

SACRAMENT PREPARATION PROGRAMS

2013 - 2014

CONFIRMATION “Anointed for Mission” (Grade 8)	FIRST EUCHARIST “Invited to the Feast” (Grade 2)
"Program Sessions for Candidates" Saturday, February 23 and March 1 at 9 - 10:30 and 11 – 12:30 (as scheduled)	"Family Day" Sunday, April 13, 1:00 – 3:30 p.m. for celebrations taking place on April 26-27 and May 3-4 Sunday, May 4, 1:00 – 3:30 p.m. for celebrations taking place on May 24-25-31 and June 1

PENANCE IN LENT

Fridays in the Lenten Season are days of penance, when small sacrifices are encouraged. Abstaining from meat on Fridays has become a customary Lenten penance for Catholics. The Canadian Bishops have recommended that this penitential practice continue among the faithful, but also stated that other acts of penance may be substituted, such as special prayers or acts of service for others.

Ash Wednesday (March 5th) and **Good Friday (April 18th)** are days of obligatory fasting and abstinence from meat. “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). The law of fasting binds those from 18 to 59 years of age, while the law of abstinence from meat binds Catholics who are 14 years of age and older, but every person, regardless of age, can participate in fasting and abstaining from meat if they wish, as long as one’s health will allow it.

Parents and educators are reminded of their duty to introduce children gradually to the understanding and practice of penance, including fasting and abstinence, in the life of Catholics. Adult example will be the greatest influence in this matter (Guidelines for Pastoral Liturgy, 1999-2000, CCCB).

2014 STATIONS OF THE CROSS SCHEDULE

Each Friday during Lent, Mass is 7:00pm followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm, except for Good Friday - Stations begin at 7pm

March 7

The Way of the Cross for the People of God
(Edwin Dorzewiler, O.F.M. Cap. & Christopher Farrell, C.S.S.R.)

March 14

The Way of the Cross from St. Patrick’s Basilica, Lough Derg

March 21

Inner Healing Through Meditations on the Stations of the Cross
(Rev. Robert DeGrandis, S.S.J.)

March 28

A Family-Centered Way of the Cross (Michael A. Diebold)

April 4

Development & Peace Presentation of the Way of the Cross

April 11

Mary’s Way of the Cross
(Richard G. Furey, C.S.S.R.)

April 18 Good Friday – 7:00pm

Way of the Cross by the Parish Youth

CWL The Toronto Archdiocesan Council of the Catholic Women’s League of Canada is offering a scholarship to St. Michael’s College.

This scholarship is open to any young woman who is of Catholic faith, who is completing her secondary school education, and who has indicated on her application to the University of Toronto that St. Michael’s College is her first college of choice. The applicant must be entering the Faculty of Arts and Science in one of the following areas of study: Commerce, Computer Science, Humanities and Social Sciences or Sciences. Applications due to Toronto CWL **April 14, 2014**. For further information, please contact Martha Hamilton, CWL Education Chairperson (905) 430-2444.

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.

Admissions are accepted from grades 7 – 12 and are due March 2, **2014**. For more information, please

Contact Martha Hamilton, CWL Education Chairperson at (905) 430-2444



Masses For The Week

Sat. Feb 22 – 5:00pm

+Antonino Sidoti*req. by His Family*

Tues. Feb 25 – 8:20am

Prayers to the Crucifix*req. by A Parishioner*

Wed. Feb 26 – 7pm

+Giuseppina Scibilia Villanti*req. by Vince & Elda Villanti & Family*

Thur. Feb 27 – 8:20am

In Thanksgiving to St. Joseph*req. by A Parishioner*

Fri. Feb 28 – 8:20am

+Sam*req. by The Coffee Group*

Sat. Mar 1 – 5:00pm

+Ruth Spratt*req. by Jim & Mary McTeague***World Day of Prayer 2014**

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together the first Friday of March to observe a common day of prayer each year. Through World Day of Prayer, women affirm their faith in Jesus Christ and become aware of the whole world; are enriched by the faith experience of Christians of other countries and cultures; share the burdens of other people and pray with them and for them; become aware of their own talents and use them in the service of God's world. Prayer and action are inseparable and both have immeasurable influence in the world.

We will join our neighbours in celebrating

World Day of Prayer**At The Salvation Army****710 McQuay Blvd (corner of****McQuay & Bonacord)****Friday March 7 at 2pm****Evening Youth Service****St. John's Anglican Church****Friday March 7th at 7pm****ALL ARE WELCOME****Lift Jesus Higher Rally****Saturday March 1st 2014****9am to 5:30pm**

Metro Toronto Convention Centre,

North Bldg

255 Front St. W.,

Adults \$20, Youth \$10

For tickets or more information call
(905) 270-2510, or (416) 251-4255www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.org**.8th Annual Scout Mass**St. John the Evangelist
Parish is hosting a Mass
for Scouts Canada

Members on

Sunday February 23, 2014 at
2:30pm. Assembly begins at 2pm.Celebrant: The Most Rev. Vincent
Nguyen, Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto
RSVP: scoutmass@gmail.com**FIRST FRIDAY****Friday March 7th****At 6pm**

**Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament with Benediction and
Adoration until 7pm.
Mass to follow with Stations of
the Cross at 7:30pm**

Looking Ahead**Sun Feb 23**2:30pm Mass with Scouts, celebrated by
Most Rev. Nguyen, Auxiliary Bishop**Tues Feb 25**

9:45am Mass at St. Luke's School

1pm Prayer Group, PC main

6:00 – 6:50pm PHCP, Gr 7/8

7:30pm Theology of the Body, St. Jos
Rm**Thu Feb 27**9:15am Mass with St. John's School, in
church7pm Mass & 7:30pm meeting with
Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Durham

Particular Council, PC main

7:30pm RCIA, PC#1

Fri Feb 28

10am Mass at Taunton Mills

Sat Mar 1

9am – 10:30am & 11am – 12:30pm

Confirmation Session IV, PC all

LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD**Wed Mar 5 Ash Wednesday**-Masses at 8:20am and 7pm with
Ash services (schools and nursing
homes will have Ash Services only,
distributed by school staff or nursing
home Ministry)**Sun Mar 30**-Sacrament of Reconciliation Service
at 7pm, several Priests available-ShareLife 1st Collection

HUMAN LOVE IN THE DIVINE PLAN



Pope John Paul II's "Theology of the Body" encourages true reverence for the gift of our sexuality and challenges us to live it in a way worthy of our great dignity as human persons. The physical human body has a specific meaning and is capable of revealing answers to fundamental questions about us and our lives.

Join us in the

**St. Joseph's Room for a series of
informative and inspiring
presentations Wednesday evenings
beginning at 7:30 p.m.**

**Everyone 18 years of age and over is
welcome!**

Registration: \$10.00 per person

February 19 & 26

Before the Fall, who were we? Christ points
us to the beginning.

March 19 & 26

After the Fall: Historical Man

April 2

Exploring "Love" in Theology of the Body

April 9

For Freedom Has Christ Set us Free: What
freedom is, and what it is not

April 30

Sexual Morality and the Freedom to Love:
The "Why" and the "What" of Catholic

Teaching

May 7

The Sacramentality of Marriage

May 14

Growing in Holiness

Presented by Mr. Paul Coates and Mr.

Nick Lusito, Religion Department,

Fr. Leo J. Austin Secondary School,

Whitby

Guest Presenter: Maria Reilander, Our

Lady Seat of Wisdom Academy,

Barry's Bay