



From the Pastor's Desk

This Sunday we celebrate "Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion." It begins our solemn Holy Week. Please refer to the bulletin for the times of the different liturgies throughout Holy Week.

Good Friday is a Universal Day throughout the Church of fast and abstinence from meat. During our Good Friday celebration, a collection for the Holy Land will be taken in this Church and throughout the world. The fruits of this pontifical collection will support the Church in Jerusalem and assist in the works of the Custody of the Holy Land. This collection is of great importance. Because of the political situation the Custody of the Holy Land must face major challenges and has great needs in the carrying out the Franciscan's mandate given to them by the Pope.

Let's be generous so that these holy sites sanctified by Jesus' life on earth may be protected and preserved and may Peace return to this land.

The Good Friday Collection April 10, 2009 In support of the Holy Land

For the year 2009, let us be guided by an affirmation of the Book of Tobias 13, 11. "A bright light will shine to all parts of the earth".

Our mission is to support the Christian communities of the Holy Land, apostolic and social works and the upkeep of the Holy Sites. Among the many challenges, the formation of future priests deserves special attention.

During the Synod on the Word of God that was held in Rome last fall, the Synodal Fathers stated that "in the meantime, Christians in the Holy Land need the communion of all Christians, especially in these days of conflict, poverty and fear." (Proposition 51)

The Synodal Fathers reminded the faithful of their responsibility towards the land of Jesus and their sisters and brothers who live there.

The Light of Christ is the reflection of his glory and kindness. God calls

us to his amazing light until our hearts are illuminated so that the world may be transfigured in his image.

Holy Week Celebrations



Saturday, April 4
Palm Sunday Mass 5pm



Sunday, April 5
Palm Sunday Masses
9am & 11am

Thursday, April 9
Mass of the Lord's Supper
7:30pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
until midnight



Friday, April 10
Good Friday of
the Lord's Passion
3:00pm

Stations of the Cross (*presented by
Senior Youth Group*) 7:00pm



Saturday, April 11
Easter Vigil,
8:00pm



Sunday, April 12
Resurrection of the Lord
9am and 11am

Monday, April 13
Easter Monday 9am

**Our 2009 campaign theme is:
You Can Work Wonders
SHARELIFE GOAL \$139,000
750 DONORS**

Together, we can respond to the challenge and reach our goals!

All cheques should be made

payable to:

ShareLife - St. John the Evangelist
Church

You may submit post-dated cheques for your donation, however, these cheques must be dated no later than July 31, 2009, as funds are forwarded directly to ShareLife on that date and the Parish Campaign is closed.

It's a wonder more seniors don't fall through the cracks...

"I love it here. There's so much to do in the building: we have a seniors' social once a week, exercise classes, computer rooms. We laugh and we joke and we play cards. I find all the benefits great. You're not alone. People are friendly. This place may not be here if it wasn't for the support of people who donate to ShareLife."

- Rose, resident of **Loyola Arrupe**

Centre for Seniors

You can work WONDERS!

A CONCERT IN THE HALL

featuring

Kevin Dashney & Friends

April 18, 2009 – 8:00pm

Knights of Columbus Hall

133 Brock St N Whitby

Munchies, Light Late Lunch Cash Bar

Tickets \$15.00

(Reserved Table with group
purchase of 6 or more tickets)

Contact: Len or Sharon (905) 668-6723

Paul: A Genius for Our Time Monday April 27, 2009 7:30pm

Parish Centre

A lecture by Mark McGowan
on St. Paul

FAIR TRADE COFFEE

Despite the cancellation of Social Sunday for April, Fair trade Coffee & Chocolate is available from Mark McGowan (668-0959). He'll even deliver it!

Theology of the Body Study Group

Will be starting a new book, Heaven's Song: Sexual Love As It Was Meant to Be, based on the hidden talks of John Paul II's Theology to the Body. The text will guide us through the erotic poetry of the Song of Songs and the great spiritual contest surrounding the marriage of Tobias and Sarah. Also discover the "secret" of Mary in living an embodied spirituality. *We meet every Monday morning, from 9:30 – 11:30am at St. Bernadette's Parish Hall 21 Bayly Street East, in Ajax.* For further information, please contact: stkennedy@rogers.com or Susan and Tom Kennedy at 905 427-6137

Celebration of Memory and Hope In Memory of Loved Ones We Have Lost Through Death

Our parish's annual "**Celebration of Memory and Hope**" will be held on **Wednesday April 22nd, starting at 7:30 p.m. in the parish centre.**

This annual prayer service gives members of our parish family an opportunity to come together for an hour of gentle prayer, in remembrance of loved ones that we have lost through death. The celebration is lead by Father Anthony and members of our parish's Consolation Ministry team and includes the lighting of candles in memory of loved ones. If you would like additional information please contact Anne-Marie at (905) 666-3860.

We hope that you will accept this invitation to join fellow parishioners for this special service.

LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY

Sat April 18, 2009
8:30am to 6:30pm

Metro Toronto Convention Ctr
North Bldg, 255 Front Street W.,

A Grace-filled day Celebrating Divine Mercy with Archbishop of Toronto, Thomas Collins

- Ralph Martin, Sr. Ann Shields, Peter Harbeck & Tim Staples
- Divine Mercy Celebration, uplifting music
- Eucharistic Healing Procession, Confession and Holy Mass
- Separate Youth Event with Debbie Herbeck & Craig Pohl

For tickets and further information
www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.org
Call (416) 251-4255 or Sadie at (905) 270-2510 or write to: Catholic Renewal Ministries
5845 Yonge Street, P.O. Box 45018
Toronto, Ontario M2M 3V0

Support for recently Separated or Divorced Catholics

Catholic Family Services of Toronto is offering a ten-week group program for adult men and women who are dealing with the many struggles

involved in the process of separation and divorce. Participants will receive support and guidance as they move through this difficult period of transition. The group will run for 10 sessions on Tuesday evenings from 6:30pm to 8:30pm beginning April 14th at our North office, 5799 Yonge Street Suite 300. For further information, please contact Mario Esposito at (416) 222-0048.



Masses For The Week

Sat. Apr. 4 - 5:00 pm
+ Maurizio Misasi
req. by Mario & Anna Misasi
Mon. Apr 6 - 8:20am
+ Mary & Joseph Byers
req. by Their Estate
Wed. Apr. 8 - 7:00pm
+ Special Intention
req. by The Carcich Family
Thu. Apr. 9 - 7:30pm
No Intention
Fri. Apr. 10 - 3:00pm
No Intention
Sat. Apr. 11 - 8:00pm
No Intention

Looking Ahead

Sun. Apr 5
1:30 - 3:30pm First Eucharist Family Gathering for St. Johns & St. Marguerite schools
4:00 - 6:00pm Senior Youth Group rehearse Stations in church
Mon. Apr. 6
7:30pm GSIC Assoc., St. Joseph's Rm
Wed. Apr. 8
7:30pm RCIA, Evening of Reflection, St. Jos. Rm
Fri. Apr 10
4pm Senior Youth rehearse Stations, in church
Sat. Apr 11
8am Flower Carrier's Vigil rehearsal
9am Altar Server's Vigil rehearsal
9:30am RCIA Vigil rehearsal
2:30 - 4:30pm Children & Youth Choir rehearsal, PC main

CWL THANK YOU TO PARISHIONERS

On behalf of the Marguerite Bourgeoys Family Centre, the CWL would like to thank you all for your support. All 200 chocolate Easter eggs were sold.

THE GIFT OF HOSPITALITY

Once again we are soliciting the help of the families at St. John the Evangelist Church who are well known for their gift of hospitality. Last year five families offered to host 10 team members for our Confirmation Retreat, and in May 2009 we will be hosting N.E.T. Ministries once again.

NET Ministries is a Catholic evangelistic outreach program located in the Archdiocese of Ottawa. The team is comprised of 10-12 young adults of vibrant faith, who have given ten months of their lives 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 pairs of either two women or two men, on Tuesday, May 5 and Wednesday, May 6, 2009, with a possibility of one day before and/or after these dates. We will finalize the dates in April. 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. in the morning, 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:

Male _____ Female _____

Please submit your application to the Parish Office or place it in the Collection basket. Thank you.

Linda Pilon, Pastoral Assistant