

MOTHER'S DAY BLESSING

May God, the Creator of all life, pour down choicest blessings on the woman who brought us into this world: our own mom. Amen.

May God, the Sustainer of all life, strengthen all mothers: young moms, not so young moms, single moms, grandma's stay at home moms, out-to-work moms, each and every mom. Amen.

May God, the Protector of all life, direct all those who stand in and serve as moms: teachers, principals, school secretaries, lunch room staff, nurses, guidance counselors, day care workers, baby sitters. Amen.

May God, the Giver of Eternal Life, bring all of us into the Kingdom of Everlasting Life, starting with Mary, the Mother of Life, and all the Saints, and all those who have gone before us, forever and ever. Amen.

And may Almighty God bless us, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Andrew Costello - *Markings*

A Church of Welcome

The Church indicates that the people of God, as represented by the local Church, are responsible for the initiation of new members.

Sunday after Sunday, we gather to give praise and thanks to God, to be nourished at the Table of the Word and the Table of the Eucharist and to be sent forth to serve the Lord and one another. Our worship affects both our lives and the lives of others. It is common for our parish staff to receive inquiries from adults who wish to become members of our Church. Often these adults have been prompted to call after watching the way friends or neighbours live a life of faith. The inquirer is invited to come and see how we worship, to come and see how we live. When we gather on Sunday, it is safe to assume that some people are joining us for the first time. Extending God's hospitality to all who have gathered is the task of all. If your family is asked to sit with a newcomer or a new family to help them feel comfortable at the liturgy, please be God's concrete welcoming presence for them.

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,

It's a wonder families with relationship difficulties are made whole again...

Somewhere, a mother is trying to ask her family for help but isn't understood. Tomorrow, a boy will try to get his sister's attention from across the room, to no avail. In 2007, Silent Voice offered 311 one-week placements for deaf and hearing youngsters in its Sign Language Summer Program, giving them an opportunity to be better understood at home, at school, and in the community.

The 3rd and final ShareLife Collection is June 7, 2009



Masses For The Week

Sat. May 9 - 5:00pm

+Anne Lescisin
req. by Edward & Christine Lescisin & Family

Mon. May 11 - 8:20am

+Barry McElligott
req. by Drew & Claire Brown

Wed. May 13 - 7:00pm

+Gino Carcich
req. by Anna Pilepic

Thu. May 14 - 8:20am

+Joseph Bone Sr.
req. by His Family

Fri. May 15 - 8:20am

+Stella Szumilas
req. by Bridget & Anne

Sat. May 16 - 5:00pm

+Vincenza Vella
req. by Josephine & John Bonello

APPRECIATION NIGHT
Thursday May 14, 2009

RSVP on or before
Friday, May 8, 2009

Drop in collection or Rectory Office

Name:

Ministry:

I am able to attend: Y N
Please circle

SHARELIFE COLLECTION -
Week 6

2009	2008
\$72,021.	\$68,581.
Donors	Donors
344	333

Senior's Retreat

There will be a day of spiritual renewal for Seniors of St. John the Evangelist Parish on Wednesday, May 27, 2009 at Manresa Spiritual Renewal Centre, Pickering from 10am to 3pm. For further information, call the parish office (905) 668-3676. Registration will be on the weekend of May 16/17 in the foyer.

HELP WANTED!!!

A few Eucharistic Ministers are required for Sunday Home Communion to Seniors and shut-ins after the 9am Sunday Mass. Training will be provided. Please contact the parish office (905) 668-3676.

Nominations for Pastoral Council

Each year you are invited to nominate a member of the parish to sit on the Pastoral Council for a two-year term. Nomination forms are available at the back of the Church on the weekends of May 2/3, 9/10 & 16/17. The last day for receiving nominations is Sunday May 24th at 1:00 pm. Please place the completed forms in the Sunday collection baskets, give it to Sr. Ann or Fr. Anthony, or drop it off at the Parish Office. Each nominee is asked to submit a photograph of themselves to assist with the election process, no later than Wed. May 27th. The election will take place on Saturday June 6th and Sunday June 7th.

Duffers Unite Again!!

Golfers won't want to miss the fourth annual St John's Golf Day. Pastoral Council presents this 9-hole event on Saturday May 30th with the first tee-off at 8:30am. The event once again will be held at the picturesque Spring Creek Golf Club in Pickering. \$40 entry fee. A light lunch will follow. This is a Best Ball tournament format. Teams preferred but singles welcomed. Registration is easy. Just contact Desi Toner at dtoner2000@rogers.com or 905-668-9448 by May 24th. Space is limited to just 15 teams/60 golfers so reserve your spot early.

National March for Life

"Celebrate life at the National March for Life on Thursday, May 14th, gathering on Parliament Hill starting at noon. Join pro-life people from across Canada as we assemble to proclaim that all human life is sacred. For more information call Campaign Life Coalition, (613) 729-0379 or visit www.marchforlife.ca

Toronto Serra Clubs

Our second Scripture reading reminds us that we are to love, not in word and speech only, but in truth and action. If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Liborio (416) 968-0997.

Theology of the Body: Discovering the Master Plan for Your Life Conference

The "Theology of the Body" is Pope John Paul II's integrated vision of the human person – body, soul, and spirit. Presenter, Christopher West, is a widely sought after speaker and best selling author of many books on the "Theology of the Body". Through theological reflection, humour, and our everyday experiences, The conference takes place on October 16 from 7pm to 9pm and October 17 from 8am – 4:30pm at the Canada Christian College, 50 Gervais Drive, Toronto, ON (Don Mills Rd & Eglinton Ave) Registration is \$30 before July 1 and \$40 after. Register on our website: www.godsexmeaningoflife.homestead.com or by email at stbreg@gmail.com or by phone at (416) 481-5465.

Looking Ahead

Sun. May 10

Noon – Senior Youth Group, PC main

Mon. May 11

9:45am Mass at St. Luke's School

Wed. May 13

9:15am Mass at St. Marguerite School

7:30 – 9:00pm Pastoral Council Meeting, PC main

Thu May 14

9:15am Mass with St. John's school in the church

6:00pm – 8:00pm Confirmation Interviews, Rectory

7:30 – 9:30pm Appreciation Night, PC main

Sat. May 16/ Sun May 17

Sign-up for Seniors Retreat

Mon. May 18 Victoria Day

9am Mass

Office closed

Praying for the Sick....

Please remember in your prayers this week, our parishioners and family who are ill, and those who care for them:
RAY HAYES, HELEN LECOURS,
JANINA MALYJASIAK, RAY CORMIER

BUS TRANSPORTATION

Envelopes are available at the back counter for donations to assist our Seniors taking the bus for the 11am Mass. Please remember to put your name or envelope number on the front.

A Mother's Day Thought

Today is Mother's Day
To honour you for all your love..
For all that you do and say.
I thank you for the warm hugs.
For cleaning my wounded knees.
I love you for always being there.
For being so easy to love and please.
I thank you for the many years you worked to keep me fed.
I think about the unnecessary tears that I caused you to shed.
I thank you for being a great chef.
Oh those pies you made for me.
I thank you for being the chauffeur that took me places I wanted to be.
Oh those times you fixed my jeans when I tore them on the playground.
It was so wonderful just to know..
Momma was always around.
Oh, momma, look how time has passed us by.
I now have children of my own.
It's just that today is YOUR day for me.
It doesn't change just because I've grown!

Retreats for Single Women

"Listen, I am Standing at the Door Knocking"

Single women, 18-39, are invited to one of TWO retreats either May 22 – 24 or June 19 – 21, given by a team of Sisters of St. Joseph. For information call Sister Dorothy: (416) 927-0720.

Fatima Night

St. Therese Parish, Courtice
May is the anniversary of the First Apparition of our Lady of Fatima. On Monday May 11th at 6:30pm, St. Therese Parish at 3800 Courtice Road, in Courtice, ON, will have a Fatima Night starting with Rosary at 6:30pm, followed by Mass at 7pm and a candlelight procession after Mass.

*May Mary the Mother of Christ,
ask her Son's blessings for you.*