

<u>SACRAMENT PREPARATION PROGRAMS</u>	
2015 – 2016	
FIRST RECONCILIATION “Celebrating God’s Love” (Grade 2)	CONFIRMATION “Anointed for Mission” (Grade 8)
CHILDREN'S RETREAT DAY in the Parish Centre (children only) Saturday, November 28 10:00 am – 12:00 pm (A-L) 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm (M-Z)	Sessions I – IV Oct 17, 31, Nov 7 & 14 in the Parish Centre 9:00 am – 10:30 am or 11:00 am – 12:30 pm (as scheduled)
It is mandatory that all children who do not attend Catholic school participate in the Parish Home Catechism Program for TWO years prior to receiving each sacrament.	

The Book of Life



The month of November is traditionally known as the month of the Holy Souls, having at its beginning the two great feasts - All Saints and All Souls.

To commemorate your faithful departed family and friends, you are invited to submit a page for the “Book of Life.” This page should be 8 ½” by 11” and fit into a standard 3-ring binder. On it you may type or print the names of whomever you would like to have remembered in a special way at all our parish Masses during November. You may decorate your “Family Page” in whatever way you wish as long as it fits the above requirements. This “Book of Life” will be left in the sanctuary during November to remind us to pray, at church and at home for our loved ones.

SOCIAL SUNDAY

On Sunday November 1st, please join us after mass



for refreshments in the parish centre, hosted by the Choir.

Feed the Hungry

Please take a foil container. Prepare the recipe provided and return the FROZEN meal to the parish centre parking lot on Saturday November 7th at 1pm. Your meal will be delivered to St. Vincent Palotti Kitchen for heating and serving.

NON PERISHABLE FOOD IS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED FOR OUR ST VINCENT DE PAUL

FOOD PANTRY

**** UPCOMING INFORMATION EVENING ****

The February 2015 Supreme Court ruling on doctor-assisted suicide has sparked renewed focus on the need for universal access to quality hospice palliative care, an alternative to doctor-assisted suicide. In an effort to inform our parish community, the following information session has been organized by our parish’s Catholic Women’s League

You are invited to join fellow parishioners at this informative event

HOSPICE PALLIATIVE CARE SUPPORTING THOSE TOUCHED BY A LIFE THREATENING ILLNESS

Thursday, November 19, 2015
 St John the Evangelist Parish Centre
 Time: 7:00 p.m.

This evening will include discussion on the following topics: What is quality hospice palliative care? How does hospice palliative care relieve suffering and improve the quality of life for persons who are living with or dying from advanced illness? What services are available in our area in home, hospital and long term care settings? Guest presenters include Dr. Gillian Gilchrist and Cheryl MacLeod, leaders in the introduction of hospice palliative care services in Durham Region and Jennifer Tedford, Intake and Referral Coordinator at VON Durham Hospice, a provider of hospice palliative care services. A representative of the Central East Community Care Access

Centre’s Palliative Care team will also present.
Invitation to St. Michael’s Choir School Christmas Concert from Pastoral Council

Did you know that 216 Boys from the St. Michael’s Choir School will perform at the Christmas Concert at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, on Friday, November 27, 2015. at 7:00 pm in support of the church renovation fund and St. Michael’s Choir School?

Tickets are available after Masses in October and November 2015 Suggested donation in advance is \$20 for Adults and \$10 for Children 12 & under. Suggested donation at the door is \$25 for Adults and \$15 for Children 12 & under .

If you wish to serve as a volunteer, provide corporate sponsorship for Concert brochure Ads, or purchase tickets, please contact the Parish Office at 905-668-3676, or Iris McNulty irismcnultyawl@hotmail.com; Roberta Deschenes deschenes.family@sympatico.ca and Deidre Newman dnewman@danewmanlaw.com .

Invitation to Children and Youth from Pastoral Council

Father Damian and Pastoral Council are pleased to invite all children, youth and families to the first Saturday mass of each month commencing on November 7, 2015 at 5:00 pm.

Children/youth interested in participating in the mass (as lectors, greeters, offertory service, etc) are invited to attend at 4:15 pm on November 7, 2015 with a tin of food as a donation for St. Vincent de Paul in order to participate in this mass.

A Note of Gratitude

On behalf of Father Damian and the Pastoral Council, I thank the spiritual committee enthusiastically led by Iris McNulty and kindly assisted by Roberta Deschenes, Silvia Garcia, David Hickey, and Irena Stebih for arranging the first of three speaker's nights featuring a thoughtful and provocative presentation from the Madonna House on October 27, 2015.

A special thank you also to all who attended this very special evening,

Deidre Newman,
Chair Pastoral Council

VENDOR FAIR

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Women's League are hosting a Vendor Fair on Saturday, December 5th. Please mark your calendars as a great opportunity for Christmas shopping. We are also looking for additional vendors to participate. If you are interested, please contact Lynne Childerhouse at lchilderhouse@hotmail.com or 905.431.6582. The net proceeds will help support our annual charitable donations.

Commemoration of The Faithful Departed

Monday November 2nd @7:00pm
A special Mass for the Faithful Departed (All Souls) will be celebrated by Father Damian at 7:00pm.

ADULT FUNERAL ALTAR SERVERS WANTED!

More adult funeral altar servers are desperately needed to serve at funerals. Availability weekday mornings is necessary. Please call Aggie at (905) 668-5492 as soon as possible.

CHRISTMAS SPONSORSHIP 2015

St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. John the Evangelist Parish
How to become a Sponsor and help a Needy Family this Christmas:

SIGN UP TO BECOME A SPONSOR on:

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, in the church foyer after the 5:00 Mass or SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, in the parish centre after the 9 and 11 am Masses

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, call RITA HADDEN, 905-668-1889 or e-mail rhadden@bell.net

You will be asked to bring wrapped gifts to the Parish Centre on December 21st 2015 from 2 – 4 pm or from 7 – 9 pm.

In the event you do not wish to sponsor a family by shopping for gifts, a small cash donation to SVDP marked Christmas Donation can be used to purchase Christmas food vouchers. SVDP envelopes for this specific donation are on the back counter of the church.

Contact Rita Hadden (905) 668-1889 or email rhadden@bell.net

Project Hope Refugee Committee

A presentation and information evening conducted by the Archdiocese of Toronto Refugee Office, is **Tuesday November 3rd at 7pm in the parish centre**. If anyone is interested in joining a committee of parishioners to sponsor a refugee family, please contact Fr. Damian.

Looking Ahead

Sun Nov 1

Social Sunday, Feed the Hungry
St Vincent de Paul Christmas Sponsor Sign-up Day

Mon Nov 2

7pm Mass for the Faithful Departed

Tues Nov 3

10am Mass at All Saints
7pm – 9pm Refugee Sponsorship Presentation from the Office of Refugees, PC main

Wed Nov 4

1pm Prayer Group, PC main

Thu Nov 5

6:30pm Theology of the Body, Gr 6,7,8, St Jos Rm
7:30pm RCIA, PC1

Fri Nov 6

First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following 8:20am Mass for 1 hour, concluding with Benediction

Sat Nov 7

9am – 10:30am, 11am – 12:30pm Confirmation Session III



Masses For The Week

Sat. Oct 31 – 5:00pm

+Janez Donko

req. by His Wife & Family

Mon Nov 2 – 7pm

+Intentions for the Faithful Departed of our Parish

Tues. Nov 3 – 8:20am

+Bill Sorichetti

req. by The Sorichetti Family

Wed. Nov. 4 – 7:00pm

+Bridie Collins

req. by Bridget Rooney

Thur. Nov. 5 – 8:20am

+Fortunato, Maria & Daniele Ciardullo

req. by Natale & Anna Ciardullo

Fri. Nov. 6 – 8:20am

+Edward Conboy

req. by The Conboy Family

Sat. Nov. 7 – 5:00pm

+Bozo Kapular

req. by Friends & Family

Prayer Vigil for the Climate Conference in Paris (COP21)

Thank you to all who took the time to sign our Action Card this past weekend. We encourage everyone to spread the message among friends and family to sign online at www.devpo.org. Also to follow the events leading up to COP21, Paris, December 2015, in the same website. Last but not least, we want everyone to reserve the date of Sunday, November 29th, at 2:00 PM to attend a "Prayer Vigil for the Climate Conference in Paris (COP21)". Join with people all over Canada and the world as we pray for the success of the negotiations in Paris.

