

CHANGE OF GRADE FOR CONFIRMATION

Cardinal Collins recently announced the grade level of those eligible for Confirmation will change from grade 8 to grade 7. Therefore, effective September 2015, every parish in the Archdiocese of Toronto will have a double cohort of candidates for Confirmation next year. Father Damian will also address this change from the pulpit. If your child is currently in grade 6 or grade 7, please check future parish bulletins for further information regarding preparation for and celebration of this important sacrament of initiation. The process for Confirmation preparation for students entering grade 8 will begin September 2015; for students entering grade 7, January 2016. More details to follow.



Working wonders for children with special needs...

We have always tried to expose our deaf children to both communities. As their parents, we have talked to them and tried to answer their questions when they saw someone using sign language and they had basic sign language books. Then one day our oldest son, Ethan, said he would like to learn sign language. We discovered Silent Voice's Sign Language Summer camp and enrolled him in the program. The following year Gavin joined his older brother and they both want to go again. We also put our name in for the Family Communication program because we wanted to support our children. These opportunities increased the boys' awareness of the deaf community and also helped them gain respect for different ways of communication. They enjoyed both experiences as did we. We all hope to take part in the Family program again. Last year more than 600 deaf children received support through Silent Voice's Sign Language Summer Camps.

Next ShareLife Sunday
 - April 12, 2015
 Please give generously.
 You can work wonders!

Our 2015 GOAL \$155,000

And 750 DONORS SHARELIFE COLLECTION 2015

| 2015 | 2014 |
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| \$53,437 | \$54,825 |

Donors

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| 239 | 271 |
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Cheques can be post-dated until July 31, 2015. Online donations can be made at www.sharelife.org. Click on the ShareLife Campaign Appeal and remember to indicate the donation credited to St. John the Evangelist, Whitby.

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A presentation by Bridget Campion, Ph.D. Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute

Bridget Campion is a bioethicist and researcher with the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute at the University of St. Michael's College in Toronto and former Associate Dean of Studies at Sacred Heart, Peterborough. For many years she worked as a clinical ethicist in hospitals in Toronto and continues to practise as a health care ethics consultant, researching, writing, and lecturing about issues in bioethics.

Sponsored by Catholic Women's League

St. John the Evangelist

Wednesday March 25, 2015

Mass: 7pm, presentation to follow, in the Church

All are welcome.

*For more information, contact
 Anne-Marie (905) 666-3860
 or Iris (905) 668-3218*



Masses For The Week

Sat. Mar 21- 5pm
+Bozo Kapular
req. by Family & Friends
 Tues. Mar 24 - 8:20am
+Bozo Kapular
req. by Family & Friends

Wed. Mar 25 - 7pm
+Antonino Sidoti
req. by His Family
 Thur. Mar 26 - 8:20am
+Marlene Frazer
req. by The Coffee Group
 Fri. Mar 27- 7:00pm
+Sr. Mary Columba Hogan
req. by Marilyn Lambert
 Sat. Mar 28 - 5:00pm
+Deceased Members of the Casey & Pitre Families
req. by Lois Pitre

Chocolate Easter Sales March 21/22 after Mass

Support Fertility Care Toronto The centre formally known as Marguerite Bourgeoys Family Care Centre, is a fertility care, family planning and women's healthcare and resource facility which has been in existence for 30 years. It provides education, counselling and infertility related issues, gynaecological care and disease prevention. Please support the centre's annual fundraiser through their Easter chocolate sales.

Chocolate Covered Almonds
 100gm bag \$5.00
 Chocolate Easter Lollipops, \$2.00

Catholic Family Services

Support for Recently Separated or Divorced Catholics
 CFS of Toronto is offering a 10 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 6:30pm to 8:30pm beginning April 9th to June 11th at our Central Office, 1155 Yonge Street (Summerhill Subway Station)
 For more info, call Ian Singer (416) 921-1163.

Parish Lenten

Reconciliation Service

- **Sun, Mar 22, 2015, 7:00 p.m.**
 Several priests will be available to hear confessions

The Stations of the Cross

This devotion in honour of the suffering of Jesus Christ, introduced by St. Francis of Assisi, consists of prayers and meditations on fourteen events experienced by Christ on the way to his crucifixion. It is a popular practice among the Catholic faithful, especially during the Season of Lent.

The Stations of the Cross will take place immediately after the 7pm Mass on the Fridays of Lent.

Friday, March 27

Development & Peace Presentation of Stations of the Cross

Friday, April 3 (Good Friday)

The Stations of the Cross presented by Parish Youth

**Make A Joyful Noise To the Lord!
Children and Youth Easter Choir**

Calling all young singers, age 7 and up. Come and be Music Ministers, leading the people in singing praise to God at Easter Sunday 9 a.m. mass (April 5th 2015)

Rehearsals will be held on 3 **Saturdays** at the Parish Centre.

**Saturday March 21st from
3:00-4:15 pm**

**Saturday March 28th from
3:00-4:15 pm**

**Saturday April 4th from 2:30 to 4:30
(NB longer rehearsal time)**

**Cantors Rehearsals: Saturdays from
2:00 to 3:00 pm**

***Attendance at ALL 3 rehearsals is necessary for all choir members, so that we learn the music, build a solid team effort with our harmonies, and feel confident and ready to lead music ministry at Mass. For more information or to register please call Eileen McGowan 905 668-0959, or email at ejpmcgowan1@rogers.com**

Looking Ahead**Sun Mar 22**

7pm Reconciliation Service, 6 priests available

Tues Mar 24

4pm Gr 7/8 Teachers' Meeting, PC#1

Wed Mar 25

1pm – Prayer Group, PC main

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

7pm – Mass, 7:30pm BioEthics Speaker, in the church

Thu Mar 26

7pm RCIA, St. Jos Rm

Fri Mar 27

10am Mass at Taunton Mills

Sat Mar 28

1pm – 3pm Children rehearse Stations, in the church

2pm – 3pm Cantor's rehearsal, Easter Choir PC main

3pm – 4:15pm Children's rehearsal, Easter Choir, PC main

COINS FOR LIFE 2015

You and your family are invited to put aside your toonies, loonies, quarters, nickels and dimes during the next six weeks and contribute these savings to help in the struggle to end abortion in Canada, and create a Culture of Life and assist us with the **March for life on May 14th in Ottawa!**

You will be offered a small container at the back of the church this weekend.

There will be an announcement made after Easter with a return date (end of April). Please remember that every coin helps. Remember that your small change can lead to a BIG change in our land as we work towards the right to life of the most defenseless among us – the baby in the womb. Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, has said that **"The Coins for Life project is a most appropriate way to support the important pro-life efforts of Campaign Life Coalition."** Please pray for all pregnant mothers and their parents!

Society of St Vincent de Paul
TURNING CONCERN INTO ACTION
EASTER FOOD DRIVE

The Vincentians of St John's thank everyone for their continuing support. We are preparing for the Easter Food Drive which services the needy in our community throughout the summer months. We are especially in need of:

**Canned Fruit, Canned Meat & Fish,
Rice, Instant Potatoes, Peanut
Butter, Cereal, Hamburger Helper.**

We appreciate all donations.

**PLEASE CHECK ALL EXPIRY DATES
BEFORE MAKING YOUR DONATION.**

Thank you!

**St. John the Evangelist Parish
Is seeking Two Student s
For Evening Reception**

We are currently seeking two Students for Evening Reception from 5pm to 8pm on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. The candidates will also cover daytime summer vacation days when required. This is a shared position to alternate weeks between the two students. Applicants must be at least 16 years by December 31, 2015.

Some duties include:

- Scheduling for altar servers
- Answer and direct phone inquiries
- Schedule Mass intentions
- Sacramental preparation duties, as directed
- Filing and general clerical duties, as directed
- Summertime vacation (days) coverage for Secretary

The candidate is an attending parishioner, with a good understanding of church practices. You are prompt, with proficient computer skills and excellent communication skills. Your attention to detail is keen and be aware that confidentiality is vital in this role.

To apply for this position please drop off your resume to the office or fax it to (905) 668-9109. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Deadline for applications is April 30, 2015.

Holy Week Celebrations

Sat/Sun March 28/29

**Palm Sunday Masses 5pm,
9am, 11am**

Tues March 31

Mass 8:20am

Wed April 1

Mass 7pm



**HOLY
THURSDAY**

Thurs April 2

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30pm

Fri. April 3

**Good Friday of the Lord's Passion
3pm
Stations of the Cross, Presented by
Parish Youth 7pm**



**HOLY
SATURDAY**



**Sat Sat. April 4
Easter Vigil 8pm**



**Sun April 5
Resurrection of the Lord
9am, 11am**

*The Parish Office will be closed on
Good Friday April 3rd and Easter
Monday April 6th.*