

SACRAMENT PREPARATION PROGRAMS

2014 – 2015

FIRST EUCHARIST “Invited to the Feast” (Grade 2)	CONFIRMATION “Anointed for Mission” (Grade 8)
Parents' Meeting Saturday, February 21 9:30 – 10:00 am (coffee/tea) in the Parish Centre 10:00 – 11:30 am (meeting) in the Church (parents only)	Sessions I – IV Feb 7 in the Parish Centre 9:00 am – 10:30 am or 11:00 am – 12:30 pm (as scheduled)

Marriage Sunday

Cardinal Collins has designated the weekend of February 7/8, 2015 as **Marriage Sunday** in the Archdiocese of Toronto. The event provides an opportunity to honour husbands and wives while saluting the faithfulness, sacrifice and joy that comes with the marriage covenant. To those preparing for marriage, newlyweds and those that have been companions on the journey for decades, we offer our prayers and best wishes in a special way this weekend. Let us celebrate the tremendous contributions of married couples who continue to strengthen our faith community. For more information and resources on marriage enrichment, visit:

www.archtoronto.org/marriage

In an age in which there are many distractions from marriage and the family, the grace of the sacrament of marriage is a support and inspiration to those living out their commitments faithfully. A prayer of thanksgiving serves also as a reminder of God's plan for married couples and allows a time of reflection in the midst of a busy life. The Novena to St. Joseph is most appropriate. St. Joseph, as the husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the step-father of Jesus, is a model for all fathers, just as the Holy Family is a model for all families. Catholics are asked to pray for St. Joseph's intercession for the preservation of the dignity and sanctity of marriage.

Novena Prayer to St. Joseph For the Preservation of the Dignity and Sanctity of Marriage

God of mercy and of the holy covenant, you created every human being, male and female, in your image and likeness, so that they may be fruitful and multiply on earth. In the beginning of our Christian era, you asked Joseph, illustrious descendant of David, to take the blessed Virgin Mary as his wife and to form with her a family for Jesus, your Son, our Redeemer. Through the difficulties and trials you guided St. Joseph, you made him the protector of the Holy Family and allowed the Church to recognize him as an attentive protector for all Christian families. During this stressful time in which we live, we ask you to safeguard marriage according to your will, and we appeal for the intercession and protection of St. Joseph, your obedient servant, so that Canadian families of today will be strengthened in love and continue to live securely in the sacramental state of marriage. Amen.

Source: Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario

A Prayer for Married Couples

Father of life and love, You created us in your image – woman and man. We rejoice and thank you for the gift of each other. Sustain us in our love and lead us to a deeper understanding of your love. Jesus, we come before you, seeking your guidance and direction in our relationship. In marriage you call and challenge us to a permanent, exclusive and sacred friendship. Be our strength and support, therefore, as we continue this journey together. Holy Spirit, help us to strive towards a lasting, honest commitment united in love. Give us your

strength to carry each other in times of darkness, your joy in times of happiness, and your gift of awe in the uniqueness and sacredness of each other. May our love be a reflection and a sign of your love in the world. Amen.

Source: Catholic Organization for Life & Family (COLF)

Cardinal Collins Invites Feedback in Preparation for 2015 Synod of Bishops

Cardinal Collins is inviting Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto to offer insights and feedback on issues that will be considered as part of the 2015 Synod of Bishops on “The Vocation and the Mission of the Family in the Church and in the Contemporary World.” Full details including background documents can be found at:

www.archtoronto.org/synod - deadline for feedback is February 16, 2015.



PANCAKE and SAUSAGE BREAKFAST Hosted by your Pastoral Council

Sunday, February 15, 2015
after 9 am and 11 am Masses
in the Parish Centre. \$5 per person or \$15 per Family.
Includes pancakes, sausage, tea, coffee or juice
Tickets available Feb. 7/8 in the foyer after all Masses.



Masses For The Week

Sat. Feb 7 – 5pm

+Jerry Garrard*req. by Mary Worrall*

Tues. Feb 10. – 8:20am

+William Stafford*req. by The La Barre Family*

Wed. Feb 11 - 7pm

+Ema Dessardo*req. by The Struna Family*

Thur. Feb 12 – 8:20am

+Fred Goddard*req. by Jack & Betty McCabe*

Fri. Feb 13 – 8:20am

+Bozo Kapular*req. by Maria Kapular*

Sat. Feb 14 - 5:00pm

+Attilio & Rosa Ridino Cannella*req. by The Cannella Family*

2014 Tax Receipts will be distributed over this weekend. Alternatively, you can drop by the Parish Office to pick it up during normal business hours. Office hours Monday, Tuesday 9am to 5pm, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9am to 8pm. Closed daily noon – 1pm

Parish Directory Books

There are still many parishioners who have not yet picked up their copy of the parish directory. As a reminder, if you had your photo taken, you are entitled to receive your free copy of the directory. Please drop by the office. *Office hours Monday, Tuesday 9am to 5pm, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9am to 8pm. Closed daily noon – 1pm*

Sisters of St. Joseph Workshop on the art of discernment

given by a team of men and women religious and a married couple.

Loretto College

70 St. Mary Street, Toronto

Saturday March 7, 2015 9am to 4:30pm

Donation: \$25 includes lunch

Contact: Sr. Lynn Cira

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Register deadline: Feb 25, 2015

**Ash Wednesday is Wednesday****February 18, 2015.****Mass is at 8:20am and 7:00pm**

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday (April 3rd) 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.

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).

REMINDER DURING LENT!

Friday Mass Times change to 7pm followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm beginning Friday Feb. 20th

St. Vincent de Paul Raffle Prize Winners from the Christmas Joy Choir Concert
Thank you to all who participated and a special thanks to Fr. Damian for drawing the winning names. The proceeds went to St. Vincent de Paul Society..

1st – Frozen Musical Doll

Maureen Kinsella

2nd – Elsa Doll

Maureen Halpin

3rd – Anna Doll

Sylvia Szikszay

4th – Wine & Cheese Basket

Brian Rainey

5th – Turkey

A senior in the parish

Holy Family Marriage Retreat

Married Couples – Holy Family Parish Whitby invite you to take a day off from your busy schedule and learn what it is like to put Christ in the center of your marriage, renew your love for one another, improve your communication and keep the sparkle in your marriage going. Come and attend a day of Marriage Retreat on Saturday May 23rd 9am – 4:30pm in the Parish Hall. Speakers are from the Light of Jesus Catholic Community in Toronto. Registration fee is \$25/couple and will cover lunch, snacks and materials. For more details call Holy Family parish office (905) 665-6470.

Hurting and Grieving? Have You Tried God's Way? 7pm – 9pm at St. Ignatius of Loyola Church, 2300 Burnhamthorpe Rd W., Mississauga. Twilight talk hosted by Catholic Family Services of Toronto – New Beginnings. Speaker: Fr. Fred Scinto, CR. For more information, please contact (416) 921-1163 x 2235

Looking Ahead**Tues Feb 10**

7pm Confirmation Makeup Session, PC Rm 3

Wed. Feb 11

1pm Prayer Group, PC main

6:15 – 7:15pm PHCP, PC all, St.

Jos/Alb Rms

7:30pm Pastoral Council, PC main

Thu Feb 12

9am – 2:30pm Confirmation NET Retreat Day for St. J / St. L / PHCP / Other, PC main

7pm RCIA, St. Joseph's Rm

Fri Feb 13

9am - 2:15pm Confirmation NET

Retreat Day, - St. L, PC Main

Sun Feb 15

Pancake Breakfast after 9am, 11am

Masses, PC main