

SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2008

August 13th,
2008

Annual Mass for The Faithful Departed – Catholic Cemeteries – Archdiocese of Toronto wishes to invite all families within the Archdiocese of Toronto to participate in the Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome. In the event of rain, Mass will be held in the mausoleum at Assumption, Holy Cross, Resurrection and Queen of Heaven. Christ The King Cemetery will celebrate Mass on the site in the Reception Centre. Mount Hope to St. Monica's Parish, 44 Broadway Avenue, Toronto. St. Mary's Cemetery to St. Mary's Parish, 65 Amelia Street, Barrie.

August 20th,
2008

Keys for Growth in The Spiritual Life – do you feel a yearning inside for real peace and true joy? Come on down to the hall on Wednesdays for the next six weeks, and allow God to reveal Himself to you, through some inspiring speakers after the 7:30 p.m. Mass.

September 30th
– November 4th,
2008

Marriage Preparation Course – for six Tuesday evenings from 8:00 – 10:00 p.m. Couples from our parish who are planning to be married before next fall should contact Fr. Andrews to being preparation and register for the course.

October 30th,
2008

Cardinal's Dinner – dinner in the evening to raise funds for the Archbishop's personal charities. Tickets are \$175.00 per person. To date, over \$5 million has been raised over the years. For more information contact (416) 934-3400.

Our Parish Prayer Group meets every

Wednesday evening at 8:00 p.m. in the Church hall. They will pray for your intentions if you could write out your requests for particular intentions and place them in the box located near the statue of our patron, St. Thomas the Apostle.

Let us pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth workers into your vineyard. If God may be calling you to discern a vocation, contact Fr. Liborio Amaral, Vocations Director – vocations@vocations.ca or (416)968-0997 or check out www.vocationstoronto.ca.

Catholic School Rosary Program invites volunteers who love our Blessed Mother Mary and are willing to go into our parish schools to pray the Rosary. Training will be provided. For more information contact Josie Nasir (905)477-8349 or Cecile Baguio (416)293-3275.

Would you like to become an Altar Server – Boys who are going into at least grade 4 in September or older are invited to contact Fr. Andrews. We will begin preparation and training over the summer months.

Do you know anyone who is interested in becoming Catholic? We are beginning to interview candidates for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (and perhaps their children) in preparation for the R.C.I.A. program in the fall. Contact Fr. Andrews.

Volunteers needed to help Seniors in York Region through CHATS. Community Home Assistance to Seniors. Services such as transportation, telephone assistance, meals on wheels are provided. Call Christine McGregor at 905-713-3373 ext. 6051 if you can help.

New Beginnings is a support program for separated, divorced or widowed persons. Call 416-222-1101 ext. 107/258 for more information.

Catholic Family Services of York Region is looking for volunteers to help new immigrants for only two hours a week. This is their HOST program. This is an opportunity to meet people from different cultures and to offer friendship. For more information call (905)770-7040 ext. 226.

Courage is a spiritual support group, with the approval of the Archdiocese, providing fellowship to men and women who wish to live chaste lives in keeping with the Roman Catholic Church's teachings on same-sex attraction. For more information www.CourageRC.net or email couragetoronto@yahoo.ca.

Parishioners may donate shares to the Parish, ShareLife, Shepherds' Trust or St. Augustine's Seminary. In the recent Federal Budget the capital gains tax that would be payable on the sale of any publicly listed shares will be eliminated if these shares are donated to a registered charity. Call the parish office or the Office of Stewardship and Development (416)934-3400 ext. 561 for more information.

Who May Receive Holy Communion in the

Catholic Church? Only those who are Roman Catholic and in the state of God's grace. Catholics who are not in the state of God's grace should receive absolution in the Sacrament of Penance before receiving Holy Communion. Catholics who are married are obliged to have their marriage blessed in the Catholic Church – if they are not married in the church, they may not receive Holy Communion. Anyone who is divorced and remarried outside the church may not receive Holy Communion. Those who are separated or divorced are able to receive Holy Communion if they are in the state of God's grace.

Spiritual Communion may be made throughout the day or in times when we are unable to receive Holy Communion. The following prayer is one example:

I wish my Lord, to receive you with the purity, humility and devotion with which your Most Holy Mother received you, with the spirit and fervour of the saints.