

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH MISSION SCHEDULE

Fr. Kevin MacDonald will preach at all Masses this weekend.

Monday, September 12 to Thursday September 15.

Mass every morning at 8:00 a.m.

Mission Service each evening at 7:30 p.m.

There will be an opportunity for

Reconciliation on Tuesday evening.

Eucharist will be celebrated Thursday evening.

Refreshments in the hall after each morning mass and evening service.

All are welcome at all services. Invite those who have been away from the faith.

WELCOME FR. KEVIN MACDONALD, CSSR!

Fr. Kevin is with us all week. His center of operation is Florida, so we hope we can provide him with the tropical weather we have been having the past few months. You will note that Fr. Kevin has the initials CSSR after his name which signifies that he is a member of the Redemptorist order. The Redemptorists were founded by St. Alphonsus Ligouri and one of their particular ministries is providing missions in parishes as a form of renewal for a parish community. We look forward to Fr. Kevin leading us on this journey.

THE PHYSICAL NEEDS OF OUR LADY OF GRACE

Since the spring the renovation committee has been meeting with our architect. We will soon be able to come to the parish with proposals for improvements and renewal for our church.

There are a number of issues which can be addressed without waiting for the proposal of the architects. Among these is the repair of the catch basins which is being undertaken at this time. It will be one less thing to do when we get to renewing the parking lot.

We also need a new shed. The one we have is too small and has seen better days. The new one will be able to house the snow blower and the lawn mower as well as a lot of stuff that is at present wedged in here there and everywhere.

Brick work in areas where there will be no renovation is in need of repointing. Repairs need to be done to fascia and the eaves trough by the garage. The door on Lynett Hall is on its last legs and will be in need of replacement.

We also need to look at an air circulation system for the church. At present the only source of fresh air is opening the window. This will require duct work in the parish hall and vents in the church.

We look forward to tackling these problems as well as the larger task of taking on the renovation of the church.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT AT OUR LADY OF GRACE

There are two ways to financially support Our Lady of Grace and we do hope that all folks who call Our Lady of Grace their parish will do so. This will become particularly pressing as we move towards renovations.

The most common way to financially support the parish is through a box of envelopes. These envelopes are always available at the back of the church for you to pick up. You put your name on the first couple used and that will be your number for the remainder of the year. At the end of the year you pick up a box for next year, not necessarily with the same number, and that number will be attached to your record for the coming year. The number is so the office can do efficient accounting.

The other way to support the church is through pre authorized giving. There is a form at the back of the church for you to complete. A set amount of funds will be drawn from your bank account each month. If at any time you need to alter your monthly giving, you inform the office in writing and that will be done. Over two hundred households at present support the parish through pre authorized giving.

Thank you to everyone who financially supports the parish regularly to sustain the necessary work we do for the faith.

THE MINDFUL PROJECT-OUR LADY OF GRACE

The inspiration: Millions of individuals suffer from a form of mental illness and depression. This workshop is not to be mistaken for medical or clinical therapy. Instead the workshop will act as a well-being motivator, promote positivity, and encourage individuality. Anyone and everyone is welcome to participate in weekly workshops beginning September 17th from 1pm-4pm in Lynett Hall.

Goal: The goal is to provide youth and adults a space to express themselves in order to encourage confidence, raise awareness, and positive mental stimulation.

Please contact Elizabeth 416-768-3888 or Elizabeth.aguilar.c@hotmail.com

OLDER CHILDREN FOR BAPTISM

We have been approached by a couple of families that have older children for baptism. It is easier to prepare these children as a group so if there are other families out there who have children who are school age who need baptism please call the parish very soon so that you do not miss out on this opportunity.

FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

First Communion and Confirmation Information will be distributed through the schools by the end of the month. At that time it will also be available online and at the back of the church.

OUR LADY OF GRACE CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUP.

We would like to welcome all parents, grandparents, caregivers and nannies with children under 5 years of age, to join us every Tuesday morning, beginning September 20th from 9:30-11:00am for Our Lady of Grace Children's Playgroup. There is no cost for this program, and all are welcome. This a wonderful way to connect with other families within the parish while your children enjoy stories, song, crafts and play.

Coffee for adults, and peanut free snacks for children will be provided. If you are interested in helping to organize this program, contact Sandra at 727-4594 or sandra@ourladyofgrace.com.



MASS INTENTIONS

September 12th – September 17th, 2016

Mon. Sept. 12 th	8am +Gerry Merkel
Tues. Sept. 13 th	8am +Michael Doyle
Wed. Sept. 14 th	8am +Alberto Bacardi
Thurs Sept. 15 th	8am +Luigi & Anna Maria Pompilio 10am Park Place Manor 2:15pm Resthaven 7:30pm Parish Mission Mass
Fri. Sept. 16 th	8am Jennifer Ho Sp Int.
Sat. Sept 17 th	9am +Maurice Conway

HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the normal way that someone becomes a member of the Catholic Church. The process is different for each person. For someone who has been a lifelong Christian the process is radically different than for the person who has never had any contact with the Christian faith. We are however ready to welcome anyone who wishes to explore the possibility of becoming a Catholic. If you have questions or want to discuss this further, speak to any member of the parish team, Fr. Frank, Fr. Joshua or Sandra Fortini.

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

Resumed on Sunday Sept 11th at the 10am and 12pm masses. Children of our parish (JK to GR2) go downstairs after our opening hymn to the large meeting room. Together through song, games, and discussion we learn about the gospel. The children return to mass after the homily. We welcome new and returning children. In previous years, we have provided this opportunity at the Saturday 5pm mass. Due to low volunteer numbers we are eliminating this class.

If you are interested in this rewarding volunteer experience, please speak with the parish office, or Fr. Frank, Fr. Joshua or Sandra after mass. This is a rewarding ministry and requires as little as 45 minutes a month!!

REFUGEE SUPPORT NEEDED.

We are looking for additional volunteers to help the family (2 children, ages 3 & 1) to become integrated in Canadian culture. French language skills would be especially appreciated.

If you are interested, please contact the Office: 905-727-4594.