

SACRAMENT PREPARATION PROGRAMS

2016

**FIRST
EUCCHARIST**
"Invited to the Feast"
(Grade 2)

CONFIRMATION
"Anointed for Mission"
(Grade 7)

PARENTS' MEETING in the Church (parents only)
Saturday, January 16, 2016, 10:00 – 11:30 am

REGISTRATION at the Church (parents & children)
Tuesday, January 12 at 7:00 pm
(please bring a \$35 fee for program expenses
and a **photocopy** of your child's Baptism Certificate)

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.



Advent Week Three

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, Light the rose 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 Key of David
O Royal Power of Israel
Controlling at your will, the gates of heaven
Come, break down the prison walls of death
For those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death;
and lead your captive people into freedom.
Amen

Daily Scriptures:

Luke 1: 5-17
Isaiah 9:6-7
John 1:19-34
Matthew 1:18-25
Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
Philippians 2:1-11
Luke 2: 13-14

Thank you to Our Children and Youth

Father Damian and the Pastoral Council thanks the children and youth of our Parish for their exemplary service as lectors, greeters, altar servers and participants in the offertory procession at the youth mass on December 5, 2015 at 5 pm.

A special thanks to Allyson Rail for planning involvement and to the Youth Lectors and those in the Offertory Service.

Announcements: Andreas Garcia and David Kantymir
First Reading: Joseph Kantymir
Second Reading: Colleen Flynn
Prayers of the Faithful: Melissa Cartwright

Offertory Service: Brooke Cvitkovic, Isaiah and the Costello sisters
Thank you particularly to the young children who formed the procession and carried flowers to the altar.

We look forward to the participation of all children and youth in the parish for the next youth mass on January 2, 2016 at 5 pm and for the first Saturday mass at 5 pm for each month up to June, 2016.

If you wish to participate as a youth mass planning volunteer, please contact Iris McNulty irismcnultyawl@hotmail.com; Jeff Grujcich jeffgrujcich@yahoo.ca and Deidre Newman dnewman@danewmanlaw.com.

SOCIAL SUNDAY

December 13th

After all masses in the parish centre hosted by *Knights of Columbus*



Looking Ahead

Sun Dec 13

Rite of Welcoming Candidates in RCIA
Social Sunday after 9am & 11am masses
2pm – 3:30pm Rehearsal Nativity Play
7pm Advent Evening of Reconciliation, 6 priests

Wed Dec 16

Archdiocese Day of Confession
Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
8am – noon, 1pm – 4pm, 6pm – 6:45pm
1pm Prayer Group
7:30pm Baptism Prep, PC1
9am – 4pm SVDP Christmas drive – PC2

Thu Dec 17

9am – 4pm SVDP Christmas drive, PC 1&2
6:30pm Theology of the Body, Gr 6,7,8, St. Jos Rm

Fri Dec 18

9am – 4pm SVDP Christmas drive, PC1&2
10am Mass at Taunton Mills
6:30pm Altar Servers' Christmas party & movie, PC main

St. Vincent de Paul Can Banks

Please return your can bank this weekend.

Thank you for your generosity!

Christmas Vendor Fair

Your Catholic Women's League would like to send **a very big thank you** to all who came out to support our vendor fair. It was a successful event which will go along way to support our charitable donations in January. Thank you.

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

February 9, 2016 at our Central Office,
 1155 Yonge Street (Summerhill
 Subway Station). For further
 information, please contact Alex
 Lopechuk at (416) 921-1163.



Masses For The Week

Sat. Dec 12 – 5:00pm
+Louis McKenna & Bonnie Burke
req. by The Burke Family
 Tues. Dec 15 – 8:20am
+SK Wayne Lilly
req. by Knights of Columbus #4895
 Wed. Dec 16. - 7:00pm
+Desmond Kennedy & John Morris
req. by Will & Karen Burke
 Thur. Dec 17 – 8:20am
+Mary Frances Edwards
req. by Catherine & Steve Ingram
 Fri. Dec 18 – 8:20am
+Michael Power
req. by The Power Family
 Sat. Dec 19 – 5:00pm
+Ken & Teresa Howard
req. by Laura Van Haverbeke

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!**

Friar's Student Writing Award

Open to students 14 – 18 years to
 write a 500 word essay on the theme
 for the Week of Prayer for Christian
 Unity, celebrated January 18-25, 2016.
 The Theme for this coming year is
 "Called to proclaim the mighty acts of
 God." (1 Peter 2:9). Students should
 read the Scripture passage 1 Peter
 2:1-10 and respond to the following
 statement in the essay: **Despite
 division in Christian unity, explain
 why all Catholics, Orthodox,
 Anglicans and Protestants should
 still be considered a chosen race, a
 royal priesthood, a holy nation,
 God's own people.**

1st prize – iPad Pro (32gb)

2nd prize – Kobo Aura

*3rd-6th prizes – one year subscription
 to Catholic Register and other prizes.*

Essays will be edited and published in
 the Catholic Register. Deadline for
 entries is January 8, 2016. Email your
 essay to editor@catholicregister.org or
 fax (416) 934-3409. Include your full
 name, email address, phone number
 and the name of your school on the
 front page of the essay.

THANK YOU!

AVIVA COMMUNITY FUND FOR ST
 JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC
 SCHOOL

St. John's School will be the recipient
 of a consolation award of \$5,000. St
 John's school had 10,960 votes, which
 was ranked in the top 4. Thank you to
 all the parishioners who voted and
 helped!



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!

CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM

A Seminar invitation to all Christians.

January 22: 8 - 10 pm / Jan 30: 10 am -
 3 pm / Jan 31: 2 - 7 pm

Various sessions as 'Who is Jesus' /
 Growing in the Spirit' / Transformation
 St Bernadette's Parish and Couples for
 Christ No fees

Fr Keith Wallace 905 - 683 - 1533

Francis Almedia 289 - 388 - 6343

Al Basilio 289 - 892 - 3981

kgmwjc@hotmail.com

Support for Recently Separated or Divorced Catholics

Catholic Family Services of Toronto is
 offering a 6 week group program for
 adult men and women coping with the
 many struggles involved in the process
 of separation and divorce. Group
 participants will receive support and
 guidance as they move through this
 difficult period of transition. The group
 will run on Tuesday evenings from 6:30
 to 8:30pm beginning January 5th to

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

Schedule for Winter Session

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



Reconciliation Evening Service

**Sunday Dec. 13, 2015
 at 7pm in the church.**

Several priests available

DAY OF CONFESSIONS

Wednesday, Dec. 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**