

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



TODAY!!!! Pre-Lenten Pancake Breakfast TODAY!!!!

Sunday, February 26th in the parish hall

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

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

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

Proceeds to Sharelife & the Special Olympics



FIRST COMMUNION ENROLMENT

The diocese asks that children preparing for first communion enroll in some formal way as they prepare for the sacrament. Here at Our Lady of Grace this is done by each child drawing a picture from the life of Christ which we will install at the back of the church. We encourage you to take the time to stop and have a look at the pictures as their number grows. It is not rare that what a seven-year-old shows us about the life of Christ offers insights for much older heads. We thank the boys and girls in advance for their good work.

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.

CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT

This weekend at all masses we will be enrolling young people for confirmation. Like first communion the diocese asks that there be some formal action that allows the young person to publicly express their desire to prepare for confirmation. We have done that this weekend. The young people have been given their confirmation crosses and are encouraged to wear them to mass. It is not inappropriate that you give a word of encouragement to a young person you see wearing a cross and to of course pray for them and all of the confirmandi who are preparing for the sacrament this May and June.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. Feb. 27 th	8am +Fr. Peter Podolak
Tues. Feb. 28 th	8am +Taber Family
Wed. Mar. 1 st	8am ASH WEDNESDAY 7pm ASH WEDNESDAY
Thurs Mar. 2 nd	8am +Sr. Kathleen Fawcett
Fri. Mar. 3 rd	8am +Peter Magic FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION 12pm-7pm 7pm +Albert Arcand
Sat. Mar 4 th	9am +Robert Reid

FIRST FRIDAY

Friday, March 3 is First Friday and we will have adoration between noon and 7 p. m. Let us make our particular prayer as we come and go from adoration those in our families, circle of friends and parish who have lost the practice of faith. Let us pray that this Lenten time may call them to a deeper awareness of the constant compassion with which God embraces them.

USHERS AND MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Thank you to all the folks who made it out for the meeting last week for their input and conversation on this important ministry in the church. The updated ministerial role description is available in the ushers' room for pick up. We encourage all ushers, those who attended the meeting and those who could not, to pick up a copy.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - Friday March 3rd
at 7:30pm after the 7pm mass the stations will be led by the Parish Choirs.

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 STARTS THIS WEDNESDAY - ASH WEDNESDAY!

There will be two masses, one at 8 a. m. and one at 7 p. m.

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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COME AND SEE WEEKEND March 17-19, 2017

St. Augustine's Seminary

This is an invitation for all men feeling the need to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ which also leads to a better discernment of God's call for their lives.



Please contact the Office of Vocations at 416-968-0997 email vocations@archtoronto.org.

ARE YOU READY FOR LENT?

We begin Lent this Wednesday. Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence, in other words no meat and smaller meals. It is also a pretty active church day with two masses at 8 a. m. and 7 p. m., both fairly well attended. The students at the school will have liturgies at each of the schools with distribution of ashes.

So, what will you do for Lent? One discipline that is well worth considering is to make all the weeks of Lent two mass weeks; once on the weekend and then one weekday. They are at eight in the morning, Monday to Friday, that may not work for most people, but there are also masses on Friday evening at seven and Saturday morning at nine.

Another discipline that can be beneficial is one or two visits to the church during the week. It is open all day till about 7 or 8 in the evening and you are invited to come in and spend a little time with the Lord. Remember we now have our petition box which is out by St. Joseph during the week and at the back of the church for Sunday masses. Maybe knowing it is there to put your prayer in will help focus your prayer.

When Lent is later as it is this year we can watch the coming of spring which runs parallel as our journey towards Easter.



Saint Paddy's Day Pub Night
Friday, March 17th in Lynett Hall
8 pm to Midnight

\$10 per person D. J. - Cash Bar

*Proceeds - Southlake Regional Health Centre
Rehabilitation Services*

Tickets available after each Mass or from
grand_knight@kofcaurora.ca

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