

SACRAMENT PREPARATION PROGRAMS

2015 – 2016

FIRST RECONCILIATION "Celebrating God's Love" (Grade 2)	FIRST EUCHARIST "Invited to the Feast" (Grade 2)	CONFIRMATION – GRADE 8 "Anointed for Mission" (Confirmation registration for children in Grade 7 will take place in January 2016)
REGISTRATION in the Church (parents only) Tuesday, Sept. 29, 7:00 pm (please bring a \$30 fee for program expenses and a photocopy of your child's Baptism Certificate)	REGISTRATION at the Church (parents & children) Tuesday, Sept. 22 at 7:00 pm (please bring a \$35 fee for program expenses and a photocopy of your child's Baptism Certificate)	
PARENTS' MEETING in the Church (parents only) Tuesday, Oct. 13, 7:30 pm	PARENTS' MEETING in the Church (parents & children) - Monday, Oct. 5, 7:30 pm	
<p style="text-align: center;"> Note that registration for the sacraments this year will take place on these dates <u>only</u>. Late registrations will be deferred to the Fall of 2016. Please make sure these dates are on your calendar. </p>		
<p style="text-align: center;"> It is mandatory that all children who do not attend Catholic school participate in the Parish Home Catechism Program for <u>TWO</u> years prior to receiving each sacrament. </p>		

FAIRVIEW LODGE

Two Fairview Lodge Ministries are in need of new volunteers. Every Sunday morning after the 9:00 a.m. Mass ministers take Communion to Catholic Residents. This is a very rewarding ministry. (One of the members just retired after 29 years of service!) Ministers are on a rotating schedule and the commitment is about once a month. We are in need of 3 or more volunteers. The more ministers we have the less the commitment.

We are also in need of more ministers to help with Mass on the second Friday of each month. There is a wonderful group of ministers involved in this ministry, but more help would be appreciated, especially to cover when ministers are on holiday.

The new building is beautiful and the staff is very helpful. Please consider sharing your time in one of these ministries. If you can help, please contact Vicki in the rectory office.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

R.C.I.A. is a process for adults who are NOT Catholic and are interested in becoming members of our Catholic faith community. We begin our journey in early September. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office soon (905) 668-3676.


**St. John the Evangelist Church
Harvest Festival**

Sponsored by Parish Council
When: Saturday, Sept 12th
After 5:00 mass until 8:00
in the Parish Center
Tickets available after mass on
Aug. 29 and 30 or Sept. 5 and 6
 Single Ticket: \$5
 Family Ticket: \$15

No Social Sunday in September.
Please join us at the Harvest Festival!

St John the Evangelist Prayer Group

We meet Wednesdays at 1pm to 3pm in the Parish Centre. The Prayer group will resume on Wednesday September 9th at 1pm.

DVD & CD presentations on:
 Sept 9 – *Understanding God the Father* by Scott Hahn

Sept 16 – *Heroic Holiness & Righteousness* – by Sr Ann Shields

Sept 23 – *I'm not being Fed I* by Jeff Cavins

Sept 30 – *I'm not being Fed II* by Jeff Cavins

Oct 7 – *Our Lady of the Rosary* by Scott Hahn

More sessions to come!

Please join us at 1pm each Wednesday

Create a Climate of Change with Development and Peace! Did you know that Pope Francis wrote a letter to the whole Church in June? The Encyclical *Laudato Si* is a call to all of us to Care for our Common Home. You are invited to join Development and Peace (www.devp.org) on **Saturday, September 19** at **St. John the Evangelist Parish, 903 Giffard St, Whitby** from **9:00am-12:00pm** to learn about the encyclical and how you can help Development and Peace put its message into action. We will focus on how climate change is having the worst impacts on the poor and **what you can do** about it. **Workshop followed by a soup lunch.** Please RSVP to: Mark Lacy, mark.lacy@dcdb.ca, (905) 668-1182

Marisa & Friends

An Evening at the Cabaret
 Knights of Columbus Hall
 133 Brock Street N
 Tickets \$20
 Call Kevin (905) 432-1173
 dashney@rogers.com
 or David (905) 668-7456
 david@drane.ca

**On Labour Day Monday,
the office is closed
Evening Office Hours will resume
on Wednesday September 9th and
run Wednesdays to Fridays 5pm to
8pm weekly.**

ATTENTION ENGAGED COUPLES!!

Marriage Preparation Courses

St. Isaac Jogues Parish, Pickering

The 2015 Marriage Preparation programme here at St. Isaac Jogues Parish runs for six Friday evenings from **October 27th to November 27th**. Current course information and the registration form are available to download from our website. Call 905-831-3353

St Gertrude Parish, Oshawa

The 6 week course will run on Saturdays Sept 12, 19, 26, Oct 17, 24, 31 from 7-9pm
Cost is \$150.00 and must be paid upon registration.

Call Teresa at 905-433-0828

St Bernadette Parish, Ajax

To be confirmed – Winter 2016
Call (905) 683-1533

Holy Family Parish, Whitby

Weekend – Friday October 2 through to Sunday October 4, 2015
Call (905) 665-6470

ADULT CHOIR

If you enjoy singing, come and join St John's choir. High school age and up are welcome. Rehearsals are Tuesdays at 7:30 in the hall.
Contact Kevin @ 905-432-1173

Life Chain Sunday

Please join us to witness for the millions of unborn lost in Canada through abortion and to silently and prayerfully intercede to the Lord to end abortion and heal our nation.

This year Life Chain Sunday is October 4, 2015 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the intersection of Dundas St. E. and Thicksen Rd.. (We meet at the south-east corner at 1:45

The CWL will begin their new year of service to God and Canada on WEDNESDAY, September 16. The evening will begin with mass at 7:00. Following mass, there will be a PEACE AND JUSTICE presentation by Mark Lacey on his experiences in Palestine. He will share some slides of the area, highlight some of the groups he visited there and talk about some of the challenges that they face. The presentation will begin at 7:40 and will be about one hour in length. There will be NO business meeting. All members of the parish are invited to attend the presentation.

First Catholic Homeschool Conference for New, Discerning and Veteran Homeschoolers

Saturday Sept 26 10am-3pm

St. Lawrence Martyr Church

2210 Lawrence Ave E., Scarb

Featuring Patrick Sullivan. Q&A with a panel of veteran homeschoolers. Catholic vendors with curriculum, family resources and more!

8:30am Mass is available. Parking at St. Lawrence Martyr Elementary School. Bring your own lunch. Coffee, tea, light refreshments provided. No children. (nursing infants only). Sponsored by Serviam Ministries. Cost is \$15 prior to Sept 15th. After Sept 15th cost is \$20. Spouses \$5
Register by contacting
mau.smith@rogers.com

**Parish Home Catechism Program
Classes begin Wed. Sept 9, 2015**

No registration permitted at the start of classes

Call Cathy if you haven't registered yet

1 CATECHIST URGENTLY NEEDED FOR GRADE 6!

Currently we are seeking ONE new catechist to complete our team. If you are interested in sharing your time, talents, and the gift of your faith with our children, please contact **Cathy Dykeman, PHCP Coordinator @ 905-668-0724 or cdykeman.phcp@gmail.com**. High school students looking to complete their community service hours are encouraged and welcome to join our team as well.

*"Young people are the window through which the future enters the world."
~Pope Francis*

Non-perishable food is graciously requested to help our dwindling pantry!

We appreciate all donations, but at this time we have a special need for
Canned Fish & Fruit

**Catholic Missions in Canada
-Second collection September 12/13**

Commonly known as the "shared collection". Funds are split equally between these two mission groups for the promotion of the gospel values. Catholic Missions In Canada, established in 1908, fosters and extends the blessings of the Catholic faith by supporting missions in regions of our country where the population is too small, or the economic situation of the community is too fragile for the people themselves to support their local Church and its ministry. Scarborough Missions, founded in 1918, is involved in mission work overseas. Today, Scarborough priests and lay missionaries work side by side and in cooperation with other mission groups all over the world as they seek to serve in creative and new endeavours where the Gospel has not been heard, to encounter and celebrate God's presence in the life, history, culture and faiths of those they meet, to live simply and in solidarity with the poor and marginalized people of the world.



Masses For The Week

Sat. Sept 5 – 5:00pm

+Maurizio Misasi

req. by Anna & Mario Misasi

Tues. Sep 8 – 8:20am

+Mary Forbes

req. by Jim & Mary McTeague

Wed. Sep 9 – 7:00pm

+Edward Conboy

req. by Knights #2287,

Fr. Leo Austin Assembly

Thur. Sep 10 – 8:20am

+John Bonomo

req. by Jim & Rose Marie Abdee

Fri. Sep 11 – 8:20am

+Peter Alexander

req. by Catherine & Steve Ingram

Sat. Sep 12 – 5:00pm

+Wayne Grant

req. by John Grant