



Simon Peter said,  
"Everyone was looking for you,"  
as you carried your message across  
Galilee. Whole towns gathered at your  
door, their sick in tow. We too clamour  
to find you, here, in our day. Please,  
Lord, heal us too. Grasp our hands.  
Help us up.

### Dates for First Communion Candidates

- If you & your children missed the **First Communion Program Meeting**, there will be a **makeup meeting on Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at St. Nicholas' church**
- If your children missed their **First Confession** last month, parents may bring them to **Confession on Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. in the church**
- Parents of First Communion Candidates, you are also reminded to bring their children to a **Children's Retreat on Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Parish Hall from 10:00 a.m. to 12 Noon**

### Bingo & Refreshments

The 55+ group will be getting together in the Parish Hall this Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. for a game of Bingo. All the young at heart are invited!

### Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes



The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes is also designated as World Day for the Sick. A Mass for the sick and suffering

members of our community will be celebrated on Saturday February 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. (There will be no 9:00 a.m. Mass that morning.) We especially encourage parishioners to bring any shut-ins they know to Mass that morning. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated at that Mass. To the sick in our parish, we offer our prayers for your well-being and ask the Lord to enkindle in you a courage and hope beyond all measure. To health care workers in our midst – a heart-felt thanks. Our prayers are with you.

### Fr. Vito's Open House

Please feel free to drop into the office for a chat, anytime from 1:00 – 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup> - no appointment necessary! Fr. Vito looks forward to seeing you.

### Prayer & Reflection

You are welcome to join us for an hour of prayer and reflection on Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. We will be gathering in the parish meeting room at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

### New Beginnings

Join us for an informal gathering in the parish meeting room on **Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**, at 7:30 p.m.

### Marriage Sunday

Next Weekend, February 11/12, the Archdiocese of Toronto will celebrate MARRIAGE SUNDAY. There will be an opportunity for us at every Mass to pray for all married couples; to thank God for good marriages and to pray for healing for the challenging situations that face many families. **At the end of the 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass, there will be an opportunity to bless all married couples and to invite the couples who wish to do so, to renew their marriage vows.**

### PARISH YOUTH DANCE

On Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, we will hold our YOUTH DANCE for Grade 7 & 8 students of St. Clare's and St. Nicholas' Parishes in St. Clare's Parish Hall from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. Pizza and soft drinks will be served. Come and join us, and have some fun.

### Parish Pot Luck

We are planning a Pot Luck Supper on Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. We invite you to come and join us for some fun and to bring your favourite dish to share with everyone.

### PREPARING FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

It is a long standing tradition in the Church, to burn palm branches from previous years to obtain ashes that are blessed and distributed on Ash Wednesday. Beginning next weekend, you will find in the foyer of the church a basket to accept any palm branches you wish to bring to church for this year's Ash Wednesday service. This year, Ash Wednesday is on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. There will be Masses at 9:00 a.m. & at 7:30 p.m., with school Masses at 10:00 a.m. & 1:30 p.m., at which everyone is also invited.

### Mark Your Calendar For These Important Sessions On Christian Ethics

**"FOR PEOPLE IN THE PEWS"** is a series of four consecutive Thursday evening talks which will be offered in our parish hall by the "Canadian Catholic bioethics Institute". These sessions will be held on March 1, 8, 15, 22, at 7:30 p.m., and will be offered by prominent Catholic theologians. Among the topics: Christian foundations of Ethics, Pain and Suffering, health-care perspectives, personhood, etc. Detailed information soon to follow. Please spread the word.

### PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Fr. Vito is organizing a pilgrimage to the Holy Land leaving Sunday evening, August 19<sup>th</sup> and returning Monday afternoon, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will be visiting the Land of Jesus and spending the last three days of the pilgrimage in Rome, visiting the Tombs of the Apostles Peter and Paul. General information is now being prepared. If you'd like further information, please speak with Fr. Vito, and if you wish to book, please call Terry at 905-851-1512.

### Out of the Cold Program for the Homeless

The "Out of the Cold" program for the homeless on Thursdays at St. Matthew's United - 729 St. Clair Ave. W. is in dire need of 2 more volunteers to fill in the vacant slots from 10:00 p.m. - 12 Midnight, as our regulars are going to be away. Can you help? If so, please call the office asap!



## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, February 4

5:00 – Frank & Frances Pajk & deceased friends, relatives & benefactors of the family

### Sunday, February 5

9:00 – Frank & Frances Pajk

10:30 – Adriana e Giorgio Ivancevich, Laura Sorbara, Michele e Marta Carnovale, Francesco Mazzotta, Bryan Bradley, Raffaella Ciotola, Luigi Crispino (10<sup>o</sup> anniv.) e Angela Crispino

12:00 – Patrick & Verena Hanley

### Monday, February 6

9:00 – Giuseppe Maggiore

### Tuesday, February 7

9:00 – Gervasio Griesi

### Wednesday, February 8

9:00 – Intenzioni di Graziella Macri

### Thursday, February 9

9:00 – Anita Alfarano

### Friday, February 10

9:00 – Helen, John & Margaret Mesics

7:30 – Francesco Ierullo & Rachele Santaguida (+1 mo. Memorial)

### Saturday, February 11

10:00 – In honour of O. L. of Lourdes & for Elena & Saturnino Culaba & Meren Dingkong

5:00 – Teresa Moutton & Domenico Rebecca

### CENA POT-LUCK



Domenica, 19 febbraio, alle 1:30 p.m. ci riuniamo per la prossima Cena Pot-Luck. Siamo invitati a portare una pietanza favorita e condividerla con i nostri parrocchiani. Venite a passare una bella serata insieme.

### PELLEGRINAGGIO IN TERRA SANTA

Anche quest'anno avremo l'opportunità di recarci in TERRA SANTA. Il pellegrinaggio avrà inizio domenica, 19 agosto, e terminerà lunedì, 3 settembre (includendo una pausa di 3 giorni a Roma). Per ulteriori informazioni, rivolgetevi a P.Vito. Per prenotare i biglietti, telefonate a Teresa 905/851-1512.

### ALTRI PELLEGRINAGGI PARROCCHIALI

Ai Santuari del Quebec (luglio 24-27)

Martiri Canadesi (6 agosto)

### INCONTRO BIBLICO

Il prossimo Incontro Biblico avrà luogo lunedì, 6 febbraio alle 2:00 p.m. nella saletta delle adunanze.

### *Gruppo 55 e Più*

Il Gruppo 55 anni e più si riunisce questo giovedì, 9 febbraio alle 9:30 a.m. nella Sala Parrocchiale per un gioco di Bingo e un rinfresco. Chi fosse interessato(a), è benvenuto(a).



### Unzione degli Infermi

Il giorno 11 febbraio ricorre la Festa della Madonna di Lourdes, ed è anche il giorno di preghiera per gli ammalati. Quella mattina Si terra' una celebrazione particolare per gli ammalati e i loro famigliari alle 10. (Non ci sarà la Messa delle 9:00 a.m. quel giorno). Gli ammalati saranno unti con l'Olio degli Infermi. Ci saranno particolari benedizioni per medici ed infermieri, e per i famigliari che prendono cura degli ammalati.

### Venite a Trovarci

Vi aspetto in ufficio lunedì, 13 febbraio, dall'una pomeridiana fino alle sette di sera. Un incontro per conoscerci meglio, condividere qualche idea e qualche suggerimento.

*P. Vito*

### PREPARATIVI PER IL MERCOLEDÌ DELLE CENERI

Coloro che desiderano portare in chiese palme benedette degli anni precedenti, dalle quali ottenere ceneri per l'inizio della Quaresima (Mercoledì delle Ceneri e' il 22 Febbraio), possono deporle nelle scatole preparate all'entrata della Chiesa.

GIORNATA DEL MATRIMONIO. L'Arcidiocesi di Toronto, celebrerà la "Giornata del Matrimonio" domenica prossima, 12 febbraio. In quell giorno pregheremo per tutti i matrimony, specialmente per famiglie che sperimentano momenti e situazioni difficili. Alla fine della Messa delle 10:30, coppie che desiderano, potranno fermarsi in chiesa per ricevere una particolare benedizione e rinnovare i voti matrimoniali.

QUESTO POMERIGGIO AL CINEMA... qui a Santa Chiara. Alle 3:00, nel salone, il film BAKHITA... schiava, suora, Santa. Portate un dolce da condividere con gli amici. Non mancate... Sara' una bellissima giornata.

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**LE RICEVUTE PER INCOME TAX** sono già state spedite.  
Telefonateci se ci sono delle domande. Grazie infinite per il  
sostegno che offrite alla parrocchia.