

## UPCOMING EVENTS

There will be a special envelope today for **The Needs of the Canadian Church**. Your gifts will be used by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops to represent Canadian Catholics in national and international pastoral activity. Thank you for your support of this important work. Please use your envelopes and please be generous.

Please remember that our ushers will pass by only once.

Vi invitiamo a partecipare all'offerta per assistere i vescovi di Canada nell'loro attività pastorale sul livello nazionale e internazionale. Gli uscieri passeranno solo una volta – vi ringraziamo in anticipo per la vostra generosità.

**Mary Benincasa** from Catholic Family Services of Toronto will be on hand at today's Masses to tell us about some of the agency's programs and Walk-in Counselling Services.



Alle Sante Messe del **23/24 settembre** accogliamo **Mary Benincasa** che ci darà un messaggio a nome dei servizi sociali cattolici (Catholic Family Services). Si tratta dei loro diversi programmi e dalla possibilità di frequentare i loro uffici per un parere saggio.

Oct 7/8 we will celebrate our **St Francis of Assisi Feast Day weekend**. We will speak about St Francis at weekend Masses.



Sat Oct 7th - 3:30 pm - **St Francis Blessing of Creatures** on the South-East lawn of the church. Because of construction, it will take place **on the lawn near the rectory and the outdoor statue of the seated Blessed Mother and Child**.

This is a great event where people can bring their pets and see them blessed. **Invite your neighbours and let them know - even though they might not be parishioners or even Catholic.**

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Birthright**, a pro-life crisis pregnancy service, needs your help. Volunteers, men and women, are needed to assist those facing an unplanned pregnancy, to provide support and comfort as well as practical solutions. Training is provided.

For information, call [416 469-1111](tel:416-469-1111)

Or email [toronto@birthright.org](mailto:toronto@birthright.org)

## PARISH INSURANCE COLLECTION

At the end of the summer our Church Insurance bill came in at **\$14,368.47**. Last year we began taking up a collection to defray the costs. This year it was scheduled for this month. As of last Sunday we collected a total of: **\$160**.

Alla fine dell'estate è arrivata la bolletta dell'assicurazione per il nostro fabbricato - **\$14,368.47**. Le buste della colletta speciale sono arrivate alla somma di **\$160**.

## GETTING READY FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION 2018

We are asking families this year to **“preregister” online BEFORE coming to the registration meeting**. You will need your child's baptism certificate before doing the preregistration. (Confirmation families whose children were baptized in other countries will need to provide a mailing address for the Church of Baptism – we have to follow up Confirmation with a formal note to that Church)

First **Confession** and **First Communion** children should be in **Grade 2 or higher**. **Confirmation Candidates** should be in **Grade 7 or higher**.

**Parents** - you often meet the parents of other classmates of your children - pass the word on to them. Maybe you can take them a copy of this bulletin?

Did you know that last year many parents simply used their smartphones to do the preregistration? Go ahead and try.

[www.stfrancis.ca](http://www.stfrancis.ca)

Please note that all parents are invited to an info meeting and to complete their child's registration on

**Mon Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm** in the church.

Thanks to all the families that came out to the meeting on Thurs Sept 14<sup>th</sup>.

We will communicate with you via the email address/es you use while doing the pre-registration.

## ADULT BAPTISMS, WELCOMING NEW CATHOLICS, PREPARING ADULTS FOR FIRST COMMUNION AND/OR CONFIRMATION

This is just a first announcement that we are hoping to gather anyone interested in exploring the Catholic Faith to join our **RCIA Programme**. Please start passing the word around.



This is open to people who want to learn about our faith. It also provides a place of preparation for Catholics who are missing their First Communion and/or Confirmation. We also welcome others from different Christian Communities who feel the gentle prompting of the Spirit to explore Catholicism.

## THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

Find out how St. John Paul II's "Gospel of the Body" can change your life with Sr. Helena Burns, fsp.  
Wednesdays Oct. 11, 18, 25 & Nov. 15, 2017. 7:30-9:00pm.  
\$ 25 per person for all 4 classes.  
St. Clare Church 1118 St. Clare Ave. West Toronto.  
No RSVP needed. (For questions only contact [srhelenaburns@gmail.com](mailto:srhelenaburns@gmail.com))

**SVDP THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE**



**Sept 30/Oct 1 and Oct 7/8.** PS usually rice is a better choice than pasta.

La nostra conferenza della **Società di san Vincenzo de Paoli** vi chiede di pensare ai poveri come preparazione per la festa di ringraziamento (Thanksgiving). Potete portare scotolamene per i poveri nelle **prime due domeniche di ottobre**. Così i volontari possono portare con loro qualche sacchetto di provvisione d'emergenza. Cercate di vedere il volto di Cristo nei poveri. **Notate bene - evitate la pasta. Per i poveri, il riso è più consigliato.**



**ONE-DAY RETREAT; PRAYING THE ROSARY LIKE NEVER BEFORE**

Sat Oct 7<sup>th</sup> - 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

St Francis Centre for Religious Studies,  
208501 Hwy 9, Caledon

Doors open at 8:30 for registration and welcome snack.  
\$40 all inclusive. Please bring indoor shoes.

Prayer, Reflection/Group Discussion/Sharing, Audio Visual, Fraternal Lunch, Holy Hour with Mediated Rosary, Confessions, free time, concludes with Holy Mass (Sunday's Liturgy).

For safety reasons we have to confine ourselves to 90 people, so please do book in advance at **519-941-1747**, or email: [stfranciscentre@rogers.com](mailto:stfranciscentre@rogers.com) or book online through the website: [www.stfranciscentre.net](http://www.stfranciscentre.net)

**LE SANTE MESSE - 2018 - MASSES**

Our general bookings for 2018 Masses will begin on Thurs Oct 5<sup>th</sup>. The first two days will have a lot of Italian Speakers in attendance. Please respect our office hours. **Please remember that we do not accept more than two names per intention.**

Il registro per le SS Messe 2018 sarà a disposizione **dal giovedì 5 ottobre**. Giorno 5 e 6 sarà presente una persona per facilitare le prenotazioni in lingua italiana. Vi chiediamo la gentilezza di rispettare in nostri orari. Per piacere, **non chiamate prima per saltare la fila.**

**ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE SCHOOL**

The Office of Admissions of St. Michel's College School is now considering applications for September 2018. St. Michael's college School is the only independent Catholic school for boys from Grade 7 to Grade 12. Open houses for interested parents and their sons will be held on Thursday, October 19 and Tuesday, October 24 from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.  
Location: St. Michael's College school, 1515 Bathurst Street (at St. Clair Ave. West)

**MASS SCHEDULE**

SEPTEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup> TO OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2017

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>**

**ST. PADRE PIO OF PIETRELCINA, FRIAR PRIEST**

**5:00 PM** For Parishioners Intentions

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>**

**9:00 AM** In onore Santi Cosmas e Damiano Pietro Petri; Caterina Rizzuto Salvatore Amato e defunti famiglia Gina e Gilda Cosentino; Rosa Donato Defunti Spagnulo; Joseph Maio Vincenza e Candido Longo, Living and Deceased Franciscans

**11:30 AM** Joseph Calleya

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>**

**STS. COSMAS AND DAMIAN MARTYRS (CANADA)**

**8:00 AM** Giovanni Olimpio

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>**

**STS. JEAN BRÉBEUF AND ISAAC JOGUES, PRIESTS AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS**

**8:00 AM** Maria e Francesco Venezia

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>**

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, PRIEST**

**8:00 AM** Guiseppe Mendicino

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>**

**8:00 AM** Cataldo Aprea

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>**

**STS. MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL ARCHANGELS**

**8:00 AM** Luiggi Marchesano

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>**

**ST. JEROME, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

**5:00 PM** Giuseppe e Francesco Sisi

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>**

**9:00 AM** Fiorina Mariano e Franco Greco Carnevale Family; Francesco Destefano Nella Granozio; Romano Amorini Guilia e Salvatore Plati Christina e Luigi Marcelli Agostino Lanzeroti e Giuseppe Rasso

**11:30 AM** For Parishioners' Intentions