

HOLY ROSARY PARISH
TORONTO, ONTARIO
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

JANUARY 31/FEBRUARY 1

All parishioners are invited to our Parish Ministry Fair **THIS WEEKEND** after all Masses in the Parish Hall. The various Parish Ministries will be represented in the gymnasium where you can meet ministry representatives, learn about the various activities in our faith community, and perhaps join one of the ministries.

YOUTH GROUP

The next Youth Group meeting is next Sunday, **February 8** from 2-4 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Our topic is "The Church and The Media". New members are always welcome. Call Lindsay at 416-923-8471 for info.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Next Sunday at the **9:30 a.m.** Mass, three young people will receive their First Holy Communion with the parish community. Please keep Elijah, Krislyn and David in your prayers on this special day of celebration.

TAIZÉ IN TORONTO 2009

Looking for a way to celebrate Lent with your family? Join us for a visit from Brother Émile of the Taizé Community in France. Friday, March 20, 2009 at Holy Rosary Church, prayer in the style of Taizé at 8 p.m. Followed by a reception in the Parish Hall. Music rehearsal starts at 7 p.m. Don't miss this exciting opportunity to experience a beautiful, ecumenical prayer form in our very own parish! For more info, contact Lindsay at the office.

Baptism Preparation



The next Baptism Preparation class will take place on **Saturday, February 21, 2009 (1 to 3 p.m.)**. Parents requesting baptism for their child must have been parishioners of Holy Rosary for at least three months and practising Catholics. Contact Lindsay Moore at 416-923-8471.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION WEEKEND



The Marriage Preparation course this year will be held from **Friday, March 13 to Sunday, March 15**. Cost: \$200. Register by phoning the Parish Office.

IDEAS on Website

This week's topic:
"Jane Austen"
at www.holyrosary.ca

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

On Monday, **February 2**, the Church celebrates the World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life. In the Archdiocese of Toronto we are blessed to have living and serving among us more than 1,100 religious men and women of over 90 different religious congregations. This World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life is a wonderful opportunity to thank God for the gifts of these religious sisters, brothers and priests and to pray for God's blessing upon them in their efforts to live faithfully the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience. All are welcome to come to a special Mass this Sunday, **February 1 at 2:30 p.m.** at **St. Michael's Cathedral** to celebrate with and pray for these men and women religious who are a vital and important part of the life and ministry of the Church in our Archdiocese.

CANDLEMAS

The Christmas season comes to a formal close on February 2, forty days after the birth of Jesus, with the feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin. When she and Joseph brought the infant Jesus to the temple "to accomplish all that the law enjoined," they were greeted by the prophet Simeon, who recognized him as "a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." At one time, candles were blessed and carried in procession on this day—Candlemas—in honour of Christ as the light of the world. Blessed candles were kept in Catholic homes and lit during storms as a prayer for safety. Simeon also foretold that a sword of sorrow would pierce the heart of Mary, and so the feast also commemorated Our Lady's share in the suffering of Christ on the cross.

FAMILY DAY – MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16



The Parish Office will be closed on this statutory holiday.



CANADIAN CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION FOR
**Development
and Peace**

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

This weekend marks the first week at Holy Rosary of our Annual Action Campaign. At the request of our partners in the Global South, this year we are continuing to pursue the theme of asking our federal government to take action to hold Canadian mining companies accountable for their practices in developing nations. Please read this week's "Action Sheet" insert for information, and play your part on the weekend of February 14 and 15 by signing the Action Cards, which will be forwarded to the Prime Minister. Stay tuned for more information in the next two weeks!! Thank you for your support.

CANADIAN ARCHBISHOP GIVES FIRST-HAND ACCOUNT OF MOST RECENT ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT

The Most Reverend James Weisgerber, Archbishop of Winnipeg and President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, visited the West Bank with other Bishops from Europe and North America, from January 6 to 16, in the midst of the Israeli incursion into Gaza. "All of Gaza is destroyed", said Archbishop Weisgerber. "We met with people who were beside themselves with fear and worry about the situation. Development and Peace, through Caritas, has an excellent record of assistance in the region and it's imperative to help them," he added. Development and Peace has just sent \$150,000 to its partner Caritas Jerusalem to distribute blankets, medical supplies and food to thousands of victims of the latest violence in Gaza. "While both Israel and Hamas have adopted a ceasefire, peace is precarious, warns Gilio Brunelli, Director of International Programs at Development and Peace. "It's important that we carry on our commitment to the people of Gaza," adds Brunelli. "Our partner Caritas Jerusalem is struggling to help Palestinians who have lost their families, their homes and their belongings and who are suffering psychological trauma. We ask that the Canadian public continue to support us as we provide the victims with relief and advocate for peace on their behalf." "As Canadians," agrees Archbishop Weisgerber, "it is essential that we pressure our government to play a stronger role in the peace process and that we support international aid." Contributions can be made by telephone (1-888-664-3387), online at www.devp.org, or by cheque (marked "Emergency: Gaza") sent to the following address: Development and Peace, 1425, René-Lévesque Blvd. W., 3rd floor, Montreal QC, H3G 1T7.

GUITAR LESSONS FOR CHILDREN in classical and popular music will begin on **February 1, 2009** in the parish hall of Holy Rosary Church. In addition, lessons for adults will begin on February 8, 2009. Classes will be conducted on Sundays for children and adults. The fee per lesson is \$20. To register please telephone 416-885-6159.



Saturday, January 31th, 2009

5:00 p.m. Michael Cormack (+)
Requested by Joan & George Cormack

Sunday, February 1st, 2009

8:00 a.m. Holy Rosary Parishioners
9:30 a.m. Elizabeth Maher (+)
Requested by Tony Maher, Chris Villa & Friends
11:00 a.m. Lilian de Souza (+)
Requested by Ivan de Souza
12:30 p.m. In Thanksgiving
Requested by Mr. & Mrs. Jesus Adan

Monday, February 2nd, 2009

12:10 p.m. In Thanksgiving
Requested by Marie Wong

Tuesday, February 3rd, 2009

12:10 p.m. Dr. Jack Sullivan(+)
Requested by The Killin Family

Wednesday, February 4th, 2009

12:10 p.m. Rev. Dr. Vincenz Balogh (+) &
Mrs. Eleondra Bokrossy (+)
Requested by George Zalan

Thursday, February 5th, 2009

12:10 p.m. John Milnes (+)
Requested by Theresa Lukac

Friday, February 6th, 2009

12:10 p.m. Halina Lewinska (+)
Requested by Christine Abrugena

Saturday, February 7th, 2009

5:00 p.m. Lois Dorothy Noble-Byrne (+)
Requested by Her sister

Sunday, February 8th, 2009

8:00 a.m. Holy Rosary Parishioners
9:30 a.m. Family Members (+)
Requested by D. Quon
11:00 a.m. Angela Porter (+)
Requested by Dharma, Ruttan, Natalie Dragaloski
& Monica Harding
12:30 p.m. Michael Erdman (+)
Requested by Mother