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## OFFICE HOURS

Mon. - Thu. 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

## WEEKEND SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30 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.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 9:40 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

3:45 p.m. - 4:25 p.m.

Sunday: 6:15 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

## ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

## BAPTISM

Last Sunday of the month at 2:00 p.m.  
 by appointment.

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Saturdays: 9:30 a.m.

## MARRIAGE

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

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 416-968-0997

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## EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### MASSES OF THE WEEK

<b>Monday, March 3</b> Special Intention	8:00 am
<b>Tuesday, March 4</b> Agnes Nahn (Special Intention)	8:00 am
<b>Wednesday, March 5</b> <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> Fung Ngan Yee (Special Intention) <i>Requested by Rhoda Yee</i>	8:00 am
<b>Thursday, March 6</b> George Longo (Deceased) <i>Requested by Ileen &amp; Frank Kennedy</i>	8:00 am
<b>Friday, March 7</b> Mary Galarneau (Deceased) <i>Requested by Patricia and Errol Superville</i>  Robert Yule (Deceased) <i>Requested by Patricia &amp; family</i>	8:00 am  7:30 pm
<b>EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT</b>	<b>8:00 AM - NOON</b>
<b>Saturday, March 8</b> Robert Scull (Deceased) <i>Requested by his wife Pamela Scull</i>	9:00 am



### SEASON OF LENT

Ash Wednesday  
March 5, 2014

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 March 7 – April 11**

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

**Fitness Exercises** - Starting **March 3<sup>rd</sup>** the Fitness Exercises Class will resume every Monday from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the parish hall. A registration fee of \$10.00 will apply. **All parishioners are welcome.**



### Knights of Columbus

**Executive Meeting:** Monday, March 3, 7:30 p.m. in the Trinity Room

**General Meeting:** Monday, March 17, 7:30 p.m. in the Trinity Room

**Knights Open House:** After the Masses on the weekend of **Mar. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>**, parishioners are welcome to join the Knights in the hall for some coffee, timbits and popcorn for the kids. During the Open House, we will also be **collecting used postage stamps**, which will be passed along to the **Leprosy Mission of Canada**.

**Breakfast at Pickle Barrel:** Saturday, March 8, following the 9:00 a.m. Mass. All Knights are invited.

Knights of Columbus Blessed Trinity Council  
(follow us on Twitter @kofc11681)

### Religious Book Sale – March 1 and 2, 2014

Are you interested in purchasing Catholic books for the purposes of spiritual reading, personal study and/or making a gift to a friend or a member of your own family? If so, you'll be happy to know that we are hosting a number of religious book sellers in the parish hall after each of the Masses during the weekend of March 1 and 2.

**Saint Vincent de Paul Society** – Can you help us help neighbours in need? The Blessed Trinity Saint Vincent de Paul Society is looking for more volunteers to assist them with their various services – to make home visits in Willowdale; to pick up messages from the answer service; to lend a hand with occasional projects, i.e. "Bundle Weekend", school supplies, Christmas gifts, movie nights, etc. If you are able to help, please call the parish office and leave your name and phone number.

**Vocations** – The Office of Vocations is hosting a **Senior Men's High School Retreat to be held from Friday, March 21, 7:00 p.m. to Sunday, March 23, 2:30 p.m. at Scarborough Foreign Missions Centre** (2685 Kingston Road, Scarborough) for young men in Grades 11 and 12. There will be opportunities for Mass, Reconciliation and Eucharistic Adoration; in addition to catechesis, personal testimonies and various information sessions. There will also be ample time for sports, recreation and community time with other young men who are striving to live holy and virtuous lives. To register, please pick up a registration form at the parish office and submit via email ([vocations@vocations.ca](mailto:vocations@vocations.ca)) or fax (416-968-1227) no later than Monday, March 17.

### Worldwide Marriage encounter Weekend

Consider giving each other or another couple that you know the gift of a weekend away from daily pressures; time to be with each other and with God on a Marriage encounter weekend. **Upcoming Weekend March 21-23.** For further information or registration please contact: Cora & Mike Bryce at 905-896-2958 or [cora-mikebryce@sympatico.ca](mailto:cora-mikebryce@sympatico.ca)

MARCH 2, 2014



## Thesians of Canada

The Thesians of Blessed Trinity will hold their annual bake sale on **Saturday, March 8, 2014** after the 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Masses and on **Sunday, March 9, 2014** after the 8:30, 10:30 and 12:15 masses. The donation of financial gifts and baked goods are greatly appreciated to help in the success of the bake sale.

### Blessed Trinity Chinese Outreach (Chinese RCIA)

Part I: An introduction to the Catholic faith and the Bible. This 20-weeks program is designed for non-Catholics who would like to know more about our faith. A new Mandarin group will be starting on March 2. Start date for a new Cantonese group will depend on registration.

Part II: An in-depth exploration of the Catechism of the Catholic Church and the Bible. This year-round lectionary-based program is suitable for catechumens 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 are conducted in separate Cantonese and Mandarin groups 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 [btchrcia@gmail.com](mailto:btchrcia@gmail.com).

#### 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。我們將於3月2日開新國語組。粵語組開班日期要視乎報名人數。

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授，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，尊為慕道學員子女而設。

為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[btchrcia@gmail.com](mailto:btchrcia@gmail.com)，或致電416-494-2987(華語接線)與郭盧永堅Marie Kwok聯絡。

### CALLS TO PENANCE IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

(source: Pope John XXII, Encyclical Letter *Paenitentiam Agere* #5 to 7 – July 1, 1962)

We have only to open the sacred books of the Old and New Testament to be assured of one thing: it was never God's will to reveal Himself in any solemn encounter with mortal men—to speak in human terms—without first calling them to prayer and penance. Indeed, Moses refused to give the Hebrews the tables of the Law until they had expiated their crime of idolatry and ingratitude [cf. Exod 32:6-35; 1 Cor 10:7].

So too the Prophets; they never wearied of exhorting the Israelites to make their prayers acceptable to God, their supreme Overlord, by offering them in a penitential spirit. Otherwise they would bring about their own exclusion from the plan of divine Providence, according to which God Himself was to be the King of His chosen people.

The most deeply impressive of these prophetic utterances is surely that warning of Joel which is constantly ringing in our ears in the course of the Lenten liturgy: "Now therefore, says the Lord, Be converted to me with all your heart, in fasting and in weeping and in mourning. And rend your hearts and not your garments... Between the porch and the altar the priests, the Lord's ministers, shall weep and say: Spare, O Lord, spare thy people, and give not thy inheritance to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them" [Joel 2:12-13, 17].

### BLESSED TRINITY PARISH RETREAT

**Saturday, March 15 - 9:00 a.m. Mass**

**Conference before and after Lunch**

**Holy Hour 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.**

**\$10 per person (includes lunch)**

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