

## SACRAMENT PREPARATION PROGRAMS

2014 – 2015

### FIRST EUCHARIST

“Invited to the Feast”  
(Grade 2)

#### 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)

#### Rite of Enrolment

Saturday, February 28 at 5:00 pm **OR**

Sunday, March 1 at 9:00 am **OR**

Sunday, March 1 at 11:00 am



### *Ash Wednesday is*

**Wednesday February 18, 2015.**

**Mass is at 8:20am and 7:00pm**

**Ash Wednesday and Good Friday (Apr 3<sup>rd</sup>)** 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).

### **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.

### **Catholics urged to Support Physicians' Charter Right of Freedom of Conscience and Religion**

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario (CPSO) in a proposed new draft document states: “Where physicians are unwilling to provide certain elements of care due to their moral or religious beliefs, an effective referral to another health care provider must be provided to the patient”. Catholic physicians believe that a mandate for an “effective referral” is a violation of a physician’s rights, as it *compels the physician to violate his or her own conscience by being a participant in the very act, the very procedure to which he or she objects in the first place*. The CPSO is accepting submissions from all Ontario citizens until February 20. We are all called to inform the CPSO in writing that we reject the proposed “effective referral” mandate for doctors whose Charter right of freedom of conscience and religion must be respected. The Catholic Civil Rights League (CCRL) is one Catholic lay group coordinating these efforts. Go to [www.ccrl.ca](http://www.ccrl.ca) to find out more and to get involved.

### **Annual Manresa Weekend Retreat for Men**

**Location:** Manresa Jesuit Renewal Centre  
2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering, Ontario L1X 1V4  
(at top of Liverpool Rd., N. of Finch)

**March 20-22, 2015** – Times: Friday 7:00pm (registration) to Sunday 12:30pm

Cost: \$175.00 (includes room, meals and retreat)

***Talking Honestly to God - the prophet Jeremiah's 'confessions'***

**Facilitator: Fr. Joseph Schner, S.J.**

We invite you to come away to Manresa to experience silence and restfulness, to renew your spirit and to deepen your relationship with the Lord.

**Please contact: Mike Hyland (905)668-6891**  
**mikehyland@bell.net**

Queen Of Apostles Renewal Centre  
1617 Blythe Road, Mississauga, ON

**Day of Retreat for Seniors**

**Ash Wednesday February 18**

Coffee cart on arrival and hot lunch at noon. Food for the body and soul. A wonderful way to begin the season of Lent. To reserve a spot, call (905) 278-5229

**2014 TAX RECEIPTS ARE AVAILABLE  
AT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR PICKUP.**



**PANCAKE and SAUSAGE**

**BREAKFAST TODAY!**  
**Hosted by your**  
**Pastoral Council**  
**Sunday, February 15, 2015**  
 after 9 am and 11 am Masses  
 in the Parish Centre  
 Includes pancakes, sausage,  
 tea, coffee or juice

PROJECT ANDREW VOCATIONS PROGRAMME

The Eastern Pastoral Region of the Archdiocese of Toronto is pleased to announce the re-launch of **PROJECT ANDREW**. This is a wonderful opportunity for post-high school men who potentially have a call to the priesthood to dine with their pastors and the Regional Bishop. The dinner will take place on Saturday, March 21, in Scarborough. If interested in participating, or if you have any questions about this event, please contact Fr. Damian at the Parish Office by Friday, February 27.



**Catholic Women's League**  
**Lenten Soup Supper**  
**Thursday February 19, 2015 – 6:30pm**

The Catholic Women's League will be holding their Lenten Soup/Supper on February 19<sup>th</sup>. An invitation is extended to all women of the parish to attend this event. The supper will begin at 6:30. You are welcome to bring your favourite homemade soup, bread or scones to share with other women in attendance. Following the meal there will be an opportunity for an open discussion regarding the proposed sex education program in Ontario schools. You will be also be provided with an opportunity to dialogue about the recent ruling of the Supreme Court of Canada on doctor assisted suicide and to share questions and concerns you may have surrounding the recent ruling. The council will welcome your ideas for next steps regarding these two developments at the meeting. Please plan to come and share fellowship with women of faith and to help craft next steps for two areas of concern that help define who we are as Catholic women.

Please bring a place setting for the meal and a loonie for the rose draw. Should you have any questions or should you require a drive, please call 905-668-3218.

**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 [ibvm.lynn@sympatico.ca](mailto:ibvm.lynn@sympatico.ca) (416)

925-2833

Register deadline: Feb 25, 2015

**Archdiocese of Toronto Day of Confessions –**  
**Wednesday, March 4, 2015**

At St. John the Evangelist Church, a priest will be available for confession:

8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

6:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.

**Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service**  
**– Sunday, March 22, 2015, 7:00 p.m.**

Several priests will be available to hear confessions.

**Toronto Serra Clubs**

Today's Gospel says that "Jesus was moved with pity when He saw a leper". Are you moved with love and compassion when you see the outcasts of today's society? Today, Jesus continues to call forward men and women to minister as he did. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto (416) 968-0997

**REMINDER DURING LENT!**

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



Masses For The Week

Sat. Feb 14 – 5pm

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

Tues. Feb 17. – 8:20am

**+Lennox Attai**  
*req. by Joan Attai*

Wed. Feb 18 - 7pm

**A Special Intention**  
*req. by Maria & Dominic Borg*

Thur. Feb 19 – 8:20am

**+Ed & Helen McCabe**  
*req. by Jack & Betty McCabe*

Fri. Feb 20 – 7:00pm

**+Antonino Sidoti**  
*req. by His Family*

Sat. Feb 21 - 5:00pm

**+Jerry Garrard**  
*req. by Margarith Petermann*

**Looking Ahead**

**Sun Feb 15** Pancake Breakfast after 9am & 11am Masses

**Mon Feb 17 FAMILY DAY, Parish Office Closed**

**Wed Feb 18**

Mass with Ashes at 8:20am and 7:00pm

1pm Prayer Group, PC main

**Thur Feb 19**

7pm RCIA, PC#1

7:30pm CWL, PC main

**Fri Feb 20**

7pm Mass, followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm

**Sat Feb 21**

9:30am – 11:30am First Eucharist Parent's Meeting, Parish Centre