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Youth Choir:	Vanessa Lowing	
Parish Choir:	Anna Hughes	
Gregorian Choir	Michelle Cuyugan	647-292-1422

YOUTH MINISTRY Shelly Coish Ext. 223

EDGE Programme: Grade 6, 7 & 8

Please join us on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month

Lifeteen Programme: Highschool Students

Please join us on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month

OTHER APOSTOLATES

Bereavement	Please call the parish office	
Legion of Mary	Fran Baduel	Ext. 504
Rosary Apostolate	Camille Jacques-Carr	905-509-8500
St Vincent de Paul	Ben Jardine	Ext. 502

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Catholic Women's League	Marie James	905-839-8890
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St. Mary Secondary	Michael O'Brien	905-420-7166

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil	4:30pm
Sunday	8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am, 7:00pm

(Rosary 15 minutes before each Mass)

DAILY MASSES

Monday to Friday	7:30am
Wednesday	7:00pm
Saturday	8:30am
First Friday	7:30pm
First Saturday:	11:00am Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite (Latin)

(Mass will be offered at 10:00am on Public Holidays)

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (CONFESSIONS)

Saturday	9:00 to 9:30am, 3:45 to 4:15pm.
Sunday:	15 minutes prior to each Holy Mass

(Any time by appointment)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday between the morning and evening Masses
First Fridays after morning Mass until 6:30pm Holy Hour

DEVOTIONS

Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Every Wednesday at 7:00pm
First Friday: Holy Hour at 6:30pm

BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated at least once per month. Parents are to be registered parishioners. To register your child for baptism, pick-up a baptism package in the parish office.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning to be married contact the parish office at least one year in advance. No wedding date is to be set before consultation with the Priests/Deacons. At least one of the parties must be a registered parishioner.

RITE OF INITIATION OF ADULTS INTO THE CATHOLIC FAITH (RCIA)

Interested in becoming Catholic? Please contact the office.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE ILL OR HOMEBOUND

Requests for the Sacrament of the Sick, prayers or visitations, please call the parish office.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

To be a registered member of our parish is to have a sense of belonging to the Catholic Church locally. Please introduce yourself to the Priests or Deacons and register in the office.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Intentions & Parish Activities

MONDAY 11 DECEMBER -- ST DAMASUS I, POPE

7:30am Mass: + Clay James

TUESDAY 12 DECEMBER- OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE, PATRON OF THE AMERICAS

7:30am Mass: + June Gonzalo

7:30pm Catholic Women's League general meeting and pot luck

WEDNESDAY 13 DECEMBER -- ST LUCY, VIRGIN & MARTYR

7:30am Mass: + Norman Fernando

7:00pm Multiple Mass Intentions

THURSDAY 14 DECEMBER -- ST JOHN OF THE CROSS, PRIEST & DOCTOR

7:30am Mass: + Joseph Lovey

9:00am to 12 noon Children's Play Group

7:00pm Legion of Mary meeting

FRIDAY 15 DECEMBER

7:30am Mass: + Clay James

SATURDAY 16 DECEMBER

8:30am Mass: Multiple Mass Intentions

4:30pm Mass: + Oliane Charleston & Thanksgiving - Stan & Miriam Shetty.

SUNDAY 17 DECEMBER: ADVENT III

8:30am Mass: + Frank & Rita Marin

10:00am Mass: Pro Populo

11:30am Mass: + Anastasia Chin-King

7:00pm Mass: + Patrick Jordon Rosos

THIS WEEK THE SANCTUARY LAMP BURNS IN HONOUR OF JULIE BOISSELLE FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

THE VOICE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS

John the Baptist appears in today's Gospel for the first time this Advent as the herald who announces Our Lord's imminent coming. It can seem all too easy to overlook the Baptist as a rather odd and disquieting figure who makes an annual appearance in our liturgy in the lead-up to Christmas, and can then be forgotten again for another year. Yet Our Lord Himself said that *"of all those born of women, there is no one greater than John the Baptist"* (Mt 11:11). It is not without significance that Our Lord says this after John's arrest for speaking out against King Herod. Our Lord makes it clear that John is His Forerunner. While He Himself is the Son of God, the only Saviour, John is the great prophet, God's "mouthpiece", whose special role it was *immediately* to prepare the way for the coming of the Lord. In today's Gospel we hear the very opening of St. Mark, arresting in its suddenness as it plunges straight into the preaching of John with great urgency. Mark immediately quotes the passage of Isaiah which we hear in today's first reading: *"Behold! I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way."* The prophet is speaking in God's own voice to one whom He calls "the Lord", as we hear: *"He will prepare your way. A voice cries in the wilderness; Prepare a way for the Lord, make His paths straight."* It is not until the appearance of John that the identity of this mysterious messenger in Isaiah's prophecy was finally revealed. Moreover, it is not only John's identity that is revealed, but the identity of Him to whom God speaks in Isaiah's prophecy: the Lord

Himself—the Redeemer of whom Isaiah says today: *"Here is your God. Here is the Lord coming with power; His arm subduing all things to Him."* The Advent message is just such an urgent call to "prepare the ways" and "make the Lord's paths straight". Our Lord is coming "like a thief", as St. Peter reminds us in the second reading. St. Peter also makes the urgency of this message clear: *"...and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all it contains will be burnt up."* What part does St. John the Baptist play in this drama? He comes as a witness to the Truth (John 1:13). His role in our own lives is to bring us face to face with the Truth that is Christ. There is no proper acknowledgement of Christ without recognizing Him as God and as our only Redeemer. Nor can we be redeemed unless we come to understand our total dependency upon our Redeemer for salvation. We cannot save ourselves. May St. John the Baptist help us to prepare in this way for the coming of God the Son—this Christmas, at our last hour, and at the Last Day.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

St Damasus was a Spaniard born in Rome who was elected Pope in A.D. 366. During his pontificate Christianity finally became the official religion of the Roman State. He commissioned his friend, the scholar St. Jerome, to revise the Latin text of the Scriptures, which is still the basis of the Latin Bible used by the Church to this day. St. Damasus also adorned the shrines of the Roman martyrs and wrote inscriptions to honour them.

Our Lady of Guadalupe. St. Juan Diego (feast day: December 9th) saw the vision of the Lady who left her image miraculously imprinted on his cloak, which is still preserved in Mexico. Our Lady of Guadalupe is the Patron of the Americas and also of all unborn children.

St Lucy (d. 304) lived in Syracuse, an important Greek city in Sicily. She was martyred under the last, terrible persecution by Diocletian. Although not a Roman saint, her fame was great enough for her to be mentioned in the Roman Canon of the Mass.

St John of the Cross (1542-91) A Carmelite friar in his native Spain he agreed to assist his friend St Theresa of Avila in reforming the Carmelite Order which had become very lax and thus the Discalced Carmelites were founded. He suffered much persecution from his community, resistant to change. Known as the 'Mystical Doctor', he wrote many mystical works including *Ascent to Mount Carmel* and *The Dark Night of the Soul*.



DAY OF CONFESSION ST. ISAAC JOGUES

Wednesday 13 December

9:00 - 10:00am, 1:00 - 2:00 pm
and 6:00 - 7:00pm

Regular Penance Schedule: Saturday 9:00 - 9:30am,
3:45 - 4:15pm. Sunday: 15 minutes prior to each Holy Mass.
(Any time by appointment)

Register for French Immersion

You are invited to enroll your child into the French Immersion program at schools across the Durham Catholic District School Board. Online registration opens **December 11, 2017 to January 19, 2018**. Students entering Grade 1 in September 2018 are eligible to register. Visit dcdsb.ca to learn more about our French Immersion program and to register your child.

Opening Doors to Opportunities!

BIBLE STUDY

St. Bernadette's Parish, 21 Bayly St E Ajax, will be hosting *James: Pearls for Wise Living* Bible study beginning **Wednesday January 3rd** at 9:30 am to 11:30 or **Friday January 5th** at 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm and continuing every Wednesday or Friday until Wednesday March 14 Friday March 23 or, 2017. *James* is one of the most practical books of the Bible. For more information or to register for the study, call Renate at 905-686-0745 or Michelle at 905-686-3259 or susangkennedy@gmail.com



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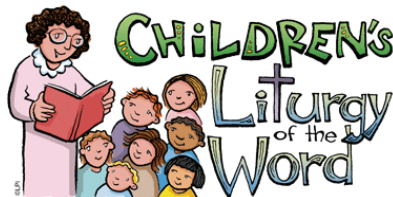
visit www.cfsdurham.com for more information.

John the Baptist is sent by God to prepare the way for His Son. In our present time God sends priests, religious and deacons to prepare the people to receive His Son. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call **Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997**

email: vocations@archtoronto.org

website: www.vocationstoronto.ca

All requests for reference letters, Sacraments, teaching, etc., will only be provided to those who are registered members of the parish and active in parish life. Please think ahead and get involved.



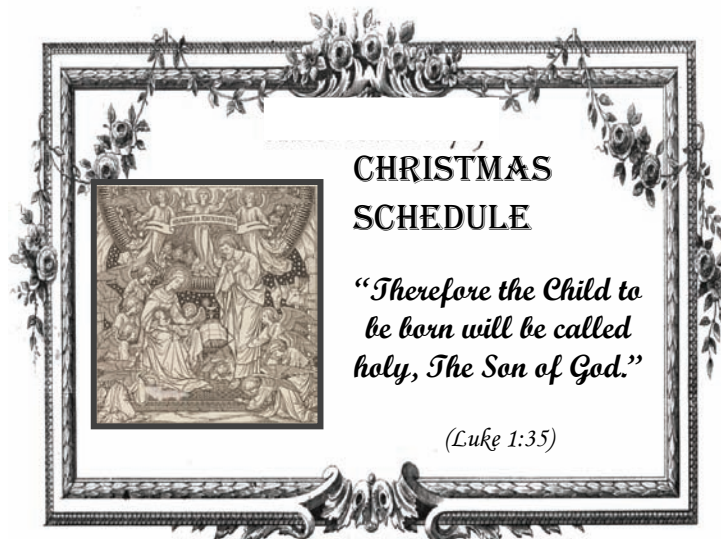
Children's Liturgy is for those in Junior Kindergarten up to and including grade 3 (ages 4 to 8 years).

Children under the age of 4 years are welcome, but MUST be accompanied by an adult.

Smile of the Day:

A sign in a barber shop:

Beware of falling locks!



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

"Therefore the Child to be born will be called holy, The Son of God."

(Luke 1:35)

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Sunday 24 December

4:00pm, 6:00pm, 8:00pm, 10:00pm
& 12 Midnight

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Monday 25 December

10:00am & 11:30am

NO 8:30am OR EVENING MASS

FEAST OF ST STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR

Tuesday 26 December 10:00am

ST. JOHN, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST

Wednesday 27 December – 7:30am & 12 noon

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament
between the Masses

THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

Thursday 28 December – 7:30am

MEMORIAL OF ST THOMAS BECKET, BISHOP & MARTYR

Friday 29 December 7:30am

Fifth Day of the Octave of Christmas

Saturday 30 December 8:30am

Sixth Sunday of the Octave of Christmas

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Saturday 30 December 4:30pm

Sunday 31 December 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30am

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Holy Day of Obligation ~ New Year's Eve Mass

Sunday 31 December 4:30pm

New Year's Day Masses

Monday 1 January

10:00am, 11:30am & 7:00pm (no 8:30am Mass)

TUESDAY 2 JANUARY

10:00am - *St Basil the Great & St Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors*

WEDNESDAY 3 JANUARY

7:30am & 7:00pm – *Christmas Weekday – The Most Holy Name of Jesus*

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