

Today is World Mission Sunday

Today, every Catholic community and parish throughout the world takes part in World Mission Sunday. It is a global effort to bring spiritual and material help to our brothers and sisters who long for hope and love that comes from knowing Christ's love for them. Your kind support will assist all missionaries across the world. It will help new churches to grow, be strong and vital faith communities. Please continue to pray for all those who serve in mission countries and please be generous in your support of their work. May God bless you always.

**SVDP CHRISTMAS SPONSORS 2009****How to become a Sponsor and help a needy family this Christmas**

To our returning sponsors, we thank you for your continued support. This year more than ever the economic conditions are showing a growing number of people who have lost their jobs and are in need of our help. To sponsor a needy family we have outlined some information below that may be of some help to you in choosing to become a sponsor this year.

- The sponsor remains anonymous
- The needy family remains anonymous
- Only the make up of the family is given to the sponsor. Example: number of adults, number of children boy or girl and their ages and if possible, sizes.
- There is no \$ value suggested. It is whatever you care to spend.
- You are only asked to provide gifts with emphasis on the children.
- SVDP includes grocery vouchers per family for Christmas Dinner.

- Requests for small or large families can be accommodated. Some office groups or 2 or 3 Families join together and request a large (4-6 children) family or sponsor.
- SVDP's aim is to try and give the sponsor the content of a family by end of November or the first week in December. This is not always possible as we get names of families into the second and third week of December.
- The sponsor is asked to wrap the gifts and tag them. Example: Boy aged 8 years
- The sponsor is also given a number to mark on all the gifts to correspond with the number given to the anonymous family.
- You are given a date and time to return the gifts to the Parish Centre.
- SVDP members deliver the gifts to the families in time for Christmas.

In the event you do not wish to sponsor a family, a small cash donation to SVDP can be used to help purchase the Christmas Food Vouchers for needy families.

We hope this year you will consider being a sponsor to a family in need.

Signup is on Social Sunday November 1st after the 9am and 11am Masses in the Parish Centre.

Thank You

St. John the Evangelist Church and the Liturgy Committee would like to acknowledge the following businesses for the Thanksgiving decorations:

Vandermeer Nursery, Stroud's Market, and MacMillan Orchards.

Thank you to the following Liturgy Committee members who decorated the altar so beautifully for our Thanksgiving Masses:

Sharon Weslake, Aggie Sandrelli, Annette Hudson, Margaret Davidson and Vicki Morgan.

WANTED**Facilitators for January 2010 Bible Study Course**

No experience required. Training will be provided.

There will be 2 facilitators per group, so you won't be on your own!

Please call the Parish Office soon!

**LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY
A 2010 Event at
St. John the Evangelist
Parish**

903 Giffard Street, Whitby

- Would you like to know the meaning that the Bible holds for you today?
- Would you like to be more comfortable in discussing the Bible with other Christians?
- Would you like to hear God speaking to your life through the words of the Bible?

Please join us with other members of the parish in a study of the ACTS OF THE APOSTLES for 10 Mondays from January 11 to March 15, 2010, 7:30pm to 9:00pm in the Parish Centre. The program includes individual study, small group discussions and lectures. Information on registration and fee will follow soon.

**A Taste of the Parish!**

Saturday, November 7th

6:00p.m.

Once again we are looking forward to celebrating the food of our diverse parishioners and we invite you to join in! How? Simply complete one of the sign-up slips located at the back of the church and let us know what you plan to bring and the nationality of the dish. Bring the

dish to the parish hall on Saturday, November 7th between 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. At 6:00 p.m. the fun begins as you tour the hall visiting tables to sample food selections from around the world. Coffee and tea will be provided.



Please remember in your prayers this week, our parishioners and family who are ill, and those who care for them:

RAY HAYES, LINA SPENCER,
ASHLEY HUININK, FRANK PLUE,
ADELAIDE RICKETTS and
MICHAEL LAVIOLETTE.

NOTICE

It's never too early to tell you....
**SOME CHANGES ARE OCCURRING
FOR
CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES**

On Thursday, December 24, 2009,
Masses for the Vigil of Christmas
will be as follows:

5:00pm, 8:00pm and 11:00pm

THE LIVING ROSARY

October is the month of the Rosary. St. John's Parish is hosting the Living Rosary on **Thursday, October 22nd at 7:30 pm in the Parish Centre.** All are welcome: beginners, men, women and especially children gr.3+. All prayers provided. Participants are welcome to say the Rosary in their mother tongue or native language! Come *experience* the Rosary like never before! Colourful ropes, colourful lights, music, coffee/tea and cake! For further details please call Martha at stew.hamilton@sympatico.ca or call 905-430-2444.

Oktoberfest

Dinner & Dance

Saturday October 24, 2009
Knights Hall 133 Brock St N, Whitby
Doors open at 6:30pm
Featuring Bavarian food & beers

Dancing to the music of
The Usual Suspects

Tickets \$25.00 each
(Reserved table with group purchase of 6 or more tickets)

Contact Len / Sharon
905-668-6723 or lenshar@rogers.com

Pre-Marriage Course
St. Joseph the Worker Parish
1100 Mary Street, North, Oshawa

January 16/17, 2010
For couples not living together

January 30/31, 2010
For couples living together

If you are planning a marriage in the next 12 months, please call the parish office (905) 432-2300 for a registration form. Cost is \$200 per couple.

Knights of Columbus
HALLOWEEN PANCAKE
BREAKFAST

Saturday, October 31, 2009
8:00am – 10:30am

Pancakes, sausages, bacon
ALL YOU CAN EAT!

Prize for the best costume!

Tickets at the door
\$4 each, \$12/Family

Knights Hall,
133 Brock Street N., Whitby, ON

Toronto Serra Clubs

Jesus's life was the best 'job description': sympathy; mercy; service; compassion; and total giving. Life is rewarding when one lives for others. Do you want to serve or be served? If you are willing to serve as a priest or religious, call Fr. Liborio (416) 968-0997



Masses For The Week

Sat. Oct. 17 - 5:00pm
+Gloria St. Pierre
req. by Donna & Terry Elliott
Mon. Oct 19 – 8:20am
+Verna Castelman
req. by Christina Rauch
Wed. Oct 21 – 7:00pm
+Joseph Pilepic
req. by The Pilepic Family
Thu. Oct. 22 – 8:20am
+Antonino Sidoti
req. by His Family
Fri. Oct. 23 – 8:20am
+Maria & Joseph Byers
req. by Their Estate
Sat. Oct. 24 – 5:00pm
+Mary Renaud
req. by Her Family



Society of St Vincent de Paul

St John the Evangelist Conference

The members of our Parish Conference would like to thank the Staff, Students and Families of All Saints Catholic Secondary Catholic High School, St John the Evangelist School, St Luke the Evangelist School and St Marguerite D'youville School for their participation in each of the school's fall food drive. Through their generosity, we will be able to continue to provide emergency food and other assistance to our needy neighbors.

Looking Ahead

Wed. Oct. 21
6:00 – 6:50pm PHCP, Gr 7/8, St. Jos/Alb Rms
Thu. Oct 22
7:30pm Living Rosary, PC main
Fri. Oct 23
10am Mass at Taunton Mills



Liturgy Spotlight

Ordinary Time is a season for celebrating the whole mystery of Christ. Rather than taking their inspiration from one of the events of salvation – such as we do on Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost, for example – these Sundays take their inspiration from the life and ministry of Jesus as recorded in one of the gospels.