baptism Prep, PC#1

Thu Nov 27

7pm RCIA, PC#1
 7:30pm CWL General Mtg, PC main

Fri Nov 28

10am Mass at Taunton Mills

Sat Nov 29

10:30am Altar Svr Training, in church
 7pm Christmas Choir Concert, in the church. *Refreshments in the Parish Centre to follow.*



Masses For The Week

Sat. Nov 22 – 5:00pm

+Carmelo & Rosa Cusma
req. by Tina Saturno

Tues. Nov 25 – 8:20am

+Raffaele & Rosetta La Torre
req. by Mr & Mrs Antonio La Torre

Wed. Nov 26 – 7:00pm

Mass for the Faithful Departed

Thur. Nov 27 – 8:20am

+Antonio, Maria Fortunato & Daniele Ciardullo

req. by Natale & Anna Ciardullo

Fri. Nov 28 – 8:20am

+John Forget

req. by Bernard & Maria Ferris

Sat. Nov 29 – 5:00pm

+Mario Bonello
req. by His Family

CLOTHING DRIVE - Students from All Saints Secondary School are conducting a clothing drive for The Refuge, in Oshawa. The Refuge is a center for homeless youth from the Durham region. Many of these young people need warm clothing for the winter. If you have gently used clothing such as coats, shoes, boots, toques, and mittens, please drop them in the box in the church lobby set aside for The Refuge on the weekends of November 22/23 and November 29/30. Thank you for your generosity.

Marriage Preparation Course

Holy Family Parish

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
 Mark McGowan will present: “Two men named Francis:
 A Saint and a Pope
 Thursday January 29, 2015 at 7pm
Make A Joyful Noise To the Lord!

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.



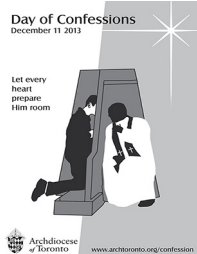
Children's Nativity Play

This year children of the parish will perform a brief nativity play before the children's mass at 5pm on Christmas Eve. We are looking for performers between the ages of 4 and 9. There will be a commitment of several rehearsals on Sunday afternoons. Parents whose children would like to participate can call Jeff or Julia at 905 430 3093.

Parish Home Catechism

STILL SEEKING CATECHISTS

2 or 3 assistants are needed for grade 3 and grade 8 to support our main catechists. Please call Cathy at (905) 668-0724.



Archdiocese of Toronto
DAY OF CONFESSIONS
Wednesday, December 10, 2013
 At all Parishes in the Archdiocese

For information about Confessions, please refer to www.archtoronto.org/confession
 Father Damian will be available in the confessional throughout the day to hear

Confessions.
8am to noon
1pm to 4pm
6pm to 6:45pm



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!

St John the Evangelist School

Please Help us Help our School Yard

St John the Evangelist Catholic Elementary School needs your votes everyday!

Our idea has been entered into Aviva Community Fund competition so we may gain funding to brighten up our school yard.

Please register today and vote for us everyday till Nov.24th.

If we can gain 1000 votes and qualify for the semi-finals we are awarded \$1000 for St.Vincent de Paul Society.

Now that is a reason to vote!

www.avivacommunityfund.org
 idea# ACF22037

Advent Reflection Booklets are available for pickup at the back counter. \$2 donation is suggested.

Right to Life Christmas Cards

Right To Life Christmas Cards & Ornaments are here! Promote the Sanctity of Life from conception to natural death. Be Pro-life, Pro-Christmas and Pro Active by sending and giving these positive expressions of faith, hope and charity. New 2014 card designs and a variety of packages of 10 cards plus 5 ornament selections are value priced at \$8.00 each Cards and ornaments will be available in the foyer on Saturday Dec 6th and in the Parish Centre Sunday Dec 7th during Social Sunday. Contact Mary Louise LaBarre (905) 718-6367 or mlabarre@sympatico.ca

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



Members of Council 4895 will be
 Distributing

"Keep Christ In Christmas"
 car magnets after all of the masses on
 December 6th & 7th, 2014
 Magnets can be purchased for
 \$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00



Advent begins next
Sunday November 30

Symbols are a part of tradition. Traditions are a part of faith. Advent, the beginning of the liturgical year, is a time of preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas. We commemorate the coming of Jesus to Bethlehem and his coming into our hearts today.

The Advent wreath, its circular shape, is a symbol of eternal life. The three purple candles symbolize our time of waiting, repenting and preparing for the Lord. The pink candle represents joy as we move closer to Christmas. Having the Advent wreath in our homes is a visual reminder that Jesus is the reason for the season. With Scripture readings, prayers and lit candles, a meaning tradition is shared in our homes and handed down to the next generation of faith.

Only one purple candle is lit during the first week, two in the second week, three (incl. the pink one) in the third week, and all four during the fourth week of Advent; the gradually increasing light symbolizes the approach of Christmas, the birth of Jesus, the light of the world. A fifth candle (white) can be added in the middle of the wreath for Christmas Eve and Day symbolizing the arrival of Christ, the light of the world.



Shepherds' Trust Collection

A very big thank you to all who contributed to the Shepherds' Trust Collection.