

Daily Mass Intentions

Monday September 8

8.30 am Celebration of Our Lady's Birthday

Tuesday September 9

8.30 am Thanksgiving to Our Blessed Mother

Wednesday September 10

8.30 am For All Souls in Purgatory

Thursday September 11

8.30 am Michael Williams and the Wright Family

Friday September 12

8.30 am Howard Corcoran

Saturday September 13

9 am Laura Fronte & Maria Bellomo
5 pm Wilfrid & Bertha Chevrier

The Sunday 4.30 pm mass will resume on September 21.

Please remember the sick in your prayers

Christopher Coburn, Howie MacDonald, Leticia Aragon, Nick Aragon, Sandra Fairweather, Jenny Selzer, Joseph Kondracki, Zoltan de Nemethy, Orly Salvador, Paula Lagdameo-Ward, Archie O'Neill, Terry Pinkney, Lisa Cruz, Luz Partolan, Teresa Breen, Tom Joyce, Erin Pennell, Joe Geraci, Tracy Kelly, Peter Mazereeuw, Mary Cabaron, Christopher Davis, Margie Guerrero, Euclides Guerrero, Carmelo Addorisio, Antonio Mattacchione, Benedict Ortiz, Beatrice Limcaco, Elizabeth Buchinger, Candelaria Martin, Pilar Isip, Patricia Macri, Mariela Urriola Sr., Thelma Moore, Nancy Picciolo, Sandra Garzon, Angelita Cadiz, Godfrey Kitt, Scott Fraser, Josephine Makedessi, Pia Rieza, Sylvia Rieza, Jose Rabaino, Emma Rose Grenon, Andrew Saundres, Allison Vickery, Jo-Ann Rowely, David Graham, Connor Thomson, Asuncion Policarpio, Winsome Gayle, Ramon Mojica, Maria Pallota, Kevin Watts, Lisa Coe, Mary Leong, Jean Cole, Lucy Faranda, Bryan Minchin, Elizabeth Cooper, Nicolas Macpagal, Tom Reisenberg, Rita Lomagno, Lucia Santos, Karen Ffolkes, Ika Mrkic, Josie Morra, Colleen Patterson.

A SPECIAL REQUEST

At present, a religious sister (nun) who is serving in the Archdiocese of Toronto is suffering from a severe liver illness. It has been determined that a liver transplant is needed. However, no suitable donor from her religious community or her blood family has been found.

Any parishioner who is willing to be tested as a possible donor, please leave your name and contact information at the church office.

Fr. Michael

ST. PATRICK'S CHOIR - 10.30 mass

A reminder to all members, new and returning, that choir rehearsals have started again on Thursday evenings. They run from 7.45 to 9.30 pm. If you can commit to this time, and to the 10.30 Sunday mass, please join us!

PIPE ORGAN CONCERT

The new pipe organ is ready! It will be heard for the first time in public at a special inaugural concert on Sunday, Sept. 21 at 7 pm. Concert organist, Ken Cowan, will be the guest artist. He is widely regarded as "one of the most outstanding young organists on the scene today". He is a native of Thorold, Ont., and serves as Assistant Professor of Organ at Westminster Choir College in Princeton, New Jersey. This free concert is open to everyone.

RCIA SPONSORS

What if you had a piece of Good News and kept it to yourself? Please consider renewing your faith and sharing your Good News story by becoming a sponsor for an RCIA candidate.

RCIA INQUIRERS

If you or someone you know would like to know more about how an adult may enter into the full membership as a Catholic through the Rites of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, information is at the back of the church this weekend or call Jean 905-471-1103.

RCIA process begins on Tues. Sept. 9 in the small hall 7.30-9.30 pm. As Jesus said, "Come and See".

Brother Andre School Council meeting will take place on Tues. Sept. 9th at 7 pm in the school library. All are welcome to attend, especially parents of new students.

The next Senior's Social will be on Monday, Sept. 22 beginning at 1.30 pm with a Communion Service, followed by a social in the large hall. All seniors are welcome to attend this afternoon of fellowship.



BALLROOM DANCING IS BACK!
Beginning Friday, Sept. 19.

Register over the next few weekends after masses. Cost is \$200 per couple for 10 lessons. For further info call Amy Lorenzana at 905-472-1477.

BUNDLE UP WEEKEND For St. Vincent de Paul

A truck will be in the upper parking lot next weekend, Sept. 13/14, to take your donations of clothing - baby, children and adult - accessories, shoes, bedding, boots, snow suits, winter coats, drapes. Volunteers will assist with the loading before and after the Saturday and Sunday masses. Thank you for your continued support in this important ministry of sharing with those in need in our community. **PLEASE, NO SMALL APPLIANCES OR TOYS!**

TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND

There are still a few spaces available.

Leaving Nov. 23, returning Dec. 3.

Pilgrimage Leader, Kitty McGilly,

Chaplain, Fr. Andrew Kingham of Edinburgh, Scotland, frequent visitor to St. Patrick's over the years.

Some of the places to be visited, Caesarea, Nazareth, Cana, Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, Mount of the Transfiguration, Jericho and the Dead Sea, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Emmaus. Be assured of a welcome to join family and friends of St. Patrick's Parish. For more info, call Paul Howard at 905-471-1103.

ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Knights of Columbus are hosting this year's tournament. All parishioners are welcome.

Markham Green Golf Course
(14th Ave. & 9th Line)

Wed., Oct. 8, cost \$70 which includes 18 holes of golf, cart, dinner and prizes.

Contact Stan Kamski at 905-294-3437 to reserve a spot in the tournament. Tee times are 10.30 to 12 noon.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

The Social Justice Ministry would like to express deep thanks and gratitude to our parishioners for the huge success of this year's Backpack Program. Due to your overwhelming generosity, 499 backpacks and bags of homework supplies were delivered to needy children! This is true stewardship in action. After filling the needs at St. Martin de Porres in Scarborough, St. Paul's School in downtown Toronto, families supported by the Friends of Dismas Ministry, and families supported through St. Vincent de Paul here at St. Patrick's, we were also able to support special needs children at St. Timothy's Catholic School in North York, and children supported by Native Child and Family Services in downtown Toronto. The breakdown is as follows:

- St. Martin's 217 backpacks
- St. Timothy's 18 backpacks
- Dismas 23 backpacks
- St. Patrick's 20 backpacks
- Native Child 128 backpacks
- St. Paul's 93 homework supplies

We would also like to thank our parishioners who volunteered their time: Jitno Kwee, Lyris Dainton, Tom Roth, Jacob Begley and Collette D' Souza.

First Reconciliation and First Communion

St. Patrick's Parish invites children who have reached the age of reason (7-8 years or older) to prepare for, and celebrate, the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion. Therefore, if you have a child in Grade 2, he/she is eligible to celebrate these sacraments this year.

As the immediate preparation of candidates for these sacraments is the responsibility of parents and of the parish, parent information meetings will be held at 7 pm on Wed. Sept. 24 and Fri. Sept. 26 in the church.

Informative letters will be distributed to the children attending our Catholic schools. For those attending public/private schools, please pick up information in the church office.

For families whose children attend one of the schools within St. Justin Martyr's parish boundary, but worship at St. Patrick's Church, the immediate preparation and celebration of the sacraments are the responsibility of St. Patrick's Parish. For families in this situation, there is a letter to be picked up in the church office and parents must attend one of the parent meetings at the end of the month.

Confirmation Preparation

In the sacrament of Confirmation, young people will affirm the faith commitment that their parents made for them at Baptism. Confirmation preparation will soon begin at St. Patrick's. Therefore, if you have a child in Grade 8, he/she is eligible to begin this process. Parent and candidate meetings will be held at 7 pm on Wed. Nov. 5 and Fri. Nov. 7 in the church.

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ST. PATRICK'S SCRIPTURE STUDIES

Pope Benedict XVI has designated this year as the 2000th anniversary of the birth of St. Paul. With this in mind, St. Patrick's continues with its third year of scripture studies with a focus on the 'Letters From Prison of Paul, i.e. First Thessalonians, Philippians, Second Thessalonians, Colossians and Ephesians'.

Join us in the large hall on Sept. 9 at 7.30 pm, and on the following 9 Tuesdays. The sign-up for this study continues this weekend. Cost is \$30, which includes two books, the text, commentary, and study guide.

Be prepared to spend at least 30 minutes a day in study and prayer to get the most out of the program. Contact Paul 905-471-1103.

FROM THE SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE and FRIENDS OF DISMAS

Out of the Cold Cooking Program

The annual sign-up for the Cooking Program is next weekend after all masses in the large hall. We encourage all parishioners to support this program and sign up for one or more casseroles for dates ranging from the beginning of Oct. to end of May. This year our program will be directed to the Good Shepherd Refuge and residents of the Keele Centre. Out of the Cold Programs are an important support to the homeless, including the unemployed, the under-employed, those suffering from mental illness, youth, and those who have run from abusive situations. Later in the fall, we will be announcing opportunities to support a local Out of the Cold Program that will be hosted by the Rouge Valley Mennonite Church with the support of churches within the Markham community. Details to follow. Thank you for your thirteen year support of this program.

Witnessing to how God acts in our lives

The following is from a testimony written by one of our newer Catholics who journeyed within the RCIA process.

"In 2005 I noticed my dearest friend was changing. She seemed happier, more content, less worried. One Saturday she told me she'd joined RCIA and wanted to become Catholic. We'd talked about Catholicism for years but never had the nerve to ask anyone who was of this religion what it was all about. We had many questions about this "mysterious" religion: questions with no one to ask.

As the months went by I questioned my friend relentlessly about what she was learning in RCIA. Ever patient, she answered what she could and then suggested I join her in September at St. Pat's and see what I thought. I had always felt there was more to religion, a deeper meaning to worshipping Christ and how I was living my life. I often felt discontent but couldn't reason why. I was impatient with others; other drivers, store clerks, even my family. So I joined my friend for the opening session of RCIA and was welcomed with warmth like an old friend.

Throughout the year all my questions were answered, no matter how odd. I was told there was no such thing as a "stupid" question and was always answered with acceptance and gentle explanations.

The night of the Easter Vigil when I was Confirmed was unbelievably wondrous! Coming into the church in darkness, soft candlelight slowly getting brighter, my First Communion as a Catholic. Later, I found out I had had a prayer sponsor all the time I was going through RCIA. Being cared about and prayed for is an experience I wish all could have.

Now I know that Christ is always there to pick me up when I fall, take my hand and guide me. I thank God for loving me, for forgiving my past sins and for sending me home - here!" Coral Carter Boehnke