


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 Jan 10, 17, 31 & Feb 7 in the Parish Centre 9:00 am – 10:30 am or 11:00 am – 12:30 pm (as scheduled)

I sincerely wish to thank the Catholic Women’s League who graciously paid for four new priest’s vestments in all of the liturgical colours. This donation is very much appreciated.
 - Fr. Damian

of many sacred signs that helped to verify who He was and His message.


Social Sunday January 4
 Join us after the 9am or 11am Mass and enjoy some refreshments in the parish centre, hosted by St. Vincent de Paul Society.

FEED THE HUNGRY PROGRAM
 RESUMES FEBRUARY 8/9 2015.
 THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

 **Masses For The Week**

- Sat. Jan.3 – 5pm
+Giovanna & Fernando Carpino
req. by Anna Hughes
- Tues. Jan 6. – 8:20am
+William Schroer
req. by Mary Louise LaBarre & Ken Reilly & Family
- Wed. Jan. 7 - 7pm
+Michael Catterall & Helen Lecours
req. by Pat Catterall & Family
- Thur. Jan 8 – 8:20am
+Maurizio Misasi
req. by Anna & Mario Misasi
- Fri. Jan 9 – 8:20am
+ Sam Saturno
req. by The Morgan & Dotey Families
- Sat. Jan 10 - 5:00pm
+Giovanni Favit
req. by Maddalena Favit

St. John the Evangelist Prayer Group
 The Prayer Group will resume meeting on Wednesday January 7, 2015 at 1pm in the Parish Centre.

 **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!

2015 Envelopes are available in the parish office for pickup. The envelopes will not be available from the foyer. Each family will be assigned an envelope box in 2015. Thank you!

Durham Catholic District School Brd Continuing Education Centre Winter/Spring 2015 Course Guide
 Copies of the Durham Catholic DSB Continuing Education Winter/Spring 2015 course Guide are available once again at the back of the Church. Courses are offered in Computers, High School Credit Courses (day/night school & correspondence), English as a Second Language, Literacy/Upgrading, and Personal Support Worker. Classes begin January 6, 2015. Please take a copy from the foyer table.



This Sunday, as part of the 12 days of Christmas, we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord.

What is the Epiphany?

Today, on the Epiphany or “Little Christmas,” Jesus is manifested as the promised Messiah of Israel, God’s Son, and the Saviour of the world. In particular it commemorates the adoration of the Christ-child by the Wise Men from the East, and to some lesser degree it is linked in our tradition to His baptism by John in the Jordan and the wedding feast of Cana, where He turned water into wine. Each of these events represents a first. Christ was only recently in the world and the Magi were the first of the Gentiles to adore Him and to recognize that salvation came through the Jews. The star manifested that He was the one they sought. Jesus’ washing by John initiated His public ministry and was accompanied by a dove and a voice making manifest His identity, even inferring the Trinity. It was at Cana that Jesus performed His first miracle, one

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
 Mark McGowan will present:
 “Two men named Francis:
 A Saint and a Pope
 Thursday January 29, 2015 at 7:30
 – 9:00pm
 in the church.



Durham Catholic District School Board

Full Day Kindergarten Registration

We welcome all interested families to register for our Full Day Kindergarten programs at schools across the region. Your child must be turning four years of age by December 31, 2015 to register in the Durham Catholic school system.

Step 1: Visit dcdsb.ca from **January 12 to 16, 2015** to enroll your child through the online application process. For questions about registration email admissions@dcdsb.ca

Step 2: Call your local Catholic school to make an appointment to complete your registration during the week of **January 19 to 23, 2015**.

Child Care

Do you have before and after school child care arrangements for September 2015?

For information on child care programs available at Durham Catholic schools call 905-576-6150 ext. 2172 or email: childcare@dcdsb.ca

Durham Catholic District School Board French Immersion Registration

At the Durham Catholic District School Board, we welcome all students into our French Programs at schools across the region. We invite you to enroll your child through our online registration process at www.dcdsb.ca from **December 10, 2014 to January 16, 2015**. Students must be entering Grade 1 in September 2015 to register.

Marriage Preparation Courses

Holy Family Parish

91 Ribblesdale Drive, Whitby
February 20, 2015 7pm to 9pm
February 21, 2015 9am – 4:30pm
February 22, 2015 9am – 6pm
Please contact Holy Family Parish (905) 665-6470.

St. Gertrude's Parish 690 King St E., Oshawa

6 week course, beginning January 17th, 2015. Saturday evenings 7-9pm
Cost: \$150.00 To register please call 905-433-0828



ITALIAN NIGHT

Saturday, Jan. 24, 2015

Knights of Columbus Hall

133 Brock St. N. Whitby

Cocktails: 6:00pm

Dinner: 7:00pm

Dancing to follow - Cash Bar

Tickets - \$25 per person (Reserved tables for group purchases of 6 or more).

Tickets on sale after Masses

Jan. 3/4 & 10/11 weekends.

For tickets & information – contact

Gerry or Roberta Deschenes at

(905) 430-2978 or

deschenes.family@sympatico.ca

Durham Outlook for the Needy Operating St. Vincent Pallotti Kitchen

Dear St. John the Evangelist Church, Thank you for your kind donation to Durham Outlook for the Needy operating St. Vincent Pallotti Kitchen. We cannot begin to tell you what your donation means to us.

Since opening our doors in 1990, many individuals from various walks of life have been utilizing our services as they seek to improve their quality of life. Your donation will help us as we continue to provide a place where anyone can find a hot, nutritious meal every day of the year.

As a non-profit organization, we rely heavily on the support of the community to continue this work of providing a place of warmth and compassion. Thank you for caring and sharing with others in your area.

Sincerely,
Valerie Moreton
Manager of Operations

Toronto Serra Clubs

The Son of God was first manifested to the world through the visit of the magi. Today, God's Son is brought into the world and is present to the world through His Church. If you think that God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto. Email vocations@archtoronto.org

Friars' Student Writing Award

Students aged 14-18 are invited to write a five hundred-word essay on the theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, celebrated January 18-25, 2015. The theme for this coming year is "Jesus said to her: 'Give me a drink'" (John 4:7).

Students should read the Scripture passage John 4:1-42 and answer the following question in the essay:

If Jesus was able to reach out beyond his own Jewish community, and to a woman with a questionable reputation, what does that tell Catholics about the value of Christian Unity?

First prize is an iPad Air (16gb), second prize is a Kobo Aura H2O, and third to sixth prizes is a one-year subscription to the Catholic Register and other prizes. Essays will be edited and published in the Catholic Register. Deadline for entries is January 9, 2015. Email your essay to editor@catholicregister.org or fax it to 416-934-3409 (please include your full name, email address, phone number, and the name of your school on the front page of the essay). For further information call 1-855-441-4077.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2015 Ecumenical Prayer Service Sunday January 25, 2015

Yorkminster Park Baptist Church
1585 Yonge Street

Come and join us in an ecumenical prayer service with His Eminence Thomas cardinal Collins, and other city-wide Religious Leaders. Parking is available, refreshments to follow. For more info, call the Office of Ecumenical and Interfaith Affairs at (416) 934-3400 x 344 or x 527.

Looking Ahead

Mon Jan 5

7:30pm Meeting St. Vincent de Paul, PC main

Wed Jan 7

6:15 – 7:15pm PHCP, PC all, St. Jos/Alb Rms

Thu Jan 8

7:30pm RCIA, PC#1

Sat Jan 10

9:30am – 10:30am

11am – 12:30pm

Confirmation Session 1, PC all