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WEEKDAY MASS

St. Brother Andre
Catholic High School

6160 16th Ave. E., Markham

Wednesday 8:45 a.m.

Friday 8:45 a.m.

WEEKEND MASS

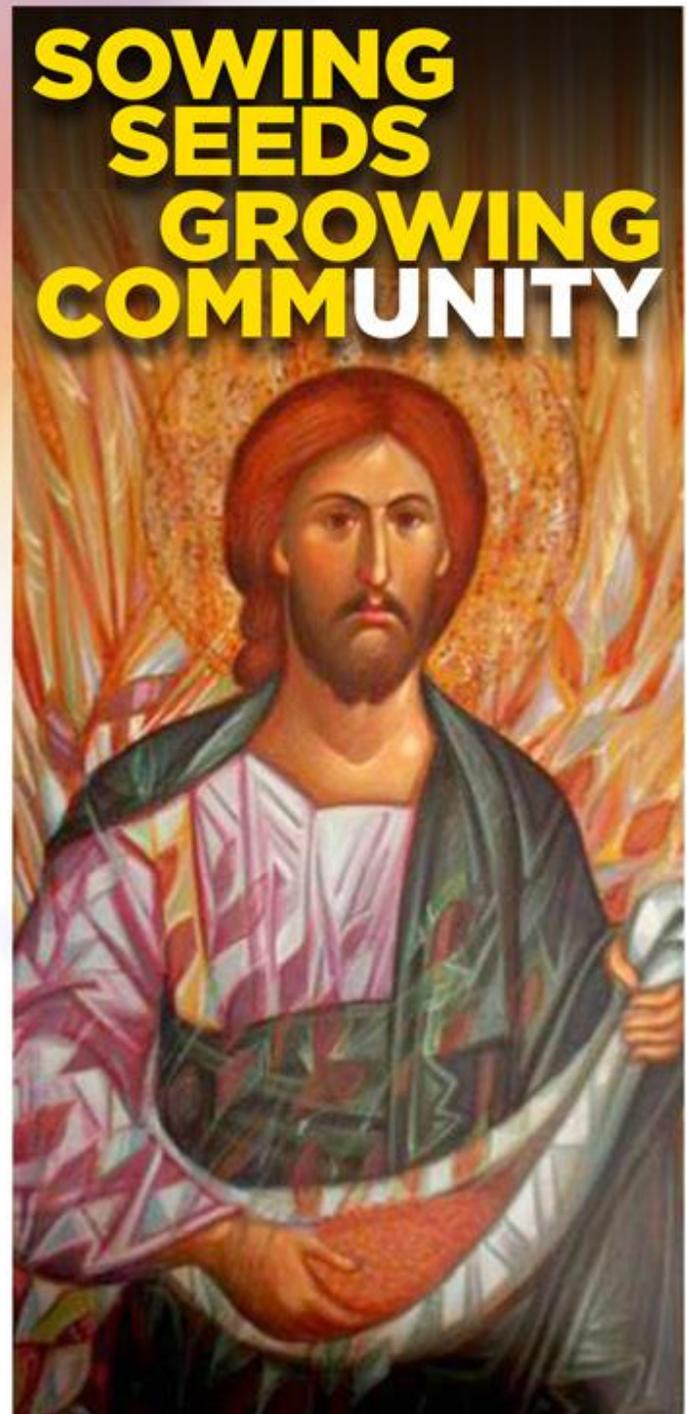
St. Julia Billiart
Catholic Elementary School

2070 Bur Oak Ave, Markham

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

12:00 p.m.



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 Blessed Frederic Ozanam Parish

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First Sunday of Lent February 18, 2018



As Lent begins, the Church enters a period of spiritual renewal leading to Easter. Lent is a time of retreat. We journey inward to places of solitude and silence to rediscover God's love for us.

In the passage prior to this Gospel for the first Sunday of Lent, Mark writes that Jesus was baptized in the River Jordan and heard the voice confirming that his future mission was blessed by his heavenly Father. In this passage, we read that Jesus was driven into the wilderness by the Holy Spirit to prepare for his public mission. He lived among wild beasts, and he was tempted by Satan, but angels of hope and trust ministered to him as he fasted and prayed during those forty days.

For us, there is no physical desert. Our deserts are metaphorical. They are moments of dryness in our lives that come from tensions in family life, arguments with significant others, anxiety about economic distress, war, and many other sources.

This Gospel passage invites us to recognize those times when we experience our own demons of despair, desolation, and fear as times that reveal the face of God to us in an intimate way. These are the times in which we discover our reliance on God, and that leads us to new and greater life.

What have been "desert" moments in your life that have caused you tension, stress, or despair? How has God been a part of these moments?



Celebrate your love and take a fresh look at your marriage! Spend a very special weekend together. A weekend of discovery... a lifetime of love!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a weekend getaway that helps married couples rediscover themselves as individuals and as a couple. The weekend format helps couples communicate openly and honestly without group sharing, therapy or marriage counselling.

Friday, March 2, 2018 – Starts at 6:00 PM

Sunday, March 4, 2018 – Ends at 3:00 PM

Four Points by Sheraton, Mississauga,

For more information and to apply, please go to www.wwme.org or contact Gerard & Marge McCauley at gerard.marge@rogers.com or (905) 792 1925.

Humility and simplicity belong together; Where we have no wish to compete with our neighbour; Where we can be open and helpful; Where we can comfort the distressed and encourage those who are left behind. Humility is what Peter called; "The imperishable jewel of a gentle and quiet spirit". (1 Peter 3:4)

PRAYER requests

Wednesday, February 21, 2018 – St. Brother Andre Chapel

8:45AM Available

Friday, February 23, 2018 – St. Brother Andre Chapel

8:45AM Available

Saturday, February 24, 2018 – St. Julia Billiard School

5:00PM † Basil Fernandes

Sunday, February 25, 2018 – St. Julia Billiard School

10:00AM Pro Populo

12:00PM S.I. Antonio Filice



coldest night of the year
february 24, 2018

Members of The Society of St. Vincent de Paul are participating in the Coldest Night of the Year walk in support of Markham Food Bank. The walk is on Feb 24 and has been organized to bring awareness to the fact that many people living in our community struggle to pay for adequate housing, put food on their tables, and pay for heat and electricity. Please support our team by registering to walk with us or by making a donation to our team.

To join our team, use this URL: <https://cnoy.org/location/markham2> and follow the steps below.

Click on the link and create a new account.

1. Select Markham - Markham Food Bank.
2. Agree to the liability waiver.
3. Join the St. Vincent de Paul team.
4. Choose option 1: fundraiser min. \$150 or choose option 2: registration fee increases from \$25 to \$40 Feb. 19th.
5. Enter personal and payment information to register.
6. Receive confirmation from Coldest Night of the Year that you are registered.

Donations can be made using this link:

<https://secure.e2rm.com/registant/FundraisingPage.aspx?registrationID=4059577&langPref=en-CA>

Thank you so much for your support!!

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Heal. Grow. Together.



**St. Patrick's Parish,
Markham**

For: Adults 18 years+

**Meetings are every Monday beginning
March 26, 2018 – May 14, 2018**

To register go to: www.st.patrick.on.ca and download the registration package or call 905-294-5955.

Limited spaces available.