

SACRAMENT PREPARATION PROGRAMS

2016 – 2017

| FIRST RECONCILIATION (Grade 2) | FIRST EUCHARIST (Grade 2) | CONFIRMATION (Grade 7) |
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| REGISTRATION in the Church (parents only) Tuesday, October 11 at 7:00 pm (please bring a \$30 fee for program expenses and a photocopy of your child's Baptism Certificate) | REGISTRATION at the Church (parents & children) Tuesday, October 18 at 7:00 pm (please bring a \$35 fee for program expenses and a photocopy of your child's Baptism Certificate) | |
| Note that registration for the sacraments this year will take place on these dates <u>only</u>. Late registrations will be deferred to the Fall of 2017. Please make sure these dates are on your calendar. | | |
| It is mandatory that all children who do not attend Catholic school participate in the Parish Home Catechism Program for <u>TWO</u> years prior to receiving each sacrament. | | |



Saint Vincent de Paul Society, St. John the Evangelist Conference

We especially require donations of **CANNED FRUIT** for the food pantry. Thank you for your generosity!

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

R.C.I.A. is a process for adults who are NOT Catholic and are interested in becoming members of our Catholic faith community. We begin our journey in early September. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office soon (905) 668-3676.

Volunteers Needed for Sacramental Preparation Programs

We are seeking volunteers to help with preparing children for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation. This would involve assisting with registration nights, retreat days, Confirmation classes, or special Masses. If the Lord inspires you to help out in any way, please contact Susan Douglas at (905) 668-3676 or sdouglas.lpa@gmail.com.

Bereavement Ministry Training

Office of Formation for Discipleship is offering the Bereavement Ministry Training for those who are beginning or currently ministering to the bereaved in a parish setting. This training will provide participants with the tools and information needed to be a compassionate presence to the bereaved. This training will be held at St. Francis de Sales Parish, Ajax on Friday, October 21, 2016 from 6:00pm to 10:00pm and Saturday, October 22, 2016 from 8:30am to 5:30pm. For further information and registration forms please visit: <https://www.archtoronto.org/our-catholic-faith/programs-and-workshops> or call (416) 721-3741.

Humanitarian Aid Earthquake Relief for Italy

The Archdiocese of Toronto is accepting financial contributions for humanitarian relief following the catastrophic effects of a serious earthquake in Italy on August 24. The 6.2 magnitude earthquake is responsible for nearly 300 deaths in central Italy. As well, an estimated 3,500 people have lost their homes in the natural disaster. The Vatican relief agency in the country (Caritas Italy), along with local churches, is working to provide aid to support the survivors of the disaster.

Caritas Italy's efforts will:

- Provide humanitarian aid to the most vulnerable and marginal areas.
- Reconstruct social structures, such as centres for elderly, the disabled and families in need.
- Provide homes for the poorest families.
- Offer psychological and social support to those who remain in the earthquake zone and those who lived through this trauma or lost a relative.
- Support small companies affected by the earthquake.
- Create cooperatives and social enterprises that can contribute to local development as well as providing a source of employment.

Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website: www.archtoronto.org
- By phone through the Development Office – 416-934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to:
St. John the Evangelist Church – Italian Earthquake – Humanitarian Relief

LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY

This year Life chain Sunday is October 2nd from 2pm to 3pm at the intersection of Dundas St E and Thicksen Rd. Please join us to witness for the millions of unborn lost through abortion in Canada and to silently and prayerfully intercede to the Lord the end of abortion and heal our nation. (We meet at the southeast corner at 1:45pm)

CWL BAZAAR/VENDOR FAIR

Saturday, November 5th, the CWL will be hosting our Bazaar/Vendor Fair. Please put some of your jams and preserves aside for our bake table. We are looking for vendors. Please contact Lynne Childerhouse at 905.431.6582 for additional information.

**Masses For The Week**

Sat. Sept 10 - 5:00pm

+Jacinta Mundle

req. by Terence, Lily & Joshua D'Cruze

Tues. Sept 13 - 8:20am

+Illuminada Quemuel

req. by Her Family

Wed. Sept 14 - 7:00pm

+Rosina & Salvatore &

Carmelo Molica Lazzaro

req. by The D'Angelo Family

Thur. Sept 15 - 8:20am

+Janez Donko

req. by His Wife & Family

Fri. Sept 16 - 8:20am

+Bernice Taylor

req. by Mary Louise LaBarre & Ken Reilly
& Family

Sat. Sept 17 - 5:00pm

+Carmela & Francesco Princiotta

req. by Filippo Princiotta

Looking Ahead

Mon Sept 12

7:30pm SVDP Meeting, PC main

Wed. Sept 14

1pm Prayer Group, PC main

6:15 - 7:15pm PHCP Classes, Gr 1-7, PC all, St. Jos/Alb Rms

7:30pm - Pastoral Council, PC main

Thurs Sept 15

7:30pm CWL General Meeting, PC main

PARISH HOME CATECHISM PROGRAM (PHCP) 2016-2017

St. John the Evangelist PHCP provides faith formation for children Grades 1-7 who attend public, private or alternative schools. Our mission is to assist parents in developing the Catholic Faith in their children. The PHCP runs alternate Wednesday evenings, **6:15 - 7:15 p.m.**, September through to the end of April. **Classes begin Wednesday, September 14th, 2016**

Our catechism programs are: **Alive in Christ (Gr. 1-6)** and **Faith Fusion (Gr. 7)**. Both programs are published by Our Sunday Visitor and their curricula are in conformity with the ***Catechism of the Catholic Church***.

Families who have not yet registered for the PHCP are invited to do so in person in Room 1 of the Parish Centre on Wednesday, September 7th, 6:15 - 7:15 pm.

The registration fee is **\$50 per child** which includes the cost of the required student workbook. **Please make cheques payable to St. John the Evangelist Church or provide the exact cash amount.**

Please Note: Parents are required to provide baptismal records only for their children who are **NEW** to the PHCP and who were **not** baptized at St. John the Evangelist Church.

Catechists are urgently needed for our grade 6 and 7 classes. Please contact the parish office or see Fr. Damian.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

Theology of the Body Training

Sept 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18

Presented by Sr. Helena Burns

- Coffee & snacks provided,

bring your own lunch

- Material appropriate for mature 13+ (non-explicit presentations)

- Free babysitting available

- \$40/person (\$60 couples/families) for 2-weekend course

(not same talks each weekend)

- Kids & teens under 18 are free

- Call Rebecca at [905-665-6470](tel:905-665-6470) or email hfwym91@gmail.com with any

questions

St. John the Evangelist Prayer Group 1pm to 3pm in the Parish Centre
Meetings resume Wed Sept 14th

TOPICS

Sept 14 - God's Mercy

On video by Mother Angelica

Sept 21 & 28 - God's Will for the Family, *on tape by Rosalind Moss*

Oct 5, 12, 19 - The Father, Jesus, The Holy Spirit, *on DVD by Fr. Bob Bedard*

Oct 26 - Sharing

Nov 2 - The Fire of His Love, on DVD by Bishop Robert Barron

Nov 9 & 16 - The Secret of Lasting

Change, on tape by Peter Herbeck

Nov 23 - Lord have Mercy, on DVD by Scott Hahn

CWL

The Catholic Women's League of St. John the Evangelist extends a warm welcome back to all women of the parish. Our council's activities for the year will begin with a meet-and-greet social on Thursday, September 15 @ 7:30. The meeting will begin with a reflection on Our Lady of Sorrows followed by an update from our provincial and national sisters in the league. Slides from two of the Mercy Door pilgrimages attended by some of our ladies, will be viewed. There will be time to experience fellowship, share a special summer moment and sample treats. One lucky lady will even walk away with a door prize. All women of the parish are cordially invited to join in, in the evening's activities. Please feel free to contact Iris for further details.

Humorous Church Signs

Follow Jesus

...and we don't mean on Twitter.

You have a friend request from Jesus.
CONFIRM - IGNORE

God's creations are on fleek.

Exposure to the Son
may prevent burning.

Life is like a pencil. Without Jesus,
there's no point.

God's garden. Lettuce be kind, squash
gossip and turnip for Church!