

A BIG THANK YOU!

To ALL who were involved in our parish celebration of my 50 years in Religious Life.

- Fr. Anthony for his on-going support.
- Linda Pilon (Pastoral Assistant) for her "behind the scenes" organizing and her kind words in the Church.
- Lynne Childerhouse (CWL) and ALL who worked with her in decorating, setting up the hall, food preparation, serving and clean-up.
- ALL OF YOU who came over to the Parish Centre, bringing greetings, cards and gifts. The people of our parish have proven once again that they know how to work together and throw a party!

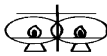
It was a very heartwarming experience.

Sr. Ann Howard



**St. Vincent de Paul
Thanksgiving Food Drive
THE CUPBOARDS ARE BARE!**

All non-perishable donations are greatly needed. SVDP is trying to respond to a bigger demand for food help to the community and supplies are very low. Donations of canned fish, canned meat, canned vegetables and fruit, spaghetti and pasta sauce, macaroni & cheese, soups, jams, cereals, sugar, coffee and tea. Other items such as toilet paper, soap and toiletry items are also required.



**MASS
INTENTIONS**

Sat. 5:00 pm	Gordon Ashworth
Oct 4 req. by	Gary & Beth McConnell
Mon 8:20 am	William & Helen Cover
Oct 6 req. by	Joan Cover
Wed 7:00 pm	Lado Cot
Oct 8 req. by	Irena Stebih & Family
Thu 8:20 am	Special Intention for Sr. Ann Howard
Oct 9 req. by	Jim & Mary McTeague
Fri. 8:20 am	Maria & Joseph Byers
Oct 10 req. by	Their Estate
Sat. 5:00pm	In Thanksgiving for their 40th Anniversary
Oct 11 req. by	Pierre & Linda Pilon

LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY

October 5, 2008
2:00pm – 3:00 pm

Dundas St. E and Thickson Rd.

Please join us to witness for the millions of unborn lost in Canada through abortion and to silently and prayerfully intercede to the Lord to end abortion and heal our nation. We meet at the south-east corner at 1:50pm

**St. John the Evangelist
125th ANNIVERSARY MASS AND RECEPTION
OCTOBER 12, 2008**

2:00 PM

In honour of the 125th Anniversary of St. John the Evangelist Parish, Archbishop Thomas Collins will celebrate Mass on October 12th at 2:00pm. A reception will be held in the Parish Centre following the Mass.

Anyone interested in helping the Pastoral Council Committee with this auspicious occasion may call Nora at (905) 666-0192

Holy Family Parish

Fundraising Dinner and Dance

To aid the Parish Parking Lot Repaving

Saturday October 25, 2008, 6:30pm

Tickets: \$40 can be purchased after all weekend Masses or call Bonnie Bianco (905) 668-2269.

50/50 Tickets also available



PARISH BIBLE STUDY

**Wednesday Nights – 7:30/9:00pm
October, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th**

**2nd Timothy – Paul's Swan Song
– Passing the Torch**

As a representative of Christ on earth, we have inherited the task of passing on "the truth" by word and example - an ever increasingly difficult task since so few seem open and willing to embrace it.

In these days of uncertainty, confusion and even fear about our future, this timely study of God's Word will encourage, counsel, warn and challenge us to continue our faith journey with a sense of joy and hope. Second Timothy has proved encouraging to Christian workers throughout history.

Looking forward to having you join us for this short study series, worship and prayer. Invite a friend to accompany you and remember to bring your Bible.

Looking Ahead

Mon. Oct 6

7:30 pm GSIC Associates, St. Jos Rm

7:30 – 9:00pm SVDP Meeting, PC#2

Wed. Oct 8

6:00 – 7:00pm PHCP, Gr 7/8

St. Alb. & St. Jos Rms

7:00pm Bible Study, PC main

7:30 – 9:00pm Pastoral Council

Mtg, PC Rm #1

Thu Oct 9

7:30 – 9:00pm RCIA, PC#1

Fri. Oct 10

10am Mass at Fairview Lodge



**SACRAMENT PREPARATION PROGRAMS
2008 – 2009**

A copy of your child's Baptism Certificate is required to register for the sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation.

RECONCILIATION Grade 3	FIRST EUCHARIST Grade 2	CONFIRMATION Grade 8
Celebration: St. Marguerite Nov. 25 /08 St. John Nov. 25 /08 PHCP Nov. 25/ 08 St. Luke Nov. 27 /08	Registration: Jan. 8 /09 Rite of Enrolment: Jan. 17-18 /09 Family Day: St. Luke / PHCP Mar 29 /09 St. John / St. Marguerite / Other Apr 5 /09 Celebration: St. Luke Apr 25-26 & May 2-3 /09 St. Marguerite May 23-24 /09 St. John / PHCP / Other June 6-7 /09	Registration: Nov 20 /08 Rite of Enrolment: Nov 22-23 /08 Sessions I-II-III-IV: Jan 17-24-31 & Feb 7 /09 Retreat: St. John / St Marguerite / PHCP / Other May 6/09 St Luke May 7/09 Interviews: May 9/09 Practice: TBA Celebration: TBA

What is Heaven's Rehearsal?

Heaven's Rehearsal is a gathering to unite followers of Jesus in preparation for the day we all stand as one in Heaven before His throne: every nation, tribe, people and language. Together, we will follow the protocol and worship that scripture describes. As in Heaven, there will be no preacher or featured singing group – the honour alone will be given to God. We will worship with the finest musicians, vocalists, and dancers and we, the bride of Christ, will be ushered into the very presence of God. Every scripture read, every song and dance offered, will be directed to the throne of God.

Followers of Jesus from the Greater Toronto Area, every province in Canada, as well as from many distant countries, celebrated the historic gathering of Heaven's Rehearsal that took place September 15, 2007. It was sold out with sixteen thousand diverse people worshipping as one! Representatives from 127 of the 202 nations of the world were present and united in Christ Jesus. No names, churches, or organizations were promoted or mentioned...only the name of Jesus. There were no announcements, no preaching and no official offering taken...ONLY the reading of Scripture, song and dance moved us along through the evening of celebration and worship. There truly is a unique calling that God has on this event.

This year on November 1 at Rogers Centre (formerly Skydome) 50,000 worshippers will come together in unity and in the unique diversity described in scripture as "every nation, tribe, people, and language".

Heaven's Rehearsal, with the simplistic mandate of "gathering the nations to worship", is such a "fit" for the GTA where we now (imperfectly!) mirror that crowd that will ultimately be gathered at the throne to worship...every nation, tribe, language, and people! On November 1st at Rogers Centre, the nations will join their voices as one: truly it will be opportunity for **unity**.

**A Catholic Perspective
Preparing for a Federal Election**

Canadians will go to the polls on Tuesday, October 14, 2008 to elect a federal government. As Catholics, it is important that we all take part in this democratic process and exercise our voting privileges on election day.

At the same time, we invite our family of faith to learn more about their local candidates, party platforms and how they will impact our community. The thread of faith is woven through all that we do. In this way, it is our responsibility to reflect on the positions of our politicians in the context of our faith. Where do they stand on issues of life, care for the marginalized, health care and social programs that strengthen our communities? It's up to each one of us to learn more about these and other important issues.

We encourage you to utilize the resources. Go to the Archdiocese website

<http://www.archtoronto.org/federalelections/index.htm> to assist you in the discernment process. An informed, educated electorate is critical to selecting our government leaders, those that will shape policy and legislation for years to come.

Church Bulletin Advertising

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin the week of October 14, 2008. The advertisements make our bulletin possible. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637

Sunday Afternoons at St. Gregory's Parish

Every Sunday from 4:00pm – 5:00pm, we gather to pray before the Blessed Sacrament, the Evening Prayer of the church and devotional prayers in honour of the Divine Mercy. Everyone is welcome to come and be refreshed in faith as we pray for our parishes, our families and for the world.