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OFFICE HOURS

9:00 a.m 7:00 p.m.
9:00 a.m 4:30 p.m.
3:00 p.m 5:30 p.m.
9:00 a.m 1:30 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 9:45 4:00 Sunday: 6:30

9:45 - 10:30 a.m. 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

BAPTISM

2nd and 4th Sundays at 2:00 p.m. by appointment.

MARRIAGE

Please contact the rectory one Year in advance of desired date.

WEEKEND SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil	Mass:	4:30 p.m.
Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
	12:15 p.m.	7:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday thru Friday:	8:00 a.m.
Saturday:	9:00 a.m.

ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT

First Friday of the month 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

NOVENA - ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.

VOCATIONS Fr. Hansoo Park, Director Vocations 416-968-0997 www.serrahouse.ca www.vocations.ca

OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

Elementary Schools

Blessed Trinity School	416-393-5289
St. Agnes School	416-393-5345

Secondary Schools

St. Joseph's Morrow Park	416-393-5516
Brebeuf College School	416-393-5508

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MASSES OF THE WEEK
Monday, Fobruary 20

<u>Monday, February 20</u> Special Intention	9:00 am
<u>Tuesday, February 21</u> Jacob Lee (Deceased) Requested by the family	8:00 am
Wednesday, February 22 ASH WEDNESDAY Mary Galarneau (Deceased) Requested by Patricia & Errol	8:00 am
Special Intention	7:30 pm
<u>Thursday, February 23</u> Dante Pescente (Deceased) Requested by Lucy Pescente	8:00 am
<u>Friday, February 24</u> Myra Pressaco (Deceased) <i>Requested by Jack Pressaco & family</i>	8:00 am
Lorenzo T. Cesario (Deceased) Requested by the Cesario family	7:30 pm
<u>Saturday, February 25</u> Robert Scull (Deceased) <i>Requested by daughter Pamala</i>	9:00 am



SEASON OF LENT Ash Wednesday February 22nd

Ashes will be blessed and distributed at both **Masses at 8:00 am and 7:30 pm.** Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence from meat. Fasting means cutting down noticeably on the food we eat and abstinence means abstaining from meat. Lent marks our entrance into a time of a more intense attention to our friendship with God and charity to our neighbour. This time of special grace will pass quickly. Hence we must make a plan personally tailored according to our needs and obligations. We encourage you to take into account the following activities of our parish during this important time.

Daily Mass: 8:00 am (Saturday 9:00 am)

Friday Evenings February 25 – March 30

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross 7:30 pm Mass

Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto

This weekend the Archbishop will be elevated to the College of Cardinals in a ceremony (consistory) in Rome. We offer our thoughts and prayers for our shepherd as he takes on this important new role. You can follow coverage on line and on www.archtoronto.org/cardinal.



CWL Membership Fee

<u>Bingo Night</u> – All parishioners are invited to a fun evening of Bingo. The evening is sponsored by the CWL, assisted by the

Explorers, on **Tuesday, February 21^{st}, 7:00 – 9:00 pm** in the parish hall. The cost will be \$5.00 per card for the evening. There will be cash prizes for winners. Soft drinks and snacks may be purchased.

<u>Day of Recollection</u> – *Tuesday, March 20th*, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm in the parish hall; more information to follow.

World Day of Prayer – Friday, March 2nd

The 44th Annual Dinner Dance 'Winter Gala" was very successful. The CWL wish to thank everyone for their support and special thanks to the many who donated prizes, and to all who helped make this an enjoyable evening.



Knights of Columbus

General Meeting: Wed, February 22nd, 7:30pm (change due to Family Day on Monday, Feb. 20th).

Executive Meeting: Monday, March 12th, 7:30 pm (note changed schedule).

General Meeting: Monday, March 19th, 7:30 pm



St. Patrick's Dinner/Dance Saturday, March 17, 2012

The Knights of Columbus will be having their annual St. Patrick's Dinner/Dance on

Saturday, March 17th in the parish hall, commencing at 6:30 pm. All parishioners and their friends are invited to attend. The menu will include prime rib roast from Bruno's. There will be a raffle, door prizes, silent auction, and DJ will provide the music. The price of tickets this year will be \$50 per person, and will be sold after the Sunday Masses, commencing February 25th. Tickets may also be obtained by contacting Rocco De Miglio at 416-225-7673 or Ron Forbes at 416-441-1406. All proceeds from this event will be for the Knights' Charities.

Council #11681 Free Throw Contest

Blessed Trinity School dominated the event winning 3 of the 4 groupings and the winners have been invited to the District Championship to be held in Oshawa on February 25th. Congratulations to all the participants and best of luck to Celine Suyat, Shanugnnessy Bennett, Rahim Wolfe, Andre Ross, Gilbert Cunanan, Fabrizio Di Nino.

FNE – Pancake Breakfast – Sunday, February 26th

Please join the Timber Wolves and Explorers for pancake and sausage breakfast in the parish hall on Sunday, February 26th after the 9:00, 10:30 and 12:15 Masses. Tickets are \$10 per adult, \$5 per child, \$20 per family. Advance tickets will be available in the church foyer after Sunday Masses this week-end.

The Jewish Background to the Mass Part 2

"BEHOLD THE BRIDEGROOM COMETH; The Ancient Jewish Wedding"

Come join us for the second part in this exciting series where we examine the interesting and vital cultural and spiritual background to our beloved Mass. Mark and Sue Neugebauer will take us through a four-session series about the place the Ancient Jewish Wedding from the time of Jesus the Messiah has in the liturgy and faith of the Church.

Tuesdays 7:00 pm beginning February 28, 2012 Blessed Trinity Parish Hall

Blessed Trinity Chinese Outreach (Chinese RCIA)

Part I (Precatechumenate): A 20-week introduction to the Catholic faith and the Bible. This is suitable for non-Catholics who would like to know more about our faith. A new class will start as soon as there is a sufficient number of enquirers.

Part II (Catechumenate): An in-depth exploration of the Catechism of the Catholic Church and the Bible. This year-round lectionary-based program is suitable for non-Catholics preparing for Baptism, as well as Catholics who would like to deepen their understanding of our faith. Parishioners are welcome to drop-in any Sunday. No classes on long weekends.

Both programs will be conducted in Cantonese and in Mandarin on Sundays at 12 noon. A program, conducted in English, for children of participants of the Chinese Outreach Program runs at the same time. In order to continue to reach out to the Chinese community in North York, we need more Mandarin and Cantonese speaking catechists and sponsors. For more information on the program or to volunteer, please contact Marie Kwok at 416-494-2987 or email <u>btchinesercia@gmail.com</u>.

聖三堂華語外展計劃(慕道班)

慕道初班: 簡介天主教信仰及聖經。適合有意探討天主教信仰的 人士。有足夠人數即隨時開班。

慕道進修班:深入探索天主教教理及聖經。這根據主日讀經的長 年課程適合正在預備領洗的望教徒,及有興趣增強自己對信仰的 理解的教友。堂區教友歡迎隨到參加。

以上課程,都以國語及粵語分組講解教理,並教授英文聖經及禮 儀經文上課時間:每星期日12時正。逢長週末放假。同時有英語 兒童班,尊爲慕道學員子女而設。

爲了進一步向北約克華人社區福傳,我們需要更多的國語及粵語 傳道員及陪同員。

查詢報名,請致電聖三堂堂區辦事處416-226-0262 (英語接線),留下姓名、電話、電郵地址,或電郵btchinesercia@gmail.com,或致電416-494-2987(話語接綫)與郭盧永堅Marie Kwok聯絡。



40 Days for Life

On **Ash Wednesday, February 22nd until April 1st, 2012,** the 40 days for life campaign will begin in the Greater Toronto Area. It consists of prayer, fasting, a

peaceful vigil at an abortion facility and community outreach. This pro-life campaign has generated measurable lifesaving results and lead to a significant drop in abortions on almost all locations, and in some places to the closing of all abortion clinics. The Toronto 40 Day Vigil will be held daily from 8:00 am – 8:00 pm, 960 Lawrence Ave. W., near Dufferin. For more information, visit <u>www.40daysforlife.com/toronto</u> All are welcome.



Chili for the Good Shepherd Refuge

Our <u>frozen</u> pans of **Chili** for the Good Shepherd Refuge are due in the parish hall by **next Sunday.** Last month we supplied 27 pans

to the Refuge.

POPE'S MESSAGE FOR LENT 2012

"We Must Not Remain Silent Before Evil"

"Let us be concerned for each other, to stir a response in love and good works"

"Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Lenten season offers us once again an opportunity to reflect upon the very heart of Christian life: charity. This is a favourable time to renew our journey of faith, both as individuals and as a community, with the help of the word of God and the sacraments. This journey is one marked by prayer and sharing, silence and fasting, in anticipation of the joy of Easter. This year I would like to propose a few thoughts in the light of a brief biblical passage drawn from the Letter to the Hebrews: "Let us be concerned for each other, to stir a response in love and good works". These words are part of a passage in which the sacred author exhorts us to trust in Jesus Christ as the High Priest who has won us forgiveness and opened up a pathway to God. Embracing Christ bears fruit in a life structured by the three theological virtues: it means approaching the Lord "sincere in heart and filled with faith" (v.22), keeping firm "in the hope we profess" (v.23) and ever mindful of living a life of "love and good works" (v.24) together with our brothers and sisters. The author states that to sustain this life shaped by the Gospel it is important to participate in the liturgy and community prayer, mindful of the eschatological goal of full communion in God (v.25)."

