

SACRAMENT PREPARATION PROGRAMS

2016

**FIRST
EUCHARIST**
"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)

PARENTS' MEETING in the Church (parents & children) – Saturday, January 23, 10:00 - 11:30 am

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.

SPEAKER SERIES PRESENTATION #2

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

Will speak at St. John the Evangelist

"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*

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life: Celebration at St. Paul's Basilica on January 31, 2016

On Tuesday, February 2, the Church celebrates the World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life. In the Archdiocese of Toronto, we are blessed to have living and serving among us more than 900 religious men and women of 100 different religious congregations. This World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life is a wonderful opportunity for us to thank God for the gifts of these religious sisters, brothers and priests and to pray for God's blessing upon them in their efforts to faithfully live the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience.

On Sunday, January 31 at 3 p.m. at St. Paul's Basilica, there will be a special Mass to close the Year for Consecrated Life. Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick will preside at the Mass in celebration of the vocation and witness of these special men and women religious who are such a vital and important part of the life and ministry of the Church in our archdiocese. All are welcome to attend.

Pope Francis declared the theme for **2016 World Day of Migrants and Refugees (January 17)** to be "Migrants and Refugees Challenge Us. The Response of the Gospel of Mercy." Weeks later, Cardinal Thomas Collins established Project Hope in the Archdiocese of Toronto in response to the refugee crisis in the Middle East. Since then, we have established enough sponsorship committees to support 90 refugee families and raised more than \$3.5 million to support newcomers in their first year of resettlement.

Cardinal Collins wrote: "This is a tremendous accomplishment and I thank all donors for this tangible demonstration of assistance for refugee families in great need. I also wish to express my profound thanks to the countless volunteers who have formed refugee settlement committees. Let us continue to pray for all those persecuted and displaced in so many parts of our world."

Join us in an **ecumenical prayer service with special concern for refugees**, led by Roman Catholic Archbishop Thomas Cardinal Collins (homilist), 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 4 p.m., Good Shepherd Chaldean Catholic Cathedral, 2 High Meadow Place** (north-west of Finch Ave. and Hwy 400). Ample parking is available, refreshments to follow. For further information, please contact the Office of Ecumenical and Interfaith Affairs at (416) 934-3400 ext. 344 or ext. 527 or vkwok@archtoronto.org.



Masses For The Week

Sat. Jan 16 - 5:00pm

+Giovanni Favit

req. by Maddalena Favit

Tues. Jan 19 – 8:20am

+Tony Vasquez

*req. by Marjorie & Des Newman
& Family*

Wed. Jan 20 – 7:00pm

+Giacomo Bellotto

req. by Elisa Bellotto & Family

Thur. Jan 21 – 8:20am

+Luke Matthew Vukovic

req. by Pedro & Amelia Lauer

Fri. Jan 22 – 8:20am

+Deceased Members of the Detta Colli & Rossi Families

req. by Maria Detta Colli

Sat. Jan 23 – 5pm

+Lillian Kennedy

req. by Jackie & David Flynn

CWL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Catholic Women's League will be holding their annual membership drive on the weekend of January 23/24. Members from the league will be at the back of the church to accept memberships after all masses. The cost for membership is \$25.00. Cheques should be made payable to: St. John the Evangelist CWL. Be part of a national organization of Catholic women who pray together, support the teachings of the Catholic church, advocate for human rights, fundraise for charities and organizations, raise awareness in the community about crucial issues. For further information contact: Susan @ 905-430-1909 or Iris @905-668-3218.

**CWL GENERAL MEETING
Thursday, January 21 7:30-9:00**

Agenda Items

- disbursement of monies raised council initiative for the Year of Mercy
- Update on the Carter Case and Physician Assisted Death
- Council sponsored resolution re: transportation food subsidies to First Nation communities

Refreshments and fellowship to follow business meeting.

Please come to join in the conversation and information sharing.

**St. John's Refugee Sponsorship Meeting
Wednesday January 27, 2016
7:45pm
Parish Centre Main room**

**Soup, Stations, CONVERSION
St. Gertrude's Parish**

Join us beginning Friday, February 12th for Bishop Robert Barron's DVD-based program, *CONVERSION: Following the Call of Christ*. Over the 6 weeks of Lent, using six stories from the Bible, Bishop Barron will demonstrate how ordinary people like us are met by Jesus and called to a better life through him. A light supper of soup and bread will be served at 6 p.m. to everyone who registers for the *CONVERSION* program. Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 7 p.m.

For more information or to register, please contact Beth Cook (beth_cook@rogers.com) or 905-925-9871. Registration is required for *CONVERSION* to ensure we prepare the right amount of soup each evening. Free will offerings will be accepted and appreciated for your soup supper. A little food for the body, a lot of food for the soul.

THE GIFT OF HOSPITALITY

Once again we are preparing to host the members of the N.E.T. Ministries Team who will be facilitating the Confirmation Retreat for our Gr. 7 students in March and April.

NET Ministries is a Catholic evangelistic outreach program located in the Archdiocese of Ottawa. The team is comprised of young adults of vibrant faith who have given at least a year of their lives, some more, to travel across Canada to share their faith with Catholic youth. Using a retreat format, the team members blend a fun, high-energy experience, with a straightforward and personal presentation of the Gospel message and how Jesus Christ has affected their lives. They use large group presentations, small group discussions, music, games, skits, prayer, personal testimonies, and the Sacraments.

We are looking for homes where these young people can stay, in groups of two women or two men, on Wed. Mar. 30 and Thurs. Mar. 31, 2016. They will arrive late Wednesday afternoon and leave on Friday morning. We will finalize the arrangements in early March. The teams bring their own sleeping bags and pillows. As a host family you would be agreeing to provide breakfast and dinner, and possibly transportation to the Parish Centre for 8:00 a.m. on the mornings of March 31 and April 1, although they normally provide their own transportation.

My family would like to host two of the N.E.T. team members.

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____
 E-mail: _____
 Pets: _____

Gender Preference:
 _____ female
 _____ male

Please drop off your application to the Parish Office or place it in the Collection basket. Thank you.

Fr. Damian Ali Susan Douglas
 Pastor Lay Pastoral Assistant



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

**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

Looking Ahead

- Wed Jan 20**
1pm Prayer Group, PC main
6:15 – 7:15pm PHCP, PC all, St. Jos/Alb Rms
7:30pm Baptism Prep, PC1
- Thu Jan 21**
7:30pm CWL meeting, PC main
7:30pm RCIA, PC#1
- Fri Jan 22**
10am Mass at Taunton Mills
- Sat Jan 23**
10am – 11:30am Confirmation Parents' Mtg, (gr 7) , in the church