

## SACRAMENT PREPARATION PROGRAMS

2015 – 2016

**FIRST RECONCILIATION**  
“Celebrating God’s Love”  
(Grade 2)

**CELEBRATION**  
in the Church  
Tuesday, December 1 (A-L) and  
Thursday, December 3 (M-Z)

**CONFIRMATION**  
“Anointed for Mission”  
(Grade 8)

**CEREMONY**  
in the Church on Sunday, December 6, 2015  
St. John, St. Marguerite, PHCP and Other – **1:00 pm**  
St. Luke – **4:00 pm**



The Advent wreath uses candles and greenery as symbols of light and life during winter. The Advent Wreath is a circular evergreen wreath with four or five candles, three purple, one rose, and (if you use the five-candle model), one white one for Christmas Day placed in the center.

The candles symbolize the light of Christ coming into the world. The evergreen symbolizes renewal, and the circular shape symbolizes the completeness of God. The candle colors are derived from the traditional liturgical colors of Advent (purple and rose) and Christmas (white). Each candle is first lit on the appropriate Sunday of Advent, and then the candles may be lit each day as a part of the individual or family's daily prayers.



Certain candles have been given various names and designations:

Candle 1. Hope and/or Patriarchs (purple)  
Candle 2. Peace and/or Prophets (purple)  
Candle 3. Joy and/or John the Baptist (rose)  
Candle 4. Love or The Virgin Mary (purple)  
Candle 5. Christ The Light of the World (white)

### **Advent Week One**

**Leader:** The Lord is our faith and our life.

**All:** May the Lord's peace be with us all.

**Leader:** And may his love shine in our hearts.

**All:** Our hope is in the coming of the Lord.

**Directions:** Light the first purple candle.

During the week, relight whenever the family gathers together.



**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!*

**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**

**DAY OF CONFESSIONS**  
**Wednesday, December 16, 2015**  
Father 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**

Dear Friends,  
Thank you to the boys and young men of St. Michael's Choir School, to their Director, Mr. Stephen Handrigan, to the Junior, Tenor Bass, Senior and Massed Choir Directors

and to Kate Rosser-Davies for blessing us with a magnificent Christmas Concert.

Thank you for the exceptional support of our Knights of Columbus, Grand Knight Fred Shady, St. John the Evangelist Choir, Kevin Dashney, prelude organist, Ken Merola, St. John the Evangelist School and Principal Michael Forgione.

Thank you to our dedicated Pastoral Council, Father Damian Ali, Susan Douglas, Anna Mahura, Mike Cvitkovic, Roberta Deschenes, Karen Fitzsimmons, Silvia Garcia, Jeff Grujcich, David Hickey, Ed Lescisin, Lisa Maltby, Iris McNulty, Phyllis Pereira, and Irena Stebih.

Thank you to our superb concert team, Jackie Shady, Rose Tyms, Linda Calder, Malcolm Chartrand, John Coyle, Ray Flores, Patricia Garrard, Pat and Peter Heiler, Therese Howard, Don Huppe, Margaret Lance, Vicki Morgan, Pat Milburn, Ellen Murphy-Dunn, Terry Pirie, Bill Rios (for computer artwork), Estela Rios, John Stafford, Tony Tyms, Theresa Robinson, Troy Sabat, Agnes and Richard Sandrelli, and Pavel Zeman.

Sincere thanks to our corporate sponsors and to Michael Guzzo-Foliaro of Bella Notte Ristorante for catering.

I am grateful to all our Parishioners for their tremendous support.

Merry Christmas,

Deidre Newman,  
Chair, Pastoral Council  
St. John the Evangelist Church

## 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 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

### C.W.L. Christmas Vendor Fair Saturday December 5

Looking for unique gifts? Mark your calendars and come Christmas shopping at our vendor fair on Saturday, December 5th 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be great shopping opportunities - health & beauty, fashion, jewellery, hand-made crafts (sewn, knitted and wooden). Visit our bake table for CWL kitchen creations - dessert for supper! FREE ADMISSION - FREE DRAW. Light refreshments available at the snack bar. Thank you for your support. Funds raised will be disbursed in January for our charitable donations.



#### Masses For The Week

Sat. Nov 28 – 5:00pm

**+Gordon Nieuwendyk**

*req. by Mary Louise LaBarre & Ken Reilly & Family*

Tues. Dec 1 – 8:20am

**+Elizabeth Ann Jarvis**

*req. by The Hannon Family*

Wed. Dec 2. - 7:00pm

**+Ted Kapuscinski**

*req. by Jim & Rose Marie Abdee*

Thur. Dec 3 – 8:20am

**+Vincent McDonald**

*req. by His Sister*

Fri. Dec 4 – 8:20am

**+William Schroer**

*req. by His Wife & Family*

Sat. Dec 5 – 5:00pm

**+Ted Kapuscinski**

*req. by Barb & Chris Hill & Family*

**SOCIAL SUNDAY IS DEFERRED TO**  
**DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> DUE TO THE SACRAMENT**  
**OF CONFIRMATION FOR GRADE 8**  
**STUDENTS TAKING PLACE ON DECEMBER**  
**6TH**

### Refugee Sponsorship Cttee Meeting Friday December 4<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm to 8:30pm

**St. Joseph's Room**

St John's Parishioners interested in helping to facilitate the immigration and resettlement of a refugee family are asked to attend a planning meeting on Friday, December 5, 2015 from 7:30pm to 8:30pm in the St. Joseph's Room. Individuals are specifically needed to assist with finances & budgeting; preparation of government documents; assisting the family to find volunteer and employment opportunities; ESL training and enculturation; connecting with local schools; housing; transportation services; shopping; medical emergencies and other crisis situation. If you want to help but cannot attend this meeting, please leave your name and phone number at the parish office.

### **DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE**

**Prayer Vigil for the Climate Change  
Conference in Paris (COP21)  
Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:emr0001@hotmail.com).

### **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.**

**2 Rehearsals** will be held at St John the Evangelist Parish Centre on **Sat Dec 12 from 3 pm to 4:15 pm (Cantors from 2pm – 4:15) & Sun Dec 20 from 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm Full Choir Music Ministry at Mass Dec 24<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> to assist with music preparation

**TO REGISTER: Contact Eileen McGowan at 905 668-0959.**  
[ejpmcgowan1@rogers.com](mailto:ejpmcgowan1@rogers.com)

### **MIGRANT WORKERS' DINNER CHRISTMAS DAY**

We will host a Christmas Day Dinner for the Migrant Workers living in our community. Volunteers are requested to help out in the following ways:

Transportation to and from White Oaks Apartments to the parish centre, food donations of baked items, toiletries and clothing and donations of \$15 are accepted.

The schedule is as follows:  
Pickup time 3:30pm from White Oaks. Return time 7:30pm. 8 vans are required that accommodate 6 passengers. Thank you!



### **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 29 2pm – 3:30pm  
Sat Dec 5 2pm – 3:30pm, Sun Dec 13 2pm- 4pm, Sun Dec 20 2pm – 4pm  
Thu Dec 24 TBA .