

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

February 20th - February 25th, 2017

Mon. Feb. 20th	9am +Ryan Sheridan
Tues. Feb. 21st	8am +Evelyn Berryman
Wed. Feb. 22nd	8am +Georgie Walker
Thurs Feb. 23rd	8am Binnet Family Sp Int
Fri. Feb. 24th	8am +Jose Funtera
Sat. Feb. 25th	9am +Lily Pingyin

HAPPY FAMILY DAY!!! The office will be closed on Mon., Feb. 20th and will re-open on Tues. Feb. 21st.

Who: Grade 7's & 8's



Where: 6PM, Parish Hall

What: EDGE is a youth ministry program designed to help youth learn more about their Catholic faith and develop a personal relationship with Christ. Come have fun, meet friends, and play games!

Grade 8's! Registration Forms can be filled out when you arrive!

EDGE SCHEDULE:

Feb. 25 - Journey to the Father
(March Break)

March 25 - Who is the Son of God?

April 8 - Time to Enter Holy Week

May 13 - The Spirit Rejoices!

May 27 - Year End Social

JOIN THE "CALL FOR CONSCIENCE"

Now that euthanasia/assisted suicide is legal in Canada, doctors in Ontario are being forced to help arrange for the killing of their patients. If your family doctor or surgeon objects to providing a referral for assisted suicide/euthanasia, they could be fined, disciplined or even removed from their practice. Many may be forced to retire or move outside of the province if the provincial government does not recognize their freedom of conscience. Visit

www.CanadiansforConscience.ca to learn more, join the "Call for Conscience" and write directly to your Member of Provincial Parliament asking them to protect conscience rights.

THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2016

The financial report for 2016 is available at the back of the church. They will be available there throughout the coming year. It is essentially a good news report, recognizing the steady and faithful support of many to the parish. There has been some growth in regular offertory and through preauthorized giving. We are of course financially blessed by the arrangement we have with Metrolinx as is indicated in the financial report.

So thank you to all who make it their generous commitment to support our parish in a regular and consistent way. Please if possible, email any questions or desires for clarification. They will be forwarded to the person who can best answer your question.

FIRST COMMUNION FAMILY EVENINGS MARCH 7TH AND (OR) MARCH 21ST

First Communicants and their Parents are invited to come together for a time of shared activity. The evening will begin at 7:00pm with a short prayer service, followed by a tour of the church for parents and children, and crafts and refreshments. There are still spaces available on each evening, but numbers are limited so please email Sandra at sandra@ourladyofgrace.com if you and your family would like to attend.

WHAT A GREAT EVENING!!!!!!

Thank you to our community life group who organized the parish multicultural pot luck and to the many people who took part. We had a capacity crowd in the hall and truly an international feast with food from every corner of the world. The interest and participation of so many, made this a wonderful opportunity for us to live our life as community. Based on the response I am sure this is a keeper for next year.

CAN YOU PROVIDE A RIDE?

We have a parishioner in the area of Sawmill Valley Dr. who needs a ride to church. If you can help in this matter call the office or speak to one of the pastoral staff.

LENT IS COMING!

Believe it or not, we are a week and half away from Lent. Ash Wednesday is on March 1 and there will be two masses here at Our Lady of Grace, one at 8 a. m. and one at 7 p. m.

Throughout Lent there will be a Friday evening mass in addition to the other regularly scheduled masses, followed by the Stations of the Cross.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We are looking for parish groups to lead the stations of the cross after one of the Friday evening masses during Lent. We will send out emails to those group's leaders, but it may be something that you will want to discuss at your meetings in the near future. It is hoped that if a group wishes to take the lead that they will have a generous representation of the membership out for the stations.

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THE PLAN TO RENOVATE?

Actually, it is very much still in the works. We are hoping to be able to bring a proposal to the parish on the weekend of April 1 and 2. The renovation committee has been meeting and much preliminary work has been done to date, including an environmental assessment of the whole property. This did not turn up many serious problems, rather a few cautionary concerns during the renovations themselves. Thank you to all for their ongoing interest and support of these efforts.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year the World Day of Prayer will be celebrated in Aurora on March 3 at 7:30 p. m. at Trinity Anglican Church. We have so few opportunities to gather in an ecumenical spirit.

Let us take advantage of those that become available. Our Lady of Grace will be a part of the planning and undertaking of this special day.



Pre-Lenten Pancake Breakfast

Sponsored by the
Aurora Knights of Columbus
Sunday, February 26th

After the 8:15 am, 10 am
and 12 noon Masses

In the Parish Hall

\$5 per person, \$2 for children under 12

Pancakes, syrup, sausages and mixed fruit
Coffee, tea and juice

Proceeds to Sharelife & the Special Olympics

COFFEE SUNDAYS

We are far enough into the practice of having coffee on Sunday mornings that we can open this ministry to the larger parish. As it stands we have coffee every second Sunday. We could extend this if in fact we are able to have others involved in providing this ministry. There are those who can help to orientate you to the ministry, which is pretty simple. We are looking for other groups and ministries to come forward. It is also something that a school may like to do as well.

On your weekend, we would hope that you would have a display to promote the work of your group and someone at the display to explain the work you do and to give a word of encouragement.

There also may be families or couples who would be willing to take on this ministry from time to time.

Whatever the case leave your name for Fr. Frank and he will be back in touch with you.

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