

St. John the Evangelist Parish Mission
February 8-11, 2009

The Mission is just two weeks away. Have you decided to make it? Too busy? Heard it all before? You are beyond help because of divorce? Remarriage? Haven't been to church in years? These are excuses (not reasons) for avoiding the Mission. Weigh them against the generous love of God who wants to speak to you.

No matter what your decision, can I ask you to pray about the Mission? Prayer as you know, changes things. Pray for yourself, for others. God will not refuse a heart raised to him in sincere prayer. Prayer will do for us what no other force on earth can do.

World Day of Prayer

On Monday February 2nd the Church celebrates the World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life. The purpose of this day is *"to help the entire Church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelical counsels" as well as "to be a suitable occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervor which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord"* – Pope John Paul II, 1997 message.

In the Archdiocese of Toronto we are blessed to have living and serving among us more than 1,100 religious men and women of over 90 different religious congregations. This World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life is a wonderful opportunity for us to thank God for the gifts of these religious sisters, brothers and priests and to pray for God's blessing upon them in their efforts to faithfully live the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience.

There will be a special Mass next Sunday February 1st at 2:30pm at St. Michael's Cathedral in celebration of the vocation and witness of these special men and women religious who are such a vital and important part of the life and ministry of the Church in our Archdiocese. All are welcome to attend.



Looking Ahead

Wed. Jan 28

6:00 – 6:50pm PHCP, Gr 1-8, PC all, St. Jos/Alb Rms
7:30 Baptism Preparation, PC#1

Thu Jan 29

7:30 – 9:00pm RCIA, PC#1

Sat. Jan 31 Tax Receipts available
9am – 12:30pm Confirmation Session II, PC all, St. Alb/Jos Rms



CWL MEMBERSHIP

It's that time again! Time to renew your CWL membership - \$20.00 is our membership fee. If you are not a CWL member, we would like to extend an invitation to all women of our parish 16 years and older to join this national organization. Your membership supports the efforts across Canada as we work diligently to promote the teachings of the Catholic Church. The Catholic Women's League of Canada is an organization that contributes to the life and vitality of the church, family and community, both at home and abroad and is recognized by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCC) as a lay association of women. Please visit our website at www.cwl.ca for more information. Membership will be available at the January general meeting as well. A membership form is attached to this bulletin for your convenience.



Catholic Women's Connection
St. Therese of Lisieux
3800 Courtice Road North, Courtice
Saturday February 7, 2009
10am to 3:30pm

Guest Speaker: Fr. Tom Lynch

Come and join in

Prayer, Song and Spiritual Reflection

Sign up by phoning (905) 436-2126 by January 28th

Non-members \$5.00 fee: CWC members – no fee

Morning snack, luncheon, afternoon snack



Polish Dinner & Dance

Knights of Columbus Hall
133 Brock St N Whitby ON

Saturday January 31, 2009

Cocktails 6:00pm, Dinner 7:00pm, Dance 8:30pm

Prizes - Cash Bar

Tickets \$20.00 per person

(Limited Tickets available)

(Reserved table with group purchase of 8 or more tickets)

Contact Ted & Doreen Karussinski



Masses For The Week

Sat. Jan 24 - 5:00 pm

+ Wilhelmina Derriet, req. by A friend

Mon. Jan. 26 – 8:20am

+Czeslaw & Josefa Tyszewicz & Bohdan Gnrya,
req. by H. Gnrya

Wed. Jan 28 – 7:00pm

+Paul Farrell, req. by Mark Slattery & Family

Thu. Jan. 29 - 8:20am

+Ivor Betteridge req. by Pat Catterall & Lloyd Dunn

Fri. Jan 30 – 8:20am

+Lorna McAteer, req. by Grace Jeffrey & Family

Sat. Jan. 31 – 5:00pm

+John Ryan, req. by Sue, Jim & Family



Knights of Columbus

St John the Evangelist Council
4895

Executive Meeting

**Wednesday January 28, 2009
7:30 P.M.**

Knights of Columbus Hall
133 Brock Street North
Whitby ON

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If you own one of the following 2009 envelope box numbers, please contact the office:
(905) 668-3676

131 – 164 – 457 – 808 - 881

Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre
Marriage Encounter
Feb 20-22, 2009

A Special Gift for married family, friends or yourself this long winter is an inspiring marriage enrichment weekend at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre Feb. 20-22nd.

The centre offers comfort, privacy, fine cuisine and a stimulating program that has enriched marriages for over 45 years. For information telephone: 905-278-8879 or register at Queen of Apostles: 905-278-5229

Development and Peace Campaign Life Before Profit

The members of Development and Peace will hold the sign-up for this year's campaign on January 24 and 25 after all Masses. We hope to count with your support as in past years, our parish has always been an important contributor with more than 500 hundred signatures. Please read the attached brochure to familiarize yourself with our petition which this year has two parts, one for our Prime Minister and a second one for our Member of Parliament on the issue of mining. If you would like more information visit the Development and Peace website. Thank you for your help and continued support.
www.devp.org/campaign

**TAX RECEIPTS WILL BE AVAILABLE AFTER
ALL MASSES JAN 31/FEB 1
AND FEB 7/8.**

Toronto Serra Clubs

The call of the disciples is so familiar to us that we tend to miss the wonder of the disciples' response, which was immediate and complete; they leave everything and follow Jesus. Can we do less if we feel that God is calling us to the priesthood or religious life? If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Liborio 416-968-0997

