

SACRAMENT PREPARATION PROGRAMS

2015 – 2016

FIRST RECONCILIATION “Celebrating God’s Love” (Grade 2) CELEBRATION in the Church Tuesday, December 1 (A-L) and Thursday, December 3 (M-Z)	CONFIRMATION “Anointed for Mission” (Grade 8) CEREMONY in the Church on Sunday, December 6, 2015 St. John, St. Marguerite, PHCP and Other – 1:00 pm St. Luke – 4:00 pm
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Advent Week Two

Leader: The Lord is our faith and our life.

All: May the Lord’s peace be with us all.

Leader: And may his love shine in our hearts.

All: Our hope is in the coming of the Lord.

Directions: Light the 1st and 2nd Purple candle. During the week, Relight whenever the family gathers together.

Prayer and Scripture Reading

Leader: Let us pray that our faith may be strengthened for the coming of the Lord.

All: Amen

Prayer:

O King of all nations, Jesus Christ, only joy of every human heart, O Keystone of the mighty arch of man, Come and save the creature you fashioned from the dust
Amen

Daily Scriptures:

Psalm 119: 103-105
 Isaiah 7:10-14
 Micah 5:2
 Matthew 2:1-2, 9-11
 Isaiah 2:1-5
 Matthew 3:1-6
 Romans 13: 11-14

St. Vincent de Paul Can Banks
Please return your can bank on
the weekend of Dec. 12/13, 2015.
Thank you for your generosity!

Our Lady of Guadalupe **Saturday December 12, 2015**

YOU ARE INVITED

There will be a mass on Saturday, December 12 @ 9:00 to celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Under this title, the Mother of Christ serves as the patroness of North and South America. She is often referred to as the Protectress of the Unborn. She received papal recognition in 1754. It began with four separate apparitions on a hillside in Mexico by Our Lady that began in 1531. These apparitions occurred to a young indigenous peasant by the name of Juan Diego. Upon request of Juan Diego by the Mother of Christ, a church was built on the hill side of the apparitions. The Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe was later built on this site to accommodate the enormous crowds that came to worship there. It is the most visited Catholic pilgrimage site and the world’s third most visited holy site. Be a witness to the importance we place on our country’s well-being, our family and all human life by attending the mass honouring Our Lady of Guadalupe. Juan Diego was canonized in 2014.



CHRISTMAS FLOWER FUND
Special envelopes are available at the back of the Church for donations to offset the cost of decorating at Christmas. We appreciate your support and assistance at this time of year!

Make A Joyful Noise To the Lord! **St. John the Evangelist Parish** **Youth Christmas Choir 2015**

We are looking for young people age 10 and up to help lead the singing at our **Christmas Eve 5pm Family mass.**

2 Rehearsals will be held at St John the Evangelist Parish Centre on **Sat Dec 12 from 2:30pm To 4:15 pm (Cantors from 1:30pm – 4:15) & Sun Dec 20 from 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm Full Choir Music Ministry at Mass Dec 24th 4:30 to 6:30 pm.**

Attendance at both rehearsals is necessary for all choir members to learn the music well, and build a solid team effort in harmony, and feel confident and ready to lead song together. Please Pre-register by Dec 10th to assist with music preparation

TO REGISTER: Contact Eileen McGowan at 905 668-0959.
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Reconciliation **Evening Service** **Sunday December** **13, 2015**

at 7pm in the church.
Several priests available

DAY OF CONFESSIONS
Wednesday, December 16, 2015
 Father Damian will be available in the confessional throughout the day to hear **Confessions:**
8:30am to noon, 1pm to 4pm
or 6pm to 6:45pm



Masses For The Week

Sat. Dec 5 – 5:00pm
+Ted Kapuscinski
req. by Barb & Chris Hill & Family

Tues. Dec 8 – **7:00pm**
+Wyn Burgess
req. by Bob & Family

Wed. Dec 9. - 7:00pm
+Gene Healey
req. by St. Vincent de Paul Society

Thur. Dec 10 – 8:20am
+Maurizio Misasi
req. by Anna & Mario Misasi

Fri. Dec 11 – 8:20am
+George LeDressay
req. by Roger LeDressay

Sat. Dec 12 – 5:00pm
+Louis McKenna & Bonnie Burke
req. by The Burke Family

**SOCIAL SUNDAY IS DEFERRED TO
 DECEMBER 13TH DUE TO THE SACRAMENT
 OF CONFIRMATION FOR GRADE 8
 STUDENTS TAKING PLACE ON DECEMBER
 6TH**

MIGRANT WORKERS' DINNER CHRISTMAS DAY

We will host a Christmas Day Dinner for the Migrant Workers living in our community. Volunteers are requested to help out in the following ways: **6 Kitchen Helpers; Transportation to and from White Oaks Apartments to the parish centre, food donations of baked items, toiletries and clothing and suggested cash donations of \$15.** The schedule is as follows:
Pickup time 3:30pm from White Oaks. Return time 7:30pm. 8 vans are required that accommodate 6 passengers. Thank you!

Durham Catholic District School Board ELECTION NOTICE

Are you passionate about your child's Catholic education? The Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (DCPIC) is seeking a parent representative that will help advance Catholic education and parent engagement in your community. To be eligible Parent Members must have a child attending a DCDSB school. The nominations deadline is January 5, 2016, with the election to be held on January 7, 2016. For more details, please visit www.dcpic.ca or email Lorrie.MacIntosh@dcdsb.ca

Christmas Mass Schedule

Vigil of Christmas
 5:00 pm **Incense**
 8:00 pm
 11:00 pm **Incense**

Nativity of the Lord
 9:00 am
 11:00 am

Sat. Dec. 26 Feast of St. Stephen,
 First Martyr
 9:00 am

Feast of the Holy Family,
 Jesus, Mary & Joseph
 5:00 pm,
 9:00 am
 11:00 am

7th Day Octave of
 Christmas
 5:00 pm
 Solemnity, Mary, Holy
 Mother of God
 9:00 am
 11:00 am **Incense**

1pm Prayer Group, PC main
 6:15 – 7:15pm PHCP, PC all
 7:45pm Pastoral Council Mtg, PC main

Thu Dec 10

9:45am Mass at St Luke's School
 7:30pm RCIA, PC1

Fri Dec 11

10am Mass at Fairview Lodge
 7:30pm Movie Night with PHCP students, PC main

Sat Dec 12

9am Mass for OLG, Patroness of the Americas, CWL and the Unborn
 2016 Offertory Envelope Distribution
 10am – 11:30am Confirmation Session V, PC
 1:30pm – 4:15pm Cantor's Rehearsal
 2:30pm – 4:15pm Children's Christmas Choir Rehearsal, PC

St. John the Evangelist Prayer Group –Meetings are Wednesdays @1pm Parish Centre

Schedule for Winter Session

Dec 2, 9 The Price and the Glory
by Sr. Ann Shields

Dec 16 Sharing

Jan 6, 13 God's Will for You
by Rosalind Moss

Jan 20 Faithfulness
by Fr. Meeks

Jan 27, Feb 3 The Potter Day of
 Discovery Video

Feb 10

Ash Wed Examination of
 Conscience
by Sr. Ann Shields

Looking Ahead

NO SOCIAL SUNDAY

Feed the Hungry Containers

Sun Dec 6

1pm Confirmation Celebration – Gr 8,
 St John, St. Marguerite, PHCP, Other
 4pm Confirmation Celebration – Gr 8,
 St. Luke

Mon Dec 7

7:30pm St Vincent de Paul Mtg, PC main

Tue Dec 8 – Year of Mercy begins Mass at 7pm

9:30am Mass with St. John's School
 7pm Confirmation Catechist's meeting,
 St. Joseph's Rm

Wed Dec 9



The Year of Mercy begins on December 8, 2015, and continues until November 20, 2016. To begin this Extraordinary Jubilee Year, the parish mass on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Tuesday, December 8, will be moved from its usual time of 8:20 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. On this solemn occasion, we are privileged to have as our main celebrant and homilist **Bishop John Boissonneau**, Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto for the Western Pastoral Region. Please make every effort to begin the Year of Mercy by coming together in a spirit of joy and thanksgiving for this special celebration of the Eucharist.

For the Year of Mercy, Fr. Damian will be available for confessions during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on First Fridays in addition to the usual opportunities provided on Saturday afternoons before the 5 p.m. Mass, the designated Archdiocesan Days of Confessions in Advent and Lent, and by appointment as requested.