

<b>SACRAMENT PREPARATION PROGRAMS</b>	
2016	
<b>FIRST EUCHARIST</b> "Invited to the Feast" (Grade 2)	<b>CONFIRMATION</b> "Anointed for Mission" (Grade 7)
<b>FAMILY DAY</b> (one parent / one child) Sunday, April 10 1:00 – 3:30 pm For children who will be celebrating on April 17 & 24	<b>N.E.T. RETREAT</b> Thursday, March 31, 9:00 am – 2:30 pm –(St. John, St. Marguerite, PHCP, Other) Friday, April 1, 9:00 am – 2:15 pm (St. Luke)



**From the Pastor's Desk**

Here are a few reminders concerning Lent and the Sacred Triduum:

1. The *Roman Missal* states that the practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church takes place before the first mass on the Fifth Sunday of Lent, signifying the beginning of "Passiontide", the last two weeks of Lent. During this period, the Liturgy of the Word increasingly reveals Christ's divinity as he makes his way toward Jerusalem. As the Church prepares to enter more deeply into the mystery of Christ's suffering and death, the signs of resurrection are veiled. The crosses remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, while other holy images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil.
2. At the beginning of the Holy Thursday liturgy, the new holy oils (Oil of Catechumens, Oil of the Sick, Oil of Sacred Chrism) blessed by Cardinal Collins during the Mass of Chrism on Tuesday of Holy Week, will be presented to the parish community.
3. On January 21, 2016, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments issued a decree communicating the Holy Father's desire to amend the rubrics in the Roman Missal regarding the optional ritual in the Mass of the Lord's Supper concerning the Washing of the Feet. The decree now allows for the participation of both men and women in this ritual.
4. Please remember that there is no morning Mass on Holy Thursday and

Good Friday. There is no 5 p.m. Mass on Holy Saturday. The Easter Vigil begins at 8 p.m.

5. The regular Sunday schedule is in effect for Easter Sunday – 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

**Fr. Damian and the Parish Staff join together in wishing you a prayerful Holy Week and a glorious Easter!**

**Holy Week Celebrations**

**Sat/Sun March 19/20**

**Palm Sunday Masses 5pm, 9am, 11am**



**Tues March 22**

**Mass 8:20am**

**Mass of Chrism at St. Michael's Cathedral @ 11am**

**Wed Mar 23**

**Mass 7pm**

**Thurs Mar 24**

**Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30pm Adoration until Midnight**



**Fri. Mar 25**

**Good Friday of the Lord's Passion 3pm**

**Stations of the Cross, Presented by Parish Youth 7pm**

**Sat Sat. Mar 26**

**Easter Vigil 8pm**



**Sun Mar 27**

**Resurrection of the Lord 9am, 11am**



**The Parish Office will be closed on Good Friday March 25<sup>th</sup> and Easter Monday March 28<sup>th</sup>.**

**Invitation from Pastoral Council to Ecumenical and Interfaith Prayer for Peace 2016 "One Voice, One Heart, One World" April 16, 2016**

You and your family are invited to attend the Ecumenical and Interfaith Prayer for Peace 2016 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Saturday, April 16, 2016 at 2:00 pm with reception to follow in the Parish Centre, in support of our church sponsored refugee family.

To serve as a volunteer or for further information, please contact Parish Office 905-668-3676, Deidre Newman [dnewman@danewmanlaw.com](mailto:dnewman@danewmanlaw.com) or any member of Pastoral Council.

**Please note that the next monthly youth Mass will be on April 9, 2016 rather than April 2, 2016.**

We look forward to the participation of all children and youth in the parish for the next youth mass on April 9, 2016 at 5 pm (arrival of youth at the church requested for 4:30 pm).



**PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND** – Please consider joining Fr. Damian on a tour of Ireland and a pilgrimage to sacred sites **from September 25 to October 6, 2016.**

There will be an **information meeting on Tuesday, April 12, at 7 p.m. in the St. Joseph Room.** All are welcome.

## SL ShareLife

### SHARELIFE

#### Our 2016 GOAL

**\$157,000 & 750 DONORS**

*Cheques can be post-dated until July 31, 2016. Online donations can be made at [www.sharelife.org](http://www.sharelife.org). Click on the ShareLife Campaign Appeal and remember to indicate the donation credited to St. John the Evangelist, Whitby.*

#### Working wonders in our families...

"The impact that Silent Voice has had on my life as a former camper has given me the opportunity to meet many deaf and hard of hearing children from different backgrounds. Silent Voice has helped me discover who I am in my life and has given me purpose and future goals. As an adult, I want to help other deaf children and youth who are going through difficult times in life. I want to show them that they are not alone and provide them with support and a role model that is really needed in their lives. Thank you, ShareLife!" —*Suma, former camper and Silent Voice day program counselor.*

**Last year more than 600 deaf children received support through Silent Voice's Sign Language Summer Camps.**

**Next ShareLife Sunday is  
April 17, 2016**

**Please give generously.  
You can work wonders!**

<b>Our 2016 GOAL \$157,000 And 750 DONORS</b>	
<b>SHARELIFE COLLECTION 2016</b>	
<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
\$20,023	\$27,710

#### HOLY WEEK REHEARSALS

##### Tue Mar 22

7:30pm – 9:30pm Church Choir rehearsal

##### Thu Mar 24

4pm Holy Thursday Altar Servers' rehearsal

##### Fri Mar 25

2:30pm Good Friday Altar Servers' rehearsal

4pm Way of the Cross Youth Rehearsal, PC main

##### Sat Mar 26

10am RCIA rehearsal

11:30am Easter Vigil Altar Servers' rehearsal

2pm – 4pm Easter Choir rehearsal, PC main

#### SAVE THE DATE and UNWANTED HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

The Catholic Women's League will be sponsoring a trunk sale (garage sale out of your trunk) on **Saturday, May 14**. It will take place in the church parking lot. There will also be a white elephant area. Trunk spaces can be rented for \$25.00 or items may be donated to the white elephant area. Further details will be provided in the Easter weekend bulletin.

#### **Make A Joyful Noise To the Lord! Children and Youth Easter Choir**

Young singers, age 8 and up, please come and be Music Ministers, leading the people singing praise to God

at Easter Sunday 9 a.m. mass  
March 27, 2016

2 Rehearsals will be held at the Parish Centre.

**Sunday March 20 - 12:30-2:00 pm  
Saturday March 26 - 2:00-4:00 pm**

Attendance at **both** rehearsals is necessary for all choir members, so that we learn the music, build a solid team effort with our harmonies, and feel confident and ready to lead music ministry at Mass. For more information or to register please call Eileen McGowan 905 668-0959, or email at [ejpmcgowan1@rogers.com](mailto:ejpmcgowan1@rogers.com)



#### Masses For The Week

Sat. Mar 19 - 5:00pm

**+Dave Johnston & Kathleen Hutchings**  
*req. by Their Family*

Tues. Mar 22 – 8:20am

**+Francesco Di Felice**  
*req. by His Wife & Family*

Wed. Mar 23 – 7:00pm

**+Martin Doleweerd**

*req. by The CWL of St. Mary's Brampton*

Thur. Mar 24 – 7:30pm

**NO INTENTION**

Fri. Mar 25 – 3:00pm

**NO INTENTION**

Sat. Mar 26 – 8:00pm

**+NO INTENTION**

#### **National March for Life Ottawa**

**Thursday May 12, 2016**

**Buses departing from Whitby  
Reserved seats \$25**

**For more information or to reserve:  
(905) 668-3218 or  
(905) 668-7292**

**St. John's Prayer Group**  
**Don't miss our CD presentation**  
**from Fr. Michael Gately's personal**  
**experience on Divine Mercy.**  
**Wednesday March 30<sup>th</sup> at 1pm.**  
**All are welcome!**

**Assisted Suicide – Protect the vulnerable and those who care for them! [CanadiansforConscience.ca](http://CanadiansforConscience.ca)**

By June 2016, the Government of Canada is expected to pass legislation to legalize assisted suicide. Cardinal Collins encourages Catholics throughout the archdiocese to visit [CanadiansforConscience.ca](http://CanadiansforConscience.ca) and support the Coalition for HealthCARE and Conscience. The coalition represents a group of like-minded partners, including 5,000 doctors across Canada, who are committed to protecting conscience rights for health practitioners and facilities. You can use this website to write directly to your Member of Parliament, respectfully expressing your concerns. Given tight timelines for this legislation, please take action no later than April 1, 2016. Please direct any questions to Marlena Loughheed at (416) 934-3400 x 563.

#### **Good Friday Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land**

*This year, the Papal Collection for the Holy Places will be held on Good Friday, March 25, 2016.*

*By sharing in the upkeep of the Holy Land and the mission of the Custody, we give witness to commit our life to help others; the lives of our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. It is the assurance of a true friendship for LIFE.*

#### **Good Friday is a Universal Day throughout the Church of fast and abstinence from meat.**

The law of abstinence from meat binds Catholics who are 14 years of age and older while the law of fasting binds those from 18 to 59 years, but every person regardless of age can participate in fasting and abstaining if they wish. "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".