

SACRAMENT PREPARATION PROGRAMS

2017 – 2018

FIRST EUCHARIST

(Grade 2)

PARENTS' MEETING in the Church (parents only)
Tuesday, January 30, 2018, 7:00 – 8:30 pm

CONFIRMATION

(Grade 7)

Sessions I – V

Jan 13, 20, 27, Feb 3 & 24 in the Parish Centre
9:00 am – 10:30 am or 11:00 am – 12:30 pm (as scheduled)

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.

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and Thank you to Our Children and Youth

Father Damian and the Pastoral Council are grateful to the students of our parish for an outstanding youth mass for Advent, December 9, 2017 in which the youth participated as lectors, musicians, altar servers, ushers, and in the offertory procession.

Thank you to **Irena Stebih, Silvia Garcia, Laraine Pinto, Karolina Baker, Marian Chopik, Nina Veltri-Sampogna, Jackie Flynn, Ryan Augner, Therese Howard, Patricia Garrard, Margaret Petermann** and all other parents and teachers for their kind support.

Thank you to the exemplary youth lectors on December 9, 2017:

Advent Prayer: **Deanne Pinto** and **Arianna Veltri-Sampogna**

Announcements: **Andres Garcia**

First Reading: **Ian Hamilton**

Second Reading: **Julia Chapman**

Prayers of the Faithful: **Zach Veltri-Sampogna**

Thank you to the excellent choir:

Arianna Veltri-Sampogna, Amarie Davidson, Nicole Humphries, Ella Humphries, Rachel McKeown, and Leah Augner led by **Eileen McGowan**.

Special thanks to the youth in the procession, and to those who served as ushers and altar servers. Warmest congratulations to the students at this mass who will be confirmed in the New Year.

The first youth mass of the New Year will take place on Saturday, January 13, 2018 at 5:00 pm. All children/youth/volunteers interested in participating in the monthly youth masses are invited to contact Deidre Newman at dnewman@danewmanlaw.com.



Masses For The Week

**** NOTE SPECIAL TIMES****

Sat. Dec. 30 – 5:00pm

+Josephine Bonello
req. by Her Children

Sun. Dec 31 – 9:00am & 11:00am, 1:30pm

****Sun Dec. 31 – 5pm Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:30pm – 8:30pm**

****Mon Jan 1 – 9:00am, 11:00am, 1:30pm Spanish**

Tue. Jan 2 – 8:20am **+Living and Deceased Family Members**
req. by Mary Yearwood

Wed Jan 3 – 7:00pm

+Carmela Albis
req. by Her Family

Intentions for Lloyd Dunn & Family
req. by Pat Catterall

+Reg Winstall
req. by Mary-Louise LaBarre & Ken Reilly & Family

+Mary Reilly
req. by The Reilly Family

+Nettie Van Berkel
req. by The Zielinski Family

Thur. Jan 4 – 8:20am

+Reg Winstall
req. by The Coffee Group

Fri. Jan 5 – 8:20am

+Maurizio Misasi
req. by Mario & Anna Misasi

Sat. Jan. 6 – 5:00pm

+Sam Saturno
req. by Rosa & Tony Cannella & Family

Register for French Immersion

You are invited to enroll your child into the French Immersion program at schools across the Durham Catholic District School Board.

Online registration opens **December 11, 2017 to January 19, 2018**. Students entering Grade 1 in September 2018 are eligible to register.

Visit dcdsb.ca to learn more about our French Immersion program and to register your child. **Opening Doors to Opportunities!**

Friars' Student Writing Award
 Submission Deadline: January 8, 2018
Friars' Student Writing Award 2018
- Win Great Prizes!

Students aged 14 – 18 are invited to write a five hundred-word essay on the theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, celebrated January 18-25, 2018.

The Theme is "Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power." (cf. Exodus 15:6) Students should read the Scripture passage Exodus 15:1-21 and respond to the following question in the essay:

Just as the Israelites sought deliverance from enslavement, in contemporary society the dignity of all people is threatened by new enslavements to poverty, violence, injustice and addictions. In what ways can Christians of all denominations work together to stave off these assaults to human dignity? Explain.

For 2018, First prize is an iPad Pro (128 GB), second prize is a Kobo Aura H₂O Edition 2, and third to sixth prizes are a one-year subscription to The Catholic Register and other prizes.

Essays will be edited and published in The Catholic Register. Deadline for entries is JANUARY 8, 2018. Email your essay to editor@catholicregister.org or fax it to 416-934-3409, include your full name, email address and phone number, and the name of your school on the front page of the essay.



**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE
 CLOSED JANUARY 1, 2018. THE
 OFFICE WILL REOPEN TUESDAY
 JANUARY 2, 2018 AT 9AM.**

Mass Schedule in the Octave of Christmas

	<u>Celebrant</u>
Sat. Dec 30 6 th Day Octave of Christmas 5:00pm	Fr. Francisco
Sun. Dec 31 Feast of The Holy Family 9:00am 11:00am 1:30pm Spanish	Fr. Damian Fr. Francisco Fr. Francisco
Sun. Dec 31 Solemnity Mary, Mother of God 5:00pm 6:30pm – 8pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Social to follow	Fr. Damian
Sun. Jan. 1 Solemnity, Mary, Mother of God 9:00 am 11:00 am 1:30pm Spanish	Fr. Damian Fr. Francisco Fr. Francisco

** A mass will be celebrated on Monday January 8th at 8:20am for the Baptism of the Lord. *An Intention for the Needs of the Parish*

Catholic Family Services

HEART TO HEART GALA

Saturday February 24, 2018

Deer Creek Golf & Banquet Facility, Ajax

Tickets \$100

Contact Tania McClean (905) 725-3513, x 121

www.cfsdurham.com

Prayer Group

Resumes Wednesday January 3, 2018

1pm, Parish Centre

Looking Ahead

Mon Jan 1

Mass at 9am & 11am, 1:30pm Spanish

Wed Jan 3

1pm Prayer Group, PC main

Mon Jan 8

Mass at 8:20am for The Baptism of the Lord

Wed Jan 10

1pm Prayer Group, PC main

Thu Jan 11

7pm RCIA, PC1

Fri Jan 12

10am Mass at Fairview Lodge

Sat Jan 13

9am – 10:30am Confirmation Classes, Session 1, PC

11am – 12:30pm Confirmation Classes, Session 1, PC

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Ecumenical Prayer Service

Sunday, January 28, 2018 at 3 PM

Metropolitan United Church (56 Queen St. E.)

Come and join us for an ecumenical prayer service to pray for the unity of all Christians, led by His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins and other city-wide Christian church leaders.

Refreshments to follow the service. All are welcome!

May The Road Rise Up To Meet You

May the road rise up to meet you.
 May the wind be always at your back.
 May the sun shine warm upon your face;
 the rains fall soft upon your fields
 and until we meet again,
 may God hold you in the palm of His hand.