

SACRAMENT PREPARATION PROGRAMS

2013 – 2014

<p>FIRST EUCHARIST “Invited to the Feast” (Grade 2)</p>	<p>CONFIRMATION “Anointed for Mission” (Grade 8)</p>
<p>Parents' Meeting Saturday, January 25 10:00 – 11:30 am (A-L) 1:00 – 2:30 pm (M-Z) in the Parish Centre (parents only)</p>	<p>Sessions I – IV Feb 1 & 8, Feb 22 & Mar 1 in the Parish Centre 9:00 am – 10:30 am or 11:00 am – 12:30 pm (as scheduled)</p>



Masses For The Week

- Sat. Jan 18 – 5:00pm
+Martin McAndrew
req. by Bridget Rooney
- Tues. Jan 21 – 8:20am
+Ruth Spratt
req. by James Mackey & Family
- Wed. Jan 22 – 7pm
+Norm Landry
req. by Mr. & Mrs. Gorman Green
- Thur. Jan 23 – 8:20am
+Martha Spence
req. by Worrall Family
- Fri. Jan 24 – 8:20am
+Ruth Spratt
req. by Joan Attersley
- Sat. Jan 25 - 5:00pm
+Maria Ortiz
req. by Dina Daza & Family

2014 St. John Calendars & Offertory Envelopes

2014 Offertory envelopes and calendars are available. At the back counter between Christmas & New Year weekends. *The calendars are provided with compliments of W.C. Town Funeral Chapel.*

VERY IMPORTANT!

Please provide your name and address on at least the first 2 donations you make. Return address labels are good for this purpose.

BEGINNING IN 2014, IT IS MOST IMPORTANT THAT YOU DISCARD THE 2013 ENVELOPES AND BEGIN USING THE NEW ENVELOPES. PLEASE DO NOT USE OLD YEAR ENVELOPES IN THE NEW YEAR.

CWL General Meeting

Our January general meeting will take place on Thursday, January 23rd at 7:30 p.m. in the main room of the Parish Centre. Our 2014 disbursements will be our main topic for the evening. All ladies of the parish are most welcome to join us. If you require transportation, please contact Lynne Childerhouse at 905-668-5206.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, February 16, 2013
 after 9 am and 11 am Masses
 in the Parish Centre.
 \$3 per person or \$10 per Family
 Tickets available Jan 18/19, 25/26,
 Feb 8/9 in the foyer after Mass.
Hosted by your Pastoral Council

Office of Vocations

**Come & See Weekend
 January 31 to February 2, 2014
 St. Augustine's Seminary**

This is an opportunity for young men of 18 years or older to spend a weekend of prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples through the Catholic priesthood.

2013-2014 Education Campaign:
A VOICE FOR JUSTICE

Today you found attached to this bulletin the materials for this year's campaign. We invite you to read through them as we will ask you at next week's Eucharistic celebration to join us in petitioning the government for an ombudsperson, who can attend to the plight of the people affected by improper mining practices, in a just and efficient manner.

If you would like to review more information on the issue or watch the testimonials from the communities affected, you can do so at www.devp.org. We also encourage you to become a Development and Peace member, we will have registration packages in the foyer of the church. We thank you for your participation in past years and we hope for your continued support.

YOU CAN UNDERSTAND THE BIBLE!

Sat. January 25, 9:30 – 3:30 pm
ST. GERTRUDE'S PARISH
 690 King St. E., Oshawa
 Registration: 8:30 - 9:00 am
 Mass: 8 am optional

Not many days left to register for this amazing seminar which will get you started on a completely new and more meaningful way to read the Bible. A participant in the Quick Journey Bible Study wrote, “It helped me learn our story of God's love, His forgiveness, His call to trust Him and to discern His

plan for our lives.” If you would like to experience the same, plan to attend on January 25th. Cost is \$45, which includes seminar materials and a light lunch. **Please pray that God will bless the outcome of this seminar in our parish community.**

Register after weekend Masses or at the parish office, 905-433-0828, stgertrudes@bellnet.ca

7 Keys to Faithfully and Fruitfully Sharing Your Faith

Talk by Thomas Smith
(presenter of the Bible Timeline Seminar)

**Friday January 24th
7 – 9 pm**

All are welcome to attend this session in St. Gertrude’s Church. There is no cost to attend. Even if you cannot make it to the Saturday Seminar, please try to come and fill our Church for this inspiring session. No registration is required. A good will offering will be collected

Looking Ahead

Wed. Jan 22

1pm Prayer Group, PC main
6:00 – 6:50pm PHCP, Gr 1-8, PC all, St. Jos/Alb Rms
7:00pm Confirmation Catechist Mtg, St. Jos Rm

Thu Jan 23

7:30pm RCIA, PC #1

Sat Jan 25

10 – 11:30am Eucharist Meeting for Parents (A-L), PC main
1pm – 2:30pm Eucharist Meeting for Parents (M-Z), PC main

Fri Jan 31

10am Mass at Taunton Mills

Sat. Feb 1

9am – 1pm
Confirmation Program Session 1, PC all

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY – GOD’S PLAN FOR HUMAN LOVE

Join us for 10 sessions immediately after the evening Mass on Wednesdays beginning on February 5th at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Centre. 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.

While our sessions are intended for adults, this theology is for people of all ages and vocations since it sums up the true meaning of the human person. According to the Theology of the Body, the physical human body has a specific meaning and is capable of revealing answers to fundamental questions about us and our lives:

- Is there a real purpose to life and, if so, what is it?
- Why were we created male and female?
- What does the marital union of man and woman say to us about God and his plan for our lives?
- What is the purpose of the celibate vocation?
- What exactly is love?

This series promises to be very informative and thought-provoking. Our main presenters will be **Paul Coates** and **Nick Lusito**, teachers in the Religion and Family Life Department at Fr. Leo J. Austin Secondary School who have been providing instruction in Theology of the Body to their students with great success for several years.

The **registration fee is \$10.00 per person**. An **optional book** titled Theology of the Body for Beginners (2009), by Christopher West, can be used to supplement the presentations and is available at an **additional cost of \$15.00**.

A big THANK YOU from St. Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Committee CHRISTMAS 2013

Through the generosity of the Parish Community of St. John the Evangelist, the St. Vincent de Paul Society provided Christmas help in the form of toys, gift certificates, clothes and food vouchers to 198 needy families within the parish boundary.

SVP particularly want to thank the students of All Saints Catholic High School for their magnificent success to sponsor 25 needy families. Thanks to All Saints staff for organizing, participating and shopping with the students for gifts. The school also provided food vouchers for Christmas dinner for all of these families. Wish lists were given to St. Marguerite d’Youville, St. John the Evangelist and St. Luke the Evangelist schools and 98 Christmas baskets were filled from this support, for single adults and seniors. St. John’s school also had a craft day for students and the proceeds of \$920 were given in the form of food vouchers to help provide Christmas dinner for the needy families.

We thank the teachers and students of Brother André School, Ajax who sponsored 4 families, the teachers from these schools are parishioners of St. John’s parish.

We would also like to thank our Parish sponsors who had a wonderful Christmas SHARING experience, shopping with their families to provide wrapped gifts to 76 families.

SVP members delivered until Christmas Eve. Nobody was turned away. Through monetary, food vouchers and turkey donations, we were able to provide food vouchers for Christmas dinner to all 198 needy families.

Appreciation is expressed for all the knitted items donated for use in the Seniors’ baskets, to the 3 elves who gift wrapped all Christmas hampers, and all SVP members who assisted with the distribution of the Christmas toys and gift hampers.

Thanks also, to those who donated to our Can Bank collection. We truly applaud the spirit of generosity from the parishioners of St. John the Evangelist Parish.