

SACRAMENT PREPARATION PROGRAMS

2013 - 2014

FIRST EUCHARIST "Invited to the Feast"

(Grade 2)

"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

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.

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.

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



Masses For The Week

Sat. Mar 1 – 5:00pm

+Ruth Spratt

req. by Jim & Mary McTeague

Tues. Mar 4 – 8:20am

+Alec Brown

req. by The Flynn Family

Wed. Mar 5 – 8:20am

+Louis McKenna

req. by Will & Karen Burke & Family

Wed. Mar 5 – 7:00pm

+Brian Valerian D'Silva

Terrence & Lily & Joshua

Thur. Mar 6 – 8:20am

+Anne Hendriks

req. by The Two-Table Bridge Club

Fri. Mar 7 – 8:20am

+Eileen Abbott & Ellen Goswell

req. by John & Lucy McManus & Family

Sat. Mar 8 – 5:00pm

+Andy Batinic

req. by Kaya Batinic & Family



Knights of Columbus

St John the Evangelist
Council #4895

Regular Meeting

Wednesday March 5, 2014

Late Start ~8:30 P.M.

Knights of Columbus Hall

133 Brock Street North

Whitby ON



This Sunday March 2 is Social Sunday after the 9am and 11am Masses. Please join us in the Parish Centre for refreshments after Mass. It's hosted by our Lectors!

Feed the Hungry Containers

This weekend, please take a container in the foyer after Mass. Prepare and freeze the recipe provided and return the FROZEN casserole to the parish centre parking lot at 1pm on Saturday March 8.

Thank you for your participation!



Society of St Vincent de Paul
TURNING CONCERN INTO ACTION

We appreciate all donations; but please consider dropping off **canned fruit and/or cereal** over the upcoming Sundays.

St John's Prayer Group

Come and join us in the Parish Centre at 1pm on Wednesdays during Lent for a video presentation from a Mission by Fr. Brian Massey on March 12th and March 19th. Then on March 26th and April 2nd a two-part series on the "Seven Last Sayings of Christ" by Dr. Scott Hahn. On April 9th and 16th leading up to Easter, we will have a two-part video presentation of "Behind the Easter Story". Everyone is welcome. It's a wonderful way to prepare our hearts for Easter. Hope to see you there!



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

Youth of the Parish!

Good Friday Stations of the Cross

On Good Friday, April 18th at 7pm, there will be a dramatic presentation of the Way of the Cross by the Parish Youth. All young people who are interested in participating are asked to contact Jeff or Julia at (905) 430-3093. Your presence will be required for several rehearsals.

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.

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

Newman Centre –
University Student Campus Ministry Team

All Catholic students entering or continuing post-secondary education are invited to consider becoming part of the Student Campus Ministry team at the Newman Centre. You will live in

community with other students, witness to your faith through Catholic chaplaincy outreach, participate in the liturgical life at Newman, and be provided with a platform to grow in holiness and develop solid Catholic leadership skills. Your partially subsidized residence fees include a private room and shared or private bath, food and utilities. Email Erin Kinsella at

chaplaincy@newmantoronto.com today.

Deadline to apply is March 31 for the summer term May-August and May 15 for the Fall/Winter term (September – April).

Looking Ahead

Sun Mar 2 – Social Sunday, hosted by Lectors

1:30pm – CWL Public Speaking Contest, PC main

Mon Mar 3

7:30pm SVDP Meeting, PC main

Wed. Mar 5 – ASH WEDNESDAY

Masses with Ashes @8:20am and 7pm

1pm Prayer Group, PC main

Thu Mar 6

7:30pm RCIA, PC#1

Fri Mar 7

6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for 1 hour

7pm Mass followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm



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

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

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

Married couples: you deserve a weekend to cherish being together; to rediscover each other and focus on ways to make your relationship even better. A

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend offers this opportunity. Consider giving each other or another couple that you know the gift of a weekend away from daily pressures; time to be with each other and with God on a Marriage Encounter Weekend.

Upcoming Weekend: March 21-23, 2014

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