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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

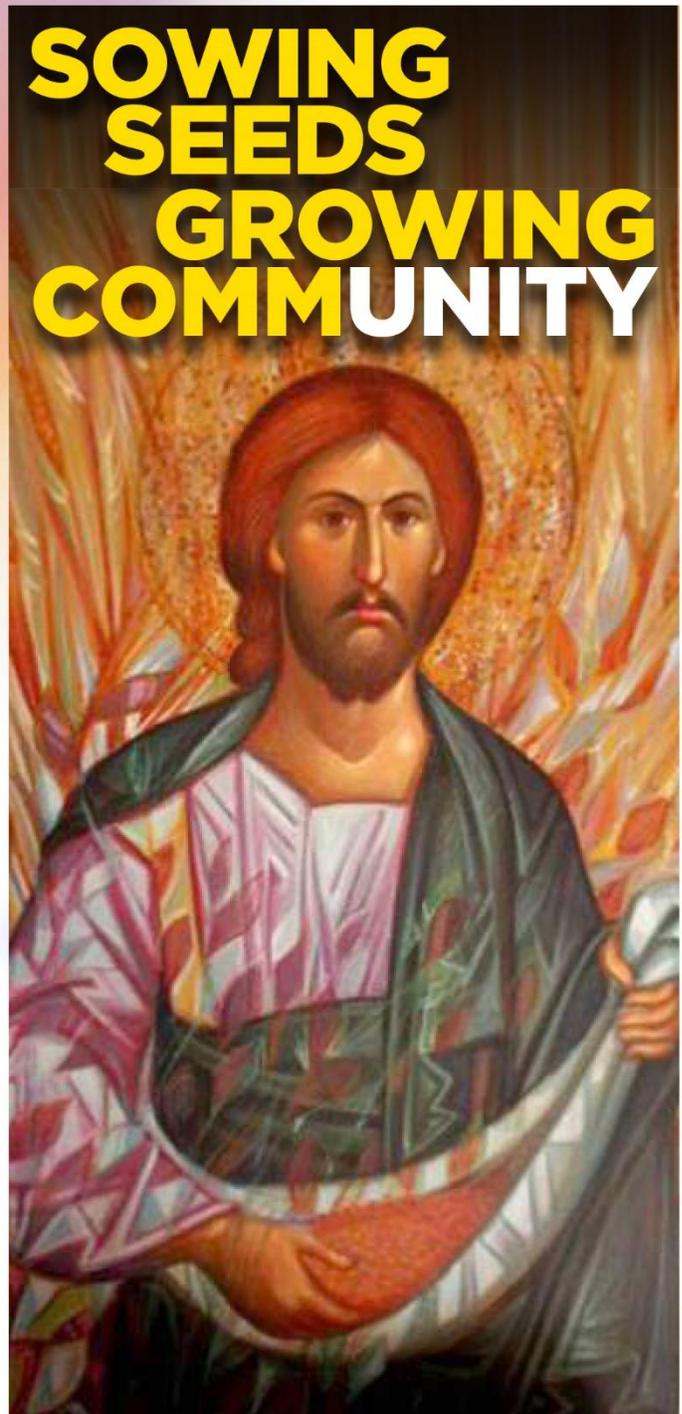
St. Julia Billiart
Catholic Elementary School

2070 Bur Oak Ave, Markham

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday 10:00 a.m.
12:00 p.m.**

SOWING SEEDS GROWING COMMUNITY



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Fourth Sunday of Lent March 11, 2018



In Jesus' time, light was a valued and scarce resource. Oil for lamps was expensive and carefully rationed. Moving away from the light of a village campfire was risking

danger. Travelling in the darkness of night meant exposing oneself to wild animals or criminals.

For Christians around 100 AD, the metaphor of Christ as the light would have particular resonance. They frequently lived in dark times of persecution, and to attest to believing in Jesus was dangerous. They looked forward to a time when their belief in Jesus could be safely expressed in the full light of day.

Today, for those of us fortunate to live in a country where religious freedom is protected, the "darkness" we encounter manifests itself in things like greed, exploitation, violence, racism, and sexism. These aspects of life can cloud our vision and lead us to choose evil over good. Jesus lights the path for us to pierce the darkness and come into the light of goodness, truth, and faith.

Think of a dark time in your life. Who or what did you reach out to?

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank everyone that participated in the recent Coldest Night of the Year walk, either by walking with us or by donating to our team. Approximately \$10,000 was raised in support of the Markham Food Bank. The funds will be used to help with the purchase of a refrigeration unit to store perishable goods that will be distributed to the many families that rely on the food bank in order to meet their basic needs. If you haven't had the opportunity to make a donation you can still do that by going to the website cnoy.org, click Donate, and enter St. Vincent de Paul as the team name. From the results provided choose the team from the Markham location. Thank you and God Bless.

SHARELIFE 2018



How do we "Live the Gospel" toward others when our daily lives are so busy? For some it's volunteering at a soup kitchen, or it may be caring for an elderly relative. If we do not have the time to actively participate, we can support the many ShareLife-funded agencies within our community that bring the hands of Christ to those in need. Next Sunday is the first ShareLife collection. Over the next week, reflect on your ability to help "Live the Gospel" through Catholic agencies, and make a decision to support our ShareLife parish campaign. **Next Sunday, March 18 is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.**



Mass Intentions

Wednesday, March 14, 2018 – St. Brother Andre Chapel

8:45AM NO MASS

Friday, March 16, 2018 – St. Brother Andre Chapel

8:45AM NO MASS

Saturday, March 17, 2018 – St. Julia Billiard School

5:00PM
 ✦ Joseph Viegas
 ✦ Roger Li Tse Vee
 ✦ David Ng In Chung

Sunday, March 18, 2018 – St. Julia Billiard School

10:00AM Available
 12:00PM Pro Populo

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Please join with the St. Patrick's Parish community every Friday during Lent for Stations of the Cross at 7:30 p.m. This Friday, March 16th will be hosted by the Praise & Worship Ministry and on Friday, March 23rd by the Social Justice, Schola Choir & St. Vincent de Paul. The Stations are a beautiful way to pray and meditate on Christ's sacrifice for us.

SENIOR MEN'S HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT

The Office of Vocations is hosting a day retreat at St. Augustine's Seminary, Toronto, on:

**Saturday, March 17, 2018
 from 9:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.**



This retreat will provide time to pray, interact & socialize with other young Catholic men (grades 11 & 12). Seminarians deliver talks on practical aspects of faith. The day includes Holy Mass, Adoration & Confession. Registration for the retreat is to be done online at: www.vocationstoronto.ca (under Programs) or <http://bit.ly/2xh8uMA>. For more information, please call the Office of Vocations at: 416-968-0997 or email: vocations@archtoronto.org.

DAY OF CONFESSIONS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2018

9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

and

7:30 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.

Confessions will be heard at St. Patrick's Church.

MARCH BREAK MASS SCHEDULE

Please note that Masses at St. Brother Andre CHS Chapel are cancelled on:

Wednesday, March 14th

Friday, March 16th

due to March break. Regular weekday Masses will resume on Wednesday, March 21st.

