



In today's reading of Jesus teaching and healing in the synagogue at Capernaum we get a sense of Jesus' authority - not only in his teachings, but in the way he cast out an evil spirit from one of the people there. This week let us pray for those around us that are in so much need of the Lord's healing and then let's include ourselves in that prayer as well.

First Communion Candidates

- On Monday, January 30th, all First Communion Candidates and their parents are asked to attend a meeting at St. Clare's church at 7:00 p.m. to go over the **FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAM**.
- Parents of First Communion Candidates are also reminded to bring their children to a Children's Retreat on Saturday, February 25th in the Parish Hall from 10:00 a.m. to 12 Noon.

New Beginnings

Join us for an informal gathering in the parish meeting room on **Tuesday, January 31st**, at 7:00 p.m.

The Presentation to the Temple

Thursday, February 2nd is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord to the Temple. Candles will be blessed and distributed at both the 9:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Masses.

Blessing of Throats & Holy Hour for Vocations

Friday, February 3rd is the Feast of St. Blaise, and First Friday of the Month, there will be the blessing of throats at the 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Masses. The regular First Friday Schedule will be followed.



Movie Afternoon. Join us for a movie afternoon on Sunday, February 5th at 3:00 p.m. in our Parish Hall. Our feature film will be "Bakhita". Coffee will be served and we invite you to bring some sweets to share.

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 11th 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.

Prayer & Reflection

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

PARISH YOUTH DANCE

On Friday, February 17th, 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 19th at 1:30 p.m. We invite you to come and join us for some fun and 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.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Confirmation candidates & their sponsors are reminded of their next Mass which is scheduled for Sunday, February 26th at 6:00 p.m. in the church, followed by a Lenten Retreat.

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, 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 19th and returning Monday afternoon, September 3rd. 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.

Other Parish Pilgrimages

Shrines in Quebec, July 24-27
Shrine of the Canadian Martyrs, Midland Aug. 6

(more information to follow... reserve the dates)



Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 28

5:00 – Charlie Alaimo & deceased family members

Sunday, January 29

9:00 – Joan, Margaret & Thomas Carey

10:30 – Nicolina Puopolo, Stefano Addeo, defunti delle famiglie Bartolini & Lucchesi, Fernando Pagnin, Salvatore Brutto e defunti della famiglia, Maria Civita Mele e Daniele Di Vizio, Giacobbe Corigliano e Giuseppe Gemelli

12:00 – Leona & Vesty MacDonald

Monday, January 30

9:00 – Antonio Pirritano

10:00 – Stella Maris Mass

Tuesday, January 31

9:00 – Antonio e Maria Macri

Wednesday, February 1

9:00 – Frank Alfarano

7:00 – Cecilia e Maria Mamone († Memorial)

Thursday, February 2

9:00 – Giuseppe e Maria Annunziata Giovinazzo

7:30 – Presentation of the Lord

Friday, February 3

9:00 – Maria e Fedele Corrà

5:30 – Frank Pajk

6 – 7:00 – Holy Hour for Vocations

Saturday, February 4

9:00 – Helen, John & Margaret Mesics

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

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)

Ulteriori informazioni in seguito.

4^a Domenica dell'Anno

Gesù si esprime come uno che sa di che cosa parla e non si limita a ripetere quello che ha sentito. È per liberarci dalle idee preconcepite e dalle risposte prefabbricate che egli viene, oggi, a parlarci con autorità.

La Presentazione del Signore

Giovedì, 2 febbraio, in occasione della Presentazione di Gesù Bambino al Tempio (Messa della Candelora), celebreremo la Santa Messa alle 9 a.m. e alle 7:30 p.m. Benediremo e distribuiremo le candele.

Benedizione della Gola e

L' Ora Santa per le Vocazioni



Venerdì, 3 febbraio è il Primo Venerdì e la Festa di S. Biagio. Vi saranno le Messe con Benedizione della Gola alle 9:00 a.m. e alle 5:30 p.m. Seguirà l'Ora Santa dalle 6 – 7:00 p.m., con Esposizione del SS. Sacramento, Meditazione, Confessioni e Benedizione. Ci si potrà confessare anche il mattino dalle 8:15 alle 8:45 a.m.

Un film



Venite Domenica, 5 febbraio per un bellissimo film intitolato "Bakhita" nella nostra sala parrocchiale alle ore 3:00 del pomeriggio. Vi saranno caffè e rinfreschi. Se desiderate, vi invitiamo anche di portare qualche dolce per condividere.

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 terrà 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.

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.

PREPARAZIONI AL MERCOLEDÌ DELLE CENERI

È una lunga tradizione della chiesa, che le palme del anno scorso siano bruciate per ottenere le ceneri che saranno benedette e distribuite per Mercoledì delle Ceneri. All'entrata della chiesa, troverete una scatola dove potete lasciare le vostre palme dell'anno scorso.