

SACRAMENT PREPARATION PROGRAMS

2016

**FIRST
EUCCHARIST**
"Invited to the Feast"
(Grade 2)

PARENTS' MEETING in the Church (parents only)
Saturday, January 16, 2016, 10:00 – 11:30 am

CONFIRMATION
"Anointed for Mission"
(Grade 7)

REGISTRATION at the Church (parents & children)
Tuesday, January 12 at 7:00 pm
(please bring a \$35 fee for program expenses
and a **photocopy** of your child's Baptism Certificate)

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.

A BIG THANK YOU FROM FATHER DAMIAN

Christmas Decorations

Thank you to the committee who helped decorate the church for Christmas. Our gratitude to Irena & Boris Stebih, Aggie Sandrelli, Gail McMonagle, Therese Howard, Pat Milburn, Pat Garrard, Kurtis Lance, Mitch & Vinnie Cusma. A very special thanks to Margaret Lance, co-ordinator of the liturgical enhancement committee. Thank you so very much for your generous time and help.

Thank you to the Locatelli family for their generous donation of 25 poinsettia plants from their greenhouses, to enhance our sanctuary during the Christmas season.

To those who kindly donated to our Flower Fund, my deepest appreciation for your generosity.

Migrant Farmer's Christmas Dinner

We had a very successful Christmas Day Mass and Dinner with 58 migrant farmers. Father Hector Vila Rector at Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary-Toronto, celebrated Mass in Spanish with English translation and even spoke in Tagalog briefly.

Thank you to those who volunteered their vehicle and time for transportation: Johnson Kooroth, Esperenza Ramos, Mabel Weisgerber, Eva Krukowska, Bryan Childerhouse, Tom Simmons, Jan Kolar, Terry Magill, Dan Humphries & Jose Moreno.

To those who graciously assisted in the kitchen: Mauricia & Tatiana Cadena, John & Diana Chingay, Boris & Irena Stebih, Colin & Ida Edgecombe, Souyen Shu, Madelyn Chung, Esperanza Ramos, Mabel Weisgerber & Jennifer Bisharat.

To everyone who made cash donations or donated baked goods, toiletries, clothing and food - thank you for your generosity. To the St. Vincent de Paul Society for sharing food from the pantry, toiletries and clothing – thank you. A total of 58 farmers attended and 32 volunteers participated as well as 7 children from St. John's and Holy Family. Members of Holy Family & St. John's provided music at the mass and a dancing performance at the dinner from youth of St. John's. Young singers and dancers: Abigail Walsh, Eva Moreno, Melissa & Christian, Magda & Sophie Krukowska, Anthony & Mateo & Mauricia Cadena, Ariana Veltri-Sampogna,, John Jairo-Chingay, Jazmin Bisharat. From Holy Family Parish - Juan & Patricia Escalona Quintana
Thank you to **Justin's No Frills** for generously donating 3 turkeys, and numerous cases of pop and juice. Sincere thanks to **Maritza & Robert Cartwright** for their heroic effort to organize the Mass and dinner, taking into consideration the various backgrounds of these farmers and going to great lengths to obtain various specialty foods.



Masses For The Week

Sat. Jan 9 - 5:00pm
+Michael Catterall & Helen Lecours
req. by Their Family

Tues. Jan 12 – 8:20am
Intentions of Frances Fitzpatrick
req. by Maire & Patrick Fitzpatrick

Wed. Jan 13 – 7:00pm
+Paul Fitzsimmons
req. by Christine, Anna & Gerry Hannon

Thur. Jan 14 – 8:20am
+Maria Louisa Fagundes
req. by Catherine & Steve Ingram

Fri. Jan 15 – 8:20
+Ulysses Bovolaneas
req. by The Bovolaneas Family

Sat. Jan 16 – 5pm

+Giovanni Favit
req. by Maddalena Favit

Thank you to Our Children and Youth

Father Damian and the Pastoral Council thanks the children and youth of our Parish for their exemplary service as lectors, greeters, altar servers, musicians and participants in the offertory procession at the family advent mass on December 19, 2015 and the youth mass on January 2, 2016, each at 5 pm.

December 19, 2015
Announcements: Allyson Rail
First Reading: Nathan Aunger
Second Reading: Brooke Cvitkovic
Prayers of the Faithful: Andres Garcia

January 2, 2016
Prayer of St. Francis: Allyson Rail
Announcements: Nicole Humphries
First Reading: Melissa Cartwright
Second Reading: Colleen Flynn
Prayers of the Faithful: Munachim Okpalugo
Musician: Mark McKeown

Thank you particularly to the young children who formed the processions for each Mass.

We look forward to the participation of all children and youth in the parish for the next youth mass on February 6, 2016 at 5 pm and for the first Saturday mass at 5 pm for each month up to June 4, 2016. Participating

youth and children are asked to arrive at 4:30 pm.

If you wish to participate as a youth mass planning volunteer, please contact Iris McNulty irismcnultycwl@hotmail.com; Jeff Grujicich jeffgruich@yahoo.ca and Deidre Newman dnewman@danewmanlaw.com.
Deidre Newman, Chair Pastoral Council

SPEAKER SERIES PRESENTATION #2

Dr. Mark McGowan,
Professor of History,
University of Toronto

Will speak at St. John the Evangelist on:

"Francis and The Year That Was"

"What is Happening in Rome?"

Tuesday, January 26 @ 7:30 p.m.

All parishioners are invited to attend the presentation

CALLING ALL WOMEN...

Become part of a global women's Catholic lay organization which holds membership in the World Union of Catholic Organizations. Join the Catholic Women's League of Canada. Through your efforts, prayerful service and the sharing of your unique personal God-given talents you can be blessed with grace-filled moments while, becoming an agent of change. **The Catholic Women's League of St. John the Evangelist will be holding their membership drive on the weekend of January 23/24. Please become a member or renew your membership to The Catholic Women's League of Canada**

Kindergarten Registration DCDSB

We welcome families to register their children turning 4 years old as of December 31, 2015 to register. Step 1. Visit dcdsb.ca from January 11 to 15, 2016 to enrol your child through our online registration process. For registration questions, email admissions@dcdsb.ca Step 2. Call your local Catholic school and make an appointment to complete your registration during the week of January 18 to 22, 2016.

Do you have before and after school child care arrangements for September 2016? We offer child care services. Call (905) 576-6150 x 2172.



Advance Notice **Metal & Electronics** **Recycling Drive**

Saturday, May 14, 2016

Save your scrap metal and electronics cast-offs for the St. John the Evangelist Council 4895 Recycling Drive to take place at the Parish Centre parking lot area. Further information will be posted in the April bulletins.

Thanks for your support.
Fred Shady, Grand Knight
905 668-1081



GOLF NIGHT **INDOOR**

TOURNEY at TEES & CUES

In Support of St. Vincent de Paul

Lower level of the Best Western Hotel at 559 Bloor St. W., Oshawa

Saturday, Feb. 6, 2016

Start Time: 6:30pm

Cost: \$50 per golfer

Light Snacks will be served.

Contact Gerry or Roberta Deschenes at 905 430-2978 or deschenes.family@sympatico.ca

CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM

St Bernadette Parish, Ajax

A seminar invitation to all Christians.

January 22 - 8pm to 10pm

January 30 - 10am to 3pm

January 31 - 2pm to 7pm

Various sessions such as:

-Who is Jesus?, Growing in the Spirit, Transformation

No fees. Call Fr. Keith Wallace
(905) 683-1533

Looking Ahead

Tue Jan 12

7pm Confirmation Registration, in church (Grade 7 students)

Wed Jan 13

7:45pm Pastoral Council, PC main

Thu Jan 14

7:30pm, RCIA, PC1

Sat Jan 16

10am – 11:30am 1st Eucharist Parents' Meeting, in the church

Wed Jan 20

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

Thur Jan 21

7:30pm RCIA, PC1

7:30pm, CWL, PC main

Fri Jan 22

10am Mass at Taunton Mills

Sat/Sun Jan 23/24

CWL Membership Drive

10am – 11:30am Confirmation

Parents' Mtg (Gr 7), in church

St Augustine's Seminary
An Intro to the Book of Revelation
God's Message of Hope in a Difficult Time

With Msgr. Robert Nusca
Saturday January 16, 2016
9:30am – 2:30pm

Cost \$40 (includes lunch)
Register online

www.staugustines.on.ca

Week of Prayer for Christian **Unity**

January 18 to 25, 2016

Called to proclaim the mighty acts of God (1 Peter 2:9)

Come and join us in an ecumenical prayer service with emphasis on refugees, led by Archbishop Thomas Cardinal Collins, Anglican Archbishop Colin Johnson, Chaldean Catholic Bishop Emanuel Shaleta, Evangelical Lutheran Bishop Michael Pryse, and other city-wide religious leaders on Sunday January 24, 2016 at 4pm Good Shepherd Chaldean Catholic Church

2 High Meadow Place
(northwest of Finch Ave & Hwy 400)
Homilist: His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins

Parking available, refreshments to follow in the parish hall.

For further information, email vkwok@archtoronto.org

2016 World Day of Migrants & Refugees

Join us for a special Eucharistic Celebration by His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins and clergy of Goan, Mangalorean, East Indian and Anglo-Indian descent.

Sunday January 17, 2016
@ 2:30pm

(be in the church by 2pm)
St. Joseph's Church, 5440 Durie Rd, Mississauga
Reception to follow