

SACRAMENT PREPARATION PROGRAMS

2014 – 2015

FIRST RECONCILIATION“Celebrating God’s Love”
(Grade 2)**CONFIRMATION**“Anointed for Mission”
(Grade 8)**CHILDREN'S RETREAT DAY**in the Parish Centre (children only)
Saturday, November 28

10:00 am – 12:00 pm (A-L) 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm (M-Z)

PRACTICESt. John, St. Marguerite, PHCP, Other – Thurs. Nov. 26, 9:15-
10:30 am

St. Luke – Thurs. Nov. 26, 1:00 – 2:15 pm

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.

The Year of Mercy begins on December 8, 2015, and continues until November 20, 2016. To begin this Extraordinary Jubilee Year, the parish mass on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Tuesday, December 8, will be moved from its usual time of 8:20 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. On this solemn occasion, we are privileged to have as our main celebrant and homilist **Bishop John Boissonneau**, Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto for the Western Pastoral Region. Please make every effort to begin the Year of Mercy by coming together in a spirit of joy and thanksgiving for this special celebration of the Eucharist.

For the Year of Mercy, Fr. Damian will be available for confessions during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on First Fridays in addition to the usual opportunities provided on Saturday afternoons before the 5 p.m. Mass, the designated Archdiocesan Days of Confessions in Advent and Lent, and by appointment as requested.

Reconciliation Evening Service
Sunday December 13, 2015
at 7pm in the church.
Several priests available

Archdiocese of Toronto
DAY OF CONFESSIONS

Wednesday, December 16, 2015Father 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

Make A Joyful Noise To the Lord!
St. John the Evangelist Parish
Youth Christmas Choir 2015

We are looking for young people age 10 and up to help lead the singing at our **Christmas Eve 5pm Family mass.**

WHERE? 2 **Rehearsals** will be held at St John the Evangelist Parish Centre.

Sunday DEC. 20 from 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm Full Choir
Music Ministry at Mass December 24th 4:30 to 6:30 pm

Attendance at both rehearsals is necessary for all choir members to learn the music well, and build a solid team effort in harmony, and feel confident and ready to lead song together. Please Pre-register by Dec 10th to assist with music preparation

TO REGISTER: Contact Eileen McGowan at 905 668-0959.
ejpmcgowan1@rogers.com

Invitation to St. Michael's Choir School Christmas Concert from Pastoral Council

Did you know that the St. Michael's Choir School performed in Rome for our present Pope Francis and the Pontifical Institute of Sacred Music to mark the Choir School's 75th Anniversary?

You and your family are invited to attend the St. Michael's Choir School Christmas Concert at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, this Friday, November 27, 2015

at 7:00 pm in support of the church renovation fund and St. Michael's Choir School.

Tickets are almost sold out. Standing room only expected for those seeking tickets at the door. Suggested donation at the door is \$25 for Adults and \$15 for Children 12 & under

For further information, please contact the Parish Office at 905-668-3676, Iris McNulty irismcnultycw@hotmail.com; Roberta Deschenes deschenes.family@sympatico.ca or Deidre Newman dnewman@danewmanlaw.com.



CANADIAN CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION FOR
Development
and **Peace**

**Prayer Vigil for the Climate Change Conference in Paris (COP21)
Sunday, November 29th at 2:00
St. John the Evangelist Church
Parish Centre**

As the COP21 climate change negotiations in Paris approach, people around the world are beginning to mobilize to ask that our world leaders agree to a fair and binding agreement that will limit rising temperatures and help those most impacted by climate change in the Global South to adapt. Pope Francis told us: "humanity still has the ability to work together in building our common home", let us listen to his call and join people around the world in prayer for the success of the negotiations. For more information call: Estela 905-430-7753 or email: emr0001@hotmail.com.



**Santa Claus Parade
Pancake Breakfast
Knights of Columbus Hall
133 Brock St. North
SATURDAY Dec 5, 2015
8:00-10:00 AM**

**Everyone is invited to enjoy
PANCAKES, SAUSAGES,
BACON & EGGS
COFFEE, TEA, MILK, JUICES
TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE
DOOR
\$5.00 each or \$15.00/family**



Members of Council
4895 will be
Distributing
"Keep Christ In
Christmas"

car magnets after all of the masses on
November 28, 29, 2015
Magnets can be purchased for
\$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00



Children's Nativity Play

This year children of the parish will perform a brief nativity play before the children's mass at 5pm on Christmas Eve. We are looking for performers between the ages of 5 and

9. There will be a commitment of several rehearsals.

If interested, come to the first rehearsal in the church.

Rehearsals:

Sun Nov 22 2pm – 3:30pm

Sun Nov 29 2pm – 3:30pm

Sat Dec 5 2pm – 3:30pm

Sun Dec 13 2pm- 4pm

Sun Dec 20 2pm – 4pm

Thu Dec 24 TBA

Parents with questions can call Jeff or Julia (905) 430-3093.



Masses For The Week

Sat. Nov 21 – 5:00pm

+Deceased Members of the Rodrigues & Luis Families

req. by Hyacinth & Cavin Luis

Tues. Nov 24 – 8:20am

+Julka Muller

req. by Ivanka Vrdoljak

Wed. Nov. 25- 7:00pm

+Gene Healey

req. by John & Chris Stafford

Thur. Nov. 26 – 8:20am

+Lina Orrico

req. by Anna & Natale Ciardullo

Fri. Nov. 27 – 8:20am

+Judy Hickey

req. by David & Family

Sat. Nov. 28 – 5:00pm

+ Gordon Nieuwendyk

req. by Mary Louise LaBarre & Ken Reilly & Family

**French Immersion Registration & Information Sessions
Durham Catholic District School Board**

You are invited to enrol online at www.dcdsb.ca from December 14, 2015 to January 15, 2016. Students be entering Grade 1 in September 2016 to register.

Parent information session:

Monday November 30, 2015 at 7pm at
St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic School

95 Waller Street, Whitby, ON

See the website at www.dcdsb.ca for other locations and dates

Looking Ahead

Sun Nov 22

2 – 3:30pm Nativity Rehearsal in the church

Wed Nov 25

1pm Prayer Group, PC main
6:15pm – 7:15pm PHCP, PC all

Thu Nov 26

9:15am – 10:30am Confirmation Practice,
Gr 8 (St. J, St M, PHCP, other)

1pm – 2:15pm Confirmation Practice, Gr 8 (St L)

Fri Nov 27

10am Mass at Taunton Mills

7pm St. Michael's Choir Concert, in the church

Sat Nov 28

10am – 3pm Reconciliation Children's Retreat, - church and parish centre



**Advent begins Sunday
November 29, 2015**

Symbols are a part of tradition. Traditions are a part of faith.

Advent, the beginning of the liturgical year, is a time of preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas. We commemorate the coming of Jesus to Bethlehem and his coming into our hearts today.

The Advent wreath, its circular shape, is a symbol of eternal life. The three purple candles symbolize our time of waiting, repenting and preparing for the Lord. The pink candle represents joy as we move closer to Christmas.

Having the Advent wreath in our homes is a visual reminder that Jesus is the reason for the season. With Scripture readings, prayers and lit candles, a meaning tradition is shared in our homes and handed down to the next generation of faith.

Only one purple candle is lit during the first week, two in the second week, three (incl. the pink one) in the third week, and all four during the fourth week of Advent; the gradually increasing light symbolizes the approach of Christmas, the birth of Jesus, the light of the world. A fifth candle (white) can be added in the middle of the wreath for Christmas Eve and Day symbolizing the arrival of Christ, the light of the world.