

Preparation for Communion / Confirmation

Each year, the Church extends an invitation to children and youth to prepare for the initiation sacraments of Communion and Confirmation. At this time, an invitation is extended to those children, who:

- are baptized and
- attend Catholic, public or private school and
- are parishioners at St. Benedict Church and
- are in Gr. 2 and older for Communion or
- are in Gr. 8 or high school for Confirmation

For both Communion and Confirmation, candidates journey in a parish-based process developed for use throughout the Toronto Archdiocese.

In a parish-based process, the parish is responsible for immediate preparation. Since the preparation and celebration of the Sacraments is the responsibility of the Church, notices regarding registration and the process involved are given from the church only.

THIS FIRST NOTICE IS ABOUT THE INITIAL MEETING FOR REGISTRATION. IF THIS INVITATION FOR YOUR CHILD TO PREPARE FOR COMMUNION OR CONFIRMATION APPLIES TO YOUR FAMILY, PLEASE PLAN TO **ATTEND THE APPROPRIATE MEETING** AS OUTLINED BELOW.

It will be assumed that parents who do not participate in the initial meeting are choosing with their child not to take part in the Communion or Confirmation process this year and therefore, will not celebrate Communion or Confirmation in Spring 2014.

For parishioners who do not have children participating in the Communion or Confirmation process this year, please continue to do all you can to support our youth on their faith journey. You do this best by your prayers and by the example you give in your daily living.

Communion Information Meeting

For parents only.
Kindly plan for child care.

Plan to attend one meeting.

Each meeting is in the parish hall and is 1 1/2 hr.

Tuesday September 10 7:30 pm or
Wednesday September 11 7:30 pm

Confirmation Information Meeting

For parent and candidate.
Kindly plan child care for younger children.

Plan to attend one meeting.

Each meeting is in the parish hall and is 1 1/2 hr.

Tuesday September 17 7:30 pm or
Wednesday September 18 7:30 pm

FAITH & FAMILY PROGRAM

Faith & Family serves children and youth, ages 5-18 who:

- attend public school, private school or school other than a Catholic school,
- require ongoing faith formation and preparation for the sacrament of Reconciliation and/or the initiation sacraments: Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation
- attend St. Benedict Church,
- are baptized or not yet baptized with at least one Catholic parent

Our next season runs for 20 weeks:

October 21 - December 9, 2013 and

January 6 - May 5, 2014

Monday evenings

St. Benedict Church hall

6:45 pm - 8:30 pm

REGISTRATION OPEN

Please contact Wayne for further information and/or registration @ 416-748-6304.

**Adult Faith Formation Program
Year of Faith**

Exploring the Catechism: Faith Alive!

8 Sessions on Wednesday Evenings

October 2-December 4, 2013

7:30 pm – 9:30 pm

Parish Hall

Facilitator: Connie Price

*from the Office of Formation and Discipleship,
Archdiocese of Toronto*

In this series, participants will explore the four major sections of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*:

1. The Profession of Faith
2. The Celebration of the Christian Mystery
3. Life in Christ
4. Christian Prayer

Through presentations, multimedia, reading, discussion, prayer and reflection, this series will provide a way for participants to deepen their understanding of Catholicism and to live their faith more eagerly as disciples of Jesus Christ.

There is NO REGISTRATION FEE

VOLUNTEERS FOR SAVIO CLUB AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Looking for adult volunteers to work at the Savio Club for this Fall. Anyone who likes working with children, twice a week Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30 to 4:45 pm, ages 18 and up. **WE ARE ESPECIALLY IN NEED OF SOMEONE WHO IS CREATIVE AND ENJOYS DOING ARTS AND CRAFTS WITH CHILDREN.** Good and rewarding work with young people from grades 3 to 8. If you are interested in helping out, please contact:

Dominic Peresso ~ 416-741-3187

12th Annual Catholic Education Mass

Wednesday, August 28 – 6 p.m.
St. Paul's Basilica, 83 Power St., Toronto

The Catholic Teachers Guild invites all Catholic educators of the Archdiocese of Toronto and supporters of Catholic education to gather for a celebration of the Eucharist before entering the new academic year. Mass will be celebrated by Thomas Cardinal Collins. Following Mass, dinner will be served in the parish hall and Cardinal Collins will speak on the topic of "New Evangelization and Education."

Tickets for dinner are \$50.

To register, email barry.white@tcdsb.org.

For more information, see <http://bit.ly/EduMass>.

100th Anniversary of Holy Name Roman Catholic Church 71 Gough Ave., Toronto

Join us as we begin our year of celebration for our 100th anniversary.

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| September 29 | 11:00am
Opening Mass with Bishop McGrattan followed by a potluck multicultural luncheon |
| October 22 | 7:00 pm
Concert by the University of Notre Dame Glee Club |
| December 14 | 7:00 pm
Concert by the African Community Choir |

Admission to concerts is free with donation towards Holy Name Church Building Fund. For further information please visit www.holynametoronto.com or call 416-466-8281.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 26

8:00am Michelina Di Domenico by Giovanni Fabrizio
7:30pm Memorial Mass - Angela & Domenico Stalteri

Tuesday, August 27

10:30am Mass at Kipling Acres
7:30pm Ottorino Mattioli by Gianna Ciarletti

Wednesday, August 28

8:00am Julia Longo by Longo family

Thursday, August 29

8:00am Asuncion Covacha by Senoran family

Friday, August 30

8:00am Jean Wojcik by Salvina & John Pace & family

Saturday, August 31

8:00am Richard Cheong by Peter & Naida
5:00pm Deceased members of St. Benedict Parish

Sunday, September 1

8:00am Living Intention for Rodolfo & Jojo Fajardo by Sandra & Maria
9:30am Luisa & George Imbrogno by Divina & Deluca family
9:30am For the People
11:00am Elvira & Amelio Gaglia by Joseph Gaglia



PRAY FOR THE DEAD, ESPECIALLY:

Francisco Jr. Cabrera Sunqa

Catholic Ministries on Campus

If you are a student entering college or university this fall, remember to check out the Catholic ministries that exist on your campus. Catholic associations and clubs provide a great opportunity to meet new people and to grow in your faith while living the student life. Check out your school's website for more information on campus clubs, ask where the chapel and chaplaincy services are and look for Catholic ministries at open house events during orientation week. May God bless you as you prepare for the future.

The faith community of
St. Benedict welcomes



Samantha Milan
Christian Freitas
Dessa Odisho

May you always walk in the footsteps of the Lord.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

SUNDAY OFFERING	\$6,855
AVERAGE ENV. DONATION	\$14.31
CATHOLIC MISSIONS IN CANADA	\$1,801

Thank you for your ongoing generous support!