

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

HOLY ROSARY PARISH
TORONTO, ONTARIO
First Sunday of Lent

Holy Rosary Church
Lent 2009

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Every Friday during Lent – 11:00 a.m. to 12 Noon

On Fridays, the Rosary will be prayed silently.

Stations of the Cross
In the Church every Friday
during Lent at 7 p.m.



Lenten Series of Talks
Wednesday Evenings in March

"Things Old and New"

You are invited to attend a series of talks on Wednesday evenings from 7 – 8 p.m. to be delivered in the church. The sessions will begin with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by a talk given by Father Daniel Callam, C.S.B. The topics are as follows:

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| 4 March | The Psychology of Fasting |
| 11 March | How Busy People Pray |
| 18 March | Almsgiving in the Twenty-First Century |
| 25 March | Reconciling Differences |

MARRIAGE PREPARATION WEEKEND



The Marriage Preparation course this year will be held from **Friday, March 13 to Sunday, March 15**. Cost: \$200 per couple. Register by phoning the Parish Office by March 6.

IDEAS on Website

This week's topic:
"Mel Gibson's *Passion*"
at www.holyrosary.ca

PARENTS OF GRADE 2 STUDENTS PREPARING FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION FROM THE FAMILY CATECHETICAL PROGRAM AND ANY OTHER CATHOLIC SCHOOL EXCEPT HOLY ROSARY are reminded that there is a mandatory information meeting next Sunday, **March 8** at 10:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall gym. **Parents only** should attend this meeting. Call Lindsay for more information at 416-923-8471.

THERE IS A SPECIAL MEETING OF HR! YOUTH THIS WEEKEND, March 1 from 2-4 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Fr. Chui and Morgan Rice, C.S.B. will be our guest speakers for "Ask Father Chui & Morgan Anything!" Day. Don't miss out! For details, call Lindsay at 416-923-8471.

TAIZÉ IN TORONTO 2009

Join us for a visit from Brother Émile of the Taizé Community in France. Friday, March 20, 2009 at Holy Rosary Church, with prayer in the style of Taizé at 8 p.m. followed by a reception in the Parish Hall. Music rehearsal for those interested in singing with the choir starts at 7 p.m. Don't miss your opportunity to experience this beautiful, ecumenical prayer form in our very own parish!

...**Wondering what Taizé is?** Brother Roger settled in Taizé, France in 1940. There he began to shelter refugees fleeing World War II and he soon received help from other men who wished to become religious brothers. Their community grew, and today, Taizé is made up of over a hundred brothers, Catholics and Protestants, coming from thirty nations. The community is a sign of reconciliation between divided Christians. In the 1970s young adults began making pilgrimages to Taizé; today thousands come from every continent to take part in weekly meetings. While visiting Taizé, these young people sing and pray with the Brothers of Taizé three times each day.

...**Wondering what Taizé Prayer is like?** Taizé prayer consists of short songs sung over and over again that, in a few words, express our faith. This is followed by a Bible reading in several languages. At the centre of every prayer service, a long moment of silence offers a unique opportunity to encounter God. The music is repetitive to allow meditation on God's word. Through singing and silence, people discover that they are able to renew their faith and

to meet God in prayer. You can find out more about Taizé and listen to the songs at their website: www.taize.fr.



The Marguerite Bourgeoys Family Centre helps couples to achieve or avoid pregnancy through Creighton Model FertilityCare™ System and to improve women's health using **NaProTechnology** which is rooted and grounded in Catholic Church teaching. To raise funds, we are selling hand-made Belgian chocolate Easter eggs for \$3 each or two for \$5 before and after the Masses on **March 14 and 15**. Your support will help us to promote and maintain our service in the Diocese.

Briefly

Sister Brenda Duncombe's Bible Class are held on **Wednesdays** in the Parish Hall Lounge (Main Floor) at 7:30 p.m.

Holy Rosary Charismatic Prayer Group: meets every Thursday evening at **7:30 p.m.** in the Parish Hall, Room 2 (in its 39th year). All are welcome.

Development & Peace meetings: held on the **3rd Mon.** of each month in the Parish Hall, Room 4 at **7:30 p.m.**

Feb. 24 – Apr 5 – 40 Days for Life: a focused pro-life campaign that has generated measurable lifesaving results in more than 130 cities where it has been implemented. The 40-day vigil will be held at the corner of Lawrence and Dufferin. Information and to sign up for vigil hours visit www.40daysforlife.com/Toronto or phone Nicole Campbell at 416-204-9749. www.40day6scanada.blogspot.com

Wed., Mar 4 – Apr. 8 – Lenten Journey 2009 – Meditation Series: at Scarboro Missions, 2685 Kingston Road, Scarborough. Info: 416-261-7135, Ext. 266/239; fax: 416-261-0820 or email terryg@scarboromissions.ca; www.scarboromissions.ca.

Mar. 6 (1:00 p.m.) World Day of Prayer 2009: Grace Church on-the-Hill, 300 Lonsdale Rd. (corner of Lonsdale & Russell Hill Road).

Mar. 7 (2:00 – 4:30 p.m.) Kolbe Eucharistic Mini-Retreat: Fr. Joe Selvanayagam will be giving a special Lenten talk on "Behold the Man." Location: St. Brigid's Church. Info: www.kolbeapostolate.com

Mar. 7 (9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.) – "Art of the Heart: Creative Expression and the Human Spirit": Facilitated by Jacquie Boughner and Carl MacMillan. Location: Dayspring Chapel at L'Arche Daybreak, 11339 Yonge St., Richmond Hill. Reservations: 905-884-0025, Ext. 110; toll-free: 1-866-226-2158, Ext. 110; nouwensociety@nouwen.net; www.HenriNouwen.org.

Mar. 15 – 17 (7 p.m.) Parish Lenten Mission: at St. Patrick's Parish, 141 McCaul St., Toronto. Contact the office at 416-598-3269.

Professional instruction in guitar and singing course for children and adults: starts on **1st March**. For further information please call Mila Djurdjevic: 416-885-6159.

NEIGHBOURHOOD INTERFAITH GROUP

23RD ANNUAL INTERFAITH DINNER

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

Come and meet your neighbours and hear our distinguished speaker, The Most Reverend Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto. Topic: *"Serving God in a Secular Society."* Please join us at 4:45 p.m. at Adath Israel Congregation, 37 Southbourne Avenue (East off Bathurst, north of Wilson). You can purchase tickets before April 9th from the Holy Rosary Parish Office: 416-923-8471. Cost of tickets: \$40.



Saturday, February 28th, 2009

5:00 p.m. Bob O'Boyle (+)
Requested by John Beamish & Family

Sunday, March 1st, 2009

8:00 a.m. Helen Knollmeyer (+)
Requested by Bill & Peg Spence
9:30 a.m. Holy Rosary Parishioners
11:00 a.m. Joseph Patrick Leonard
Requested by Moira Manington
12:30 p.m. Jessie Pita (+)
Requested by Sister Ester

Monday, March 2nd, 2009

12:10 p.m. Thanksgiving
Requested by Amelie Wong

Tuesday, March 3rd, 2009

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

Wednesday, March 4th, 2009

12:10 p.m. Repose of the Soul of Argia De Luca (+)
Requested by Nadia Battista

Thursday, March 5th, 2009

12:10 p.m. All children who are sick and suffering
Requested by Yau Family

Friday, March 6th, 2009

12:10 p.m. Thanksgiving
Requested by Yau Family

Saturday, March 7th, 2009

5:00 p.m. Augustine Balsita (+)
Requested by Ellie Balsita

Sunday, March 8th, 2009

8:00 a.m. Holy Rosary Parishioners
9:30 a.m. James Duhaime
Requested by His sister
11:00 a.m. Doris Schmidt (+),
Mother of Fr. David Schmidt, Illinois
Requested by Monica Harding
12:30 p.m. Michael Erdman (+)
Requested by Mother