

<u>SACRAMENT PREPARATION PROGRAMS</u>	
2016	
FIRST EUCHARIST "Invited to the Feast" (Grade 2)	CONFIRMATION "Anointed for Mission" (Grade 7)
<u>RITE OF ENROLMENT</u> at the Church (children & families) Saturday, February 20 at 5:00 pm OR Sunday, February 21 at 9:00 am OR Sunday, February 21 at 11:00 am	<u>Sessions I – IV</u> Jan 30, Feb 6, 20 & 27 in the Parish Centre 9:00 am – 10:30 am or 11:00 am – 12:30 pm (as scheduled)

PENANCE IN LENT

Fridays in the Lenten Season are days of penance, when small sacrifices are encouraged. Abstaining from meat on Fridays has become a customary Lenten penance for Catholics. The Canadian Bishops have recommended that this penitential practice continue among the faithful, but also stated that other acts of penance may be substituted, such as special prayers or acts of service for others.

Ash Wednesday and **Good Friday** are days of obligatory fasting and abstinence from meat. "The law of fasting prescribes that only one meal be taken in a day; but it does not forbid taking some nourishment in the morning and evening" (Letters & Legislation, Archdiocese of Toronto). The law of fasting binds those from 18 to 59 years of age, while the law of abstinence from meat binds Catholics who are 14 years of age and older, but every person, regardless of age, can participate in fasting and abstaining from meat if they wish, as long as one's health will allow it.

Parents and educators are reminded of their duty to introduce children gradually to the understanding and practice of penance, including fasting and abstinence, in the life of Catholics. Adult example will be the greatest influence in this matter (Guidelines for Pastoral Liturgy, 1999-2000, CCCB).

2016 STATIONS OF THE CROSS**February 12**

The Way of the Cross by St. Alphonsus Liguori (Sacred Spaces Liturgical Design Inc., Alexandria, Virginia, 2011)

February 19

The Way of the Cross: Pro-Life Meditations (Francis James McManamy, 2010, Toronto: *The Interim*)

February 26

Divine Mercy Stations of the Cross With conversations from the Diary of Saint Faustina Kowalska (Opus Bono Sacerdotii, Oxford, MI)

March 4

A Family-Centered Way of the Cross (Michael A. Diebold, 1998: Liguori, MO: Liguori Publications)

March 11

Development & Peace
Presentation
of the Way of the Cross

March 18

Mary's Way of the Cross (The Redemptorist Fathers and Brothers of the Baltimore Province, 1984: Mystic, CT: Twenty-Third Publications)

March 25

Good Friday – Way of the Cross by the Parish Youth

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND AWARENESS AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING:**February 8**

Pope Francis asks Catholics around the world to pray for an end to human trafficking. After drug dealing, human trafficking along with the selling of arms form the second largest criminal activity in the world. Children and women make up 50% of the victims. Refugees are frequently the victims of human slavery. Annually, up to two million individuals may be trafficked. They are forced into slavery working at jobs such as textile workers in factories, domestics and the sex service industry. They have no voice, earn wages often well below the minimum wage and work in unsafe/inhumane environments. Victims find it difficult to break away from their bondage because they fear for their safety. Pray to help eradicate this abuse of human dignity, rights and worth.



On Sunday, February 14th, we will welcome the Knights and Ladies of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem who will be in attendance at the 11:00 Mass. The Order helps to sustain a Christian presence in the Holy Land through prayer, advocacy and financial support.

**TODAY!**

Pancake Breakfast
Sunday February 7th
9:30am to 11am


\$5/person, \$15/Family
Parish Centre
Tickets at the door

but ours. The coin boxes will be collected March 13/14. Thank you for your support!

7:30pm RCIA, PC1
Fri Feb 12
10am Mass at Fairview Lodge

**Celebration of Marriage
Archdiocese of Toronto**

The Archdiocese of Toronto will celebrate Marriage Sunday on February 6/7, 2016. His Eminence Cardinal Collins will preside at a Celebration of Marriage Mass on Saturday February 13 at 4:30pm at St. Andrew Kim Parish 849 Don Mills Rd North York. Reception to follow Mass. Couples celebrating special milestone anniversaries are invited to attend

 **Masses For The Week**

- Sat. Feb 6 - 5:00pm
+Louis McKenna
req. by The Burke Family
- Tues. Feb 9 – 8:20am
+Margaret McKenna
req. by Dick & Rita Hadden
- Wed. Feb 10 – 8:20am
+Marjorie Pierre
req. by Des & Marjorie Newman
- Wed. Feb 10 – 7:00pm
+Theresa Matthews
Req. by Staff & Students of St. John the Evangelist C.S.
- Thur. Feb 11 – 8:20am
+Edward Conboy
req by The Conboy Family
- Fri. Feb 12 – 8:20am
+Frank Moloney
req. by Patricia Moloney & Family
- Sat. Feb 13 – 5pm
+Edward Conboy
req. by Toby Fennese & Family

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

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: Feb 6, Mar 5, Apr 2, May 7, Jun 4. Please contact Eileen McGowan to sign up and ensure there will be a music folder for you.
905 668-0959
ejpmcgowan1@rogers.com

2015 TAX RECEIPTS will be distributed after all masses Feb 6/7 and 13/14. After that time, they will be available for pickup in the office. Office hours are Monday, Tuesday 9am to 5pm and Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 9am to 8pm

FAMILY OF FAITH DONATIONS
If you have made a 2015 donation to the Family of Faith campaign, please note that your tax receipt will be sent to you directly by the Family of Faith campaign office in February. Thank you for your continued support of this important campaign!

Lenten Coins for Life
Coins for Life boxes will be handed out at the back of the church on Feb 13/14, the first Sunday in Lent. This project helps continue to run the National March for Life in Ottawa on May 12, 2016. Be sure that your small change can lead to a BIG change in our land and does help to save countless innocent lives now and in the future. God's preborn children in the womb have no voice

SHROVE TUESDAY – FEAST OF THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS
On Shrove Tuesday, February 9th, at Holy Family Parish has Holy Hour beginning at 8 a.m. with Mass at 9 a.m. **dedicated to the Holy Face of Jesus** to give reparation to God for the outrages received by Our Lord during His Passion and those bestowed on Him every day in the Blessed Sacrament. Please join us to strengthen your faith and deepen your love of God and His Mercy.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2016
Friday March 4, 2016
at 2pm Christ the King Lutheran Church
1825 Manning Ave
(east of Thickson)
Or
At 7:30pm St. John's Anglican Church,
150 Victoria St. E.
Whitby

LOOKING AHEAD
Wed. Feb 10 Ash Wednesday
Mass with ashes at 8:20am & 7pm
1pm Prayer Group, PC main
7:45pm Pastoral Council Mtg, PC main
Thurs Feb 11