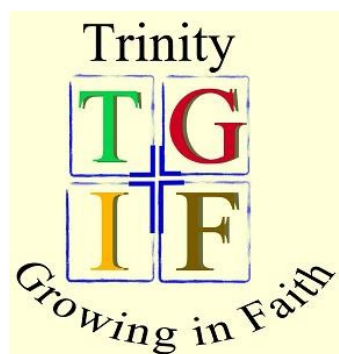


Trinity Happenings

Our Mission

*We are here to:
Worship God,
Walk with Jesus,
Change lives,
and Serve the
community, through the
power of the Holy Spirit.*



Welcome to Trinity

We welcome all visitors and new comers who have come to join us as we pray and give thanks, praise and worship, and learn about the word of God here at Trinity.

Feel free to meet us downstairs in the auditorium after the service for coffee.



HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2010

Palm Sunday -- March 28th

8:00 a.m. Quiet Communion
10:00 a.m. Family Worship & Communion

Wednesday March 31st

10:30 a.m. Quiet Communion

Maundy Thursday April 1st

7:00 pm Holy Communion & Foot washing.
A day for Fasting with Prayer.

Good Friday April 2nd

12:00 noon Worship, Children's Program & Nursery Care
Special Choir Anthems

EASTER DAY April 4th - Resurrection Celebrations

8:00 a.m. Sunrise Communion with Choir
10:00 a.m. Family Communion
Sunday School & Nursery Care.

Wednesday April 7th

10:30 a.m. Communion & Lunch in the Church for all seniors & shut-ins.



FASTING WITH PRAYER - Maundy Thursday, April 1st

In preparation for Ash Wednesday we looked at the Biblical teaching on fasting and on the instruction given in the Prayer Book. Both assume that committed believers would include fasting (with prayer) as one of their spiritual disciplines. On Ash Wednesday 62 people committed to fast that day in way that was appropriate to their health! They did so in the following ways:

Simplified Meals	19
Fruit and Vegetables only	11
Miss one or two meals	22
Have no solid food	6
Other ways	13

After this experience as a congregation we had several testimonies. One person mentioned that her simplified meals that day would have been a feast for people in Haiti. Another person mentioned that fasting defined the day in a special way and allowed extra time for prayer. Another very insightful comment was from someone who resolved to fast from "email and television" for the day. This would enable them to be less distracted and more "present" to their family and to the Lord.

During Holy Week we would encourage (and challenge you) to have one day of fasting, preferably Maundy Thursday (or Good Friday). This is an key way whereby we can identify with Jesus during Holy Week and to be strengthened in our own prayers.

We fast from food, or other requirements of the body, so that we can learn to feast on the presence of God more fully. Fasting with prayer is one of the ways that we can go deeper in our spiritual lives. Our spiritual senses are heightened and we become more aware of God's presence and we become less dependent on other appetites. This does not mean that you need to stay home, but in the midst of your regular schedule fast in a way that is appropriate to your health. Built in some extra time for prayer (perhaps meal times). Join us for Communion at 7:00 pm on Maundy Thursday and at 12:00 noon on Good Friday.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY - March 28th "Palm Sunday"

8:00 a.m. - Quiet Communion

10:00 a.m. - Palm Procession

Family Communion, Children in Aud.,

Nursery in Undercroft (ages 0 – 4 yr.)

11:30 a.m. - Home Group Leaders' Mtg. in Upper Rm.

MONDAY

7:00 p.m. - CWT Practice in Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY

7:30 a.m. - Men's Breakfast at Candyland Rest.

10:30 a.m. - Holy Communion Service

12:00 p.m. - St. Joe's Lunch for Busby

7:15 p.m. - Trinity Rocks' Practice

MAUNDY THURSDAY

5:00 p.m. - Busby Gala Cmte. meet in Lower Hall

6:30 p.m. - Venturers in Aud.

7:00 p.m. - Maundy Thursday Service of Holy Communion in Sanctuary

GOOD FRIDAY

12:00 p.m. - Worship and Communion

Children's Programme &

Nursery Care

SUNDAY - April 4th

"Easter Sunday"

8:00 a.m. - Sunrise Communion with Choir

10:00 a.m. - Family Communion

Nursery and Sunday School at 10 a.m.

BITS AND PIECES

*Congregation attending Trinity last Week, March 21st, was: 8:00 a.m. = 32, 10:00 a.m. = 127, for a total of 159, including 22 children & teachers.

FROM THE MAIL

If writing to Trinity, please remember that our address is P.O. Box 641, Barrie, ON, L4M 4V1



KING EDWARD CHOIR

Presents a very special performance of Mozart's Great Mass in C Minor & Francis Poulenc's Gloria. under the baton of guest conductor Robert Cooper. These are 2 very beautiful contrasting works with organ, orchestra and soloists.

Venue: Collier Street United Church Saturday April 10th at 7:30

Tickets \$20 or \$22 at the door. Available after the service from Susan Reichenbacher or other KEC member.

Be sure to mark your calendars for this exciting event.



VACATION BIBLE CAMP (VBC)

July 5 - 9!

Tell all your friends to mark their calendars for our summer VBC! Team members and prospective team members this is a reminder that our BIG team meeting is scheduled for **THURSDAY, APRIL 8 at 7:15** in the **UPPER ROOM** (the choir is having a rest after all its Easter work!). Please come with all your great ideas – but, mostly with your enthusiasm as we gear up for a season of preparation and anticipation! Some of our keen team members are already in the process of getting some materials started.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Judy Thompson & Gay Welsman

EASTER FLOWERS

Members of the congregation wishing to place memorial flowers in the Church for Easter, please contact Mrs. Judy Craig, 737-2669, by Monday.

SHUT-IN SERVICE

Wed., April 7th, 10:30 a.m.

Assistance to prepare luncheon would be greatly appreciated. Please call 728-2691.

CARS & DRIVERS: Wanted to bring people to the Service. Please call the Church Office, 728-2691.

A PARTY FOR HENK

VANDERVELDEN

A pancake and sausage luncheon is planned for Sunday, April 11 in celebration of all that Henk Vandervelden (a former Trinity parishioner and sexton) has contributed to Scouting and Guiding in Barrie over the last 40 years. The luncheon will be held at St Peter's Anglican Church, Minesing, at 11 a.m., followed by a short presentation.

Tickets are \$10 / person, \$35 / family.

Anyone who knows Henk from 1st Barrie Scouting or from his many years at Trinity is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Please see Joan Hill, 722-7659, or Barry Mitchell, 436-1232, for tickets.



Parish Info and Updates

EASTER DAY -- Ice Cream Social -- NURSERY HELP NEEDED **Next Sunday.**

At the beginning of Lent, Canon Brian offered a pint of Häagen-Dazs ice cream to anyone who undertook DAILY Bible reading and prayer and at the end of the 40 days felt that there had been NO benefit. Since then many people have said that they would happily undertake the daily Bible readings (with personal benefit) -- but could they have the Häagen-Dazs ice cream as well!?? Therefore, to celebrate the past 40 days and the benefits of our Lenten spiritual disciplines we are asking EVERYONE to bring to church that day a pint of your favourite ice cream and we will all enjoy a sample during coffee in the auditorium after our worship.

** Instructions: Please bring a pint of your best & favourite ice cream to church on Easter Sunday. Bring it to the auditorium before the service and it will be put in one of our freezers. After our worship we will have a long table with a multitude of flavours for all of us to sample. Our thanks to the team making this possible: Joanne Sugg, Bill & Leslie Rising, Sue Lyon and Phyllis Davis.

ALPHA

There has been some interest expressed in running an ALPHA course. If you, or someone you know might be interested, please speak to Canon Brian or Bill Rising.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PLANNING

This Friday, Good Friday, April 2nd, after our worship service (about 2:15 pm) there will be a meeting of all our Sunday School teachers and interested parents.

THE BIBLE IN JUST 50 WORDS

The last few weeks we have been providing practical assistance for those who have undertaken daily Bible reading and prayer. We have provided the historical context of the Bible and an overview of the Biblical events. In this regard the following has been submitted by Mary Wase. The whole Bible in just 50 words: God made; Adam bit; Noah arked; Abraham split; Joseph ruled; Jacob fooled; Bush talked; Moses balked; Pharaoh plagued; People walked; Sea divided; Tablets guided; Promises landed; Saul freaked; David peeked; Prophets warned; Jesus born. God walked; Love talked; Anger crucified; Hope dies; Love rose; Spirit flamed; Word spread; God remained.

Two more people for the Nursery are needed to assist with the children one or two Sundays per month. A small honorarium is provided. If you are able to assist or would like more information please speak to Stacy Marshall at 322-0934.

HOME GROUP PLANNING

All those interested in our Home Groups are invited to a planning meeting TODAY Sunday March 26th at 11:45 a.m. in the Upper Room. We will plan our spring season.

MISSION FEST -- April 16 - 18th

Mission Fest is an annual event which highlights mission activities around the world. There are special events for youth and children. There is a display hall with information on all the Canadian mission organizations. Seminars run throughout the event as well as special keynote speakers and worship leaders. Most of the events are free (free will donation) with the exception of the Woman's Forum and the Leader's Forum. See the Mission Fest magazines in the tower walk for a full schedule or go on line. Mission Fest is at a new location this year on Markham Road, just south of Hwy. 401, in Scarborough.

On particular note. Tony Fernandez (formerly a Blue Jays star) will be speaking Saturday evening. Canadian medical doctor Jean Chamberlain will be speaking about her work ensuring safe childbirth in Africa..

EASTER DINNER -- Easter Monday.

Once again we will be partnering with ROSIE to offer a hot Easter Dinner to those who are alone or on the street. The Dinner will be on Easter Monday. We will begin setting up about 10:00 a.m. and will serve food from 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm. Last time we served about 400 hot dinners. If you could assist during a 2 hour time slot please phone the church office (728-2691) or sign the list on Sunday.

GENEROUS DONATIONS

In response to the Wardens' letter in the Easter newsletter we have had a number of very generous donations. We have had designated donations for: a new snowblower; a new vacuum cleaner; to repair the stained glass window near the sacristy; and to repair the stained glass window in the tower. Many thanks to the kind individuals/groups who have made this possible!!

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Answering the Big Questions

Father Raymond J. de Souza, National Post

The last week of February the National Post ran a fascinating week long series of articles on the topic, "Oh God, What Do We Tell The Kids". Can we and should we attempt to pass on the faith to our children? The contributors to this series of articles were from a variety of backgrounds, including Christian, Jewish and several non-believers. We have included several selections from this series in Happenings. To see the full series of articles go to: <http://network.nationalpost.com/NP/blogs/fullcomment/archive/tags/Oh+God/default.aspx>

It is fortuitous that our series on teaching children about religion is running during the Olympics. Rare is the athlete profile that does not include a mention of parents who for 10 years drove Junior to practice before sunrise, spent family vacations at low-end motels in dead-end towns for competitions, worked double shifts and took out second mortgages in order to pay for the dream of Olympic glory in a sport their neighbours had never heard of. And we laud such parents for their devotion and sacrifice. Without such committed parents, Junior's resolve may have flagged and the happy day of his bronze medal would never have come. Cue the inspirational music.

Not every child has a bronze medal in his future. But every child has a soul. And what do we expect of parents in regard to their children's religious formation? What are we to make of a father who can spend 40 minutes driving home from the rink dissecting the flaws in his 14-year-old son's power play performance, but never speaks to that boy about religious questions?

I would prefer to say "ultimate questions" -- as the basic questions of human existence have to be answered by all: Why is there something rather than nothing? Why does the human heart yearn for love, liberty, justice, peace? What is the meaning of life? What is the meaning of my life? What happens when we die?

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There are religious answers to those questions. There are also philosophical answers. They are basic human questions, and parents who choose not to address them in the upbringing of their children are, to use a strong but fair word, derelict. After all, what are parents raising their children to be? Mere professionals? Amateur athletes, musicians, dramatists?

Think about the analogous category of citizenship. Parents expend a great deal of energy teaching children, from an early age, to be good citizens -- law-abiding, concerned for the common good, solicitous to the needy, grateful for the blessings of a free and prosperous country. Moms and dads do this primarily by their good example.

The ultimate questions are no different. Religious believers, who ostensibly build their lives on certain answers to those questions, would wish to live in a way that made their faith obvious to their children. Even more so, what parents would not make the utmost effort to instruct their children in the most important truths? Is it possible that a mother would help her daughter learn the periodic table, but be lackadaisical about sin and grace, damnation and salvation?

Parents owe their children their best answers to the deepest questions. Children are genuinely interested in the larger questions, as anyone who has spent an hour with a four-year-old asking "why" about everything knows. For many parents though, being honest with their children provokes an awkward examination of conscience. The religious formation of children requires one to be honest about one's own religious practice.

It would be very difficult to say to one's children -- and to oneself: Your mother and I are superficial people who do not bother to seek answers to the fundamental human questions.

Or: We are religious believers but too lazy to actually worship or pray with you.

Or: We have gotten so busy with secondary things that we neglected to teach you about primary things.

Or: We are atheists, and believe that you are a product of random chance of no eternal significance.

Or: We care enough about you to worry about the health of your body, but not enough to worry about your soul.

So much easier to simply say: We won't impose anything on you, and let you choose for yourself. That is not education, but abdication. A seventh-grade band teacher, to say nothing of the school nurse, couldn't get away with that. Parents owe their children the best of themselves. Their best is not only good schools and extracurricular programs. It is their basic values, including their answers to the ultimate questions. The Apostle Peter said, not about the Olympics, but about the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ: "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I have I give you." Parents should do no less.