

BLUE VEIL

"Embracing the Light"

This

Lenten



The Purpose of Lent

journey

Dear Friends,

Lent has long been a tradition in the Christian Church and is considered a time of penance and discipline. The whole purpose of Lent is to bring us to the Holy Season of Easter. Each Lenten season, the Church gives us an opportunity to follow Jesus' example through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Usually during Lent, we give up a certain food or a bad habit. We bravely ask you to begin a new positive habit and take funds sacrificed during Lent to help fund our charity.

As you begin to prepare for the six weeks of Lent and Holy Week, we prayerfully ask that you consider booking Blue Veil for a Musical Liturgy, Fast-a-thon or donating to the Sara Elizabeth Centre.

Sincerely,

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prayer

Musical Liturgical Celebration : Praying with music is another form of prayer that can help us grow closer to God. If you are searching for an idea during Lent, we would like to suggest our musical liturgy based on the theme, **Tell the World that JESUS LIVES!** Click link for more information. <http://www.blueveil.org/documents/2010/tell-the-world-that-Jesus-lives.pdf>

fasting

Fasting is more than a means of developing self-control. It is often an aid to prayer. Fasting can help us realize the suffering that so many people in our world experience every day, and it should lead us to greater efforts to alleviate that suffering. Consider holding a **Fast-a-thon** and booking Blue Veil or Fairchild for a live stage musical evening performance. www.blueveil.org/booking.htm

almsgiving

Almsgiving: It is a sign of our care for those in need and an expression of our gratitude for all that God has given to us. Works of charity and the promotion of justice are integral elements of the Christian way of life we began when we were baptized. Consider donating to **Sara Elizabeth Centre** programs so that more families who have a child with special needs can participate in our March Break and/or Summer Camp. We will provide you with a tax receipt, acknowledge your donation gift of any amount in our upcoming newsletter, and we will also send you a beautiful token of appreciation. Donation form <http://www.blueveil.org/documents/2010/donation>

Take Something Up, Rather than Give Something Up!

This year, consider the idea of Lent as being a time of giving of ourselves in service to others, rather than just avoiding things such as chocolate, alcohol or cigarettes. Blue Veil encourages everyone this Lent to take something up, rather than give something up.

All Christians who keep the Lenten season are encouraged to live it with special attention to prayer, fasting and almsgiving (charity). While Lent is about giving something up (i.e. fasting), it is also about putting something positive in its place, such as helping the poor or doing acts of charity and mercy. Lent is a good time to examine ways of helping others and being more generous. Blue Veil asks that you get involved and help others during this Lenten season by making a donation that will sponsor a child with special needs attend our March Break and/or Summer Camp.

Sponsor a Special Needs Youth

109 Mercury Road, Etobicoke ON M9W 3H7

Sara Elizabeth Centre 
BLUE VEIL
 Email: blueveil@rogers.com

MARCH 15-19, 2010
ALL DAY ... ALL WEEK!

- ★ Recreational Activities (daily access to gym)
- ★ Swimming, Skating
- ★ Drama (with special guest: Sarah Dorman)
- ★ Musical Play (presented to family & friends)

For more information or to register contact:
 Cris Smith at 416-747-9796 or www.blueveil.org

**MARCH
 BREAK
 2010**

For Special Needs Youth
 ages 13 and older

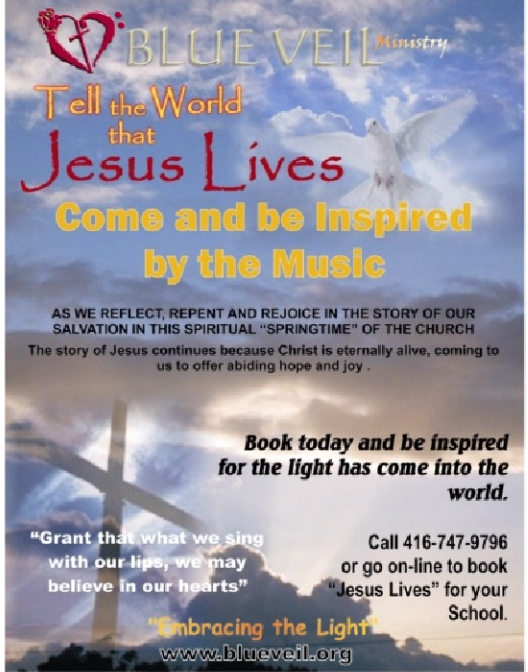
Monday to Friday
 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

\$55.00/ day

Camp Location:

Vellore Village Community Centre
 1 Villa Royale Ave., Woodbridge
 (Weston Rd south of Major MacKenzie Dr.)

"Prayer carries us half way
 to God,
 fasting brings us to the door
 of His palace,
 and alms-giving
 procures us admission."



BLUE VEIL Ministry
Tell the World that Jesus Lives
Come and be Inspired by the Music

AS WE REFLECT, REPENT AND REJOICE IN THE STORY OF OUR SALVATION IN THIS SPIRITUAL "SPRINGTIME" OF THE CHURCH
 The story of Jesus continues because Christ is eternally alive, coming to us to offer abiding hope and joy.

Book today and be inspired for the light has come into the world.

"Grant that what we sing with our lips, we may believe in our hearts"

Call 416-747-9796 or go on-line to book "Jesus Lives" for your School.
www.blueveil.org

Father,
 You have taught us to overcome our sins by prayer, fasting, and works of mercy. When we are discouraged by our weakness, give us confidence in Your love. We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit One God, for ever and ever.
 International Committee on English in the Liturgy (ICEL)



Donation Form



I Want to Help!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Tel: _____

Email: _____

Please select the amount of your gift

I would like to make a donation and/or sponsor a child with special needs for the Sara Elizabeth Camp in the amount of

\$20 \$30 \$50 \$75 \$100 \$_____ other

Please make your gift payable to:
 Blue Veil Ministry, 109 Mercury Rd, Etobicoke, ON M9W 3H7

(A Tax Receipt will be issued for donations in excess of \$15.00)