

## SACRAMENT PREPARATION PROGRAMS

2016

<p><b>FIRST EUCHARIST</b> "Invited to the Feast" (Grade 2)</p>	<p><b>CONFIRMATION</b> "Anointed for Mission" (Grade 7)</p>
<p><b><u>RITE OF ENROLMENT</u></b> at the Church (children &amp; families) Saturday, February 20 at 5:00 pm <b>OR</b> Sunday, February 21 at 9:00 am <b>OR</b> Sunday, February 21 at 11:00 am</p>	<p><b><u>Sessions I – IV</u></b> Jan 30, Feb 6, 20 &amp; 27 in the Parish Centre 9:00 am – 10:30 am or 11:00 am – 12:30 pm (as scheduled)</p> <p><b><u>RITE OF ENROLMENT</u></b> at the Church (children &amp; families) Saturday, January 30 at 5:00 pm <b>OR</b> Sunday, January 31 at 9:00 am <b>OR</b> 11 am</p>

### **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*



## **PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Sunday, February 7, 2016

9:30 – 11:00am

in the Parish Centre.

\$5 per Person or \$15 per

Family

Tickets available at the door  
*on the day of the event.*

**Hosted by your Pastoral  
Council**

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

### **Invitation to Youth Singers**

Singers from Grade 7 -12 are invited  
to share your musical talents  
and join the monthly Youth Mass  
music ministry at Saturday 5 pm  
mass.

Practices will be held at 3:30 in the  
Parish Centre

on the first Saturday of each month:  
March 5, APRIL 2, MAY 7, JUNE 4.

Please contact Eileen McGowan to  
sign up and ensure there will be a  
music folder for you.

905 668-0959

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### *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](mailto:deschenes.family@sympatico.ca)

**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.

 Masses For The Week

- Sat. Jan 23 - 5:00pm  
**+Lillian Kennedy**  
*req. by Jackie & David Flynn*
- Tues. Jan 26 – 8:20am  
**In Thanksgiving**  
*req. by Mary Yearwood*
- Wed. Jan 27 – 7:00pm  
**+Gilbert Gaboury**  
*req. by Tom Gaboury & Family*
- Thur. Jan 28 – 8:20am  
**+Maurizio Misasi**  
*req. by Anna & Mario Misasi*
- Fri. Jan 29 – 8:20am  
**+Joan Thibault**  
*req. by John Thibault & Family*
- Sat. Jan 30 – 5pm  
**+Mary Forbes**  
*req. by Joan Morris & Family*

**CWL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

The Catholic Women’s League will be holding their annual membership drive this weekend. 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.

**Looking Ahead**

- Tues Jan 26**  
7:30pm Speaker Series – Mark McGowan – “Pope Francis – The Year that Was”, in the church
- Wed Jan 27**  
1pm Prayer Group, PC main  
7:45pm Refugee Sponsorship Cttee Mtg, PC main
- Thu Jan 28**  
7:30pm RCIA, PC#1
- Sat Jan 30**  
9am – 10:30am Confirmation Session 1, PC all  
11am – 12:30pm Confirmation Session 1, PC all
- Sat/Sun Jan 30/31**  
Rite of Enrolment for Confirmation, Gr 7 at 5pm, 9am & 11am Masses

Canadian Catholic Bishops and the Ecumenical and Interfaith Council  
The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops is circulating The Ecumenical and Interfaith Declaration on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide. The intention of The Declaration is to indicate to law makers, our opposition to the legalization of Physician Assisted Suicide. The Declaration can be accessed on line. Signatures to The Declaration are also made on line. You can access both the text of The Declaration and the signing of it at the following link:  
<http://www.euthanasiadeclaration.ca/sign-the-declaration/>. Please take the time to view The Declaration. It is the hope of the Canadian Catholic Bishops and the Ecumenical and Interfaith Council that you will be encouraged to sign it once you have read the text.

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

Join us beginning Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society  
Donations of  
cereal and canned fruit  
are gladly accepted.  
Thank you for supporting the needy in  
our community.**

**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