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Rectory Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday & Thursday 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m

Our Mission: love God, love others, make disciples

Parish Mission Statement: *Holy Family Parish thanks God for His gifts to us of time, talent and treasure. In following the Lord's command to "make disciples of all nations...." (Mt. 28:19), each of us will use these gifts in praising God. WE will work in the service of our community by encouraging and helping all to reconnect to our Church, renew our faith and rebuild our commitment to God.*

PASTOR:

Rev. Fr. Laszlo Nagy

ASSOCIATE:

Rev Fr. Matthew McCarthy

OFFICE MANAGER:

Tess Bondoc

Director of New

Evangelization: Mary Kay Boase

Lay Pastoral Assistant: John Reid

Youth Minister: Camille Herrera

Office Assistant: Sue Kanemy

PARISH MINISTRIES:

Adult Choir	905-449-1337
Adult Faith Formation	905-665-6470
Alpha	905-668-8353
Altar Servers	905-665-6470
Childrens Liturgy of the Word	905-668-8353
Daughters of Mary	905-668-8535
Eucharistic Ministers	905-430-8552
Extraordinary Ministers	905-430-8552
Gift Store	905-721-8909
Holy Family Stitchers	905-668-0551
Homeless Mission	905-430-2515
Hospitality Ministry	905-665-6470
Intercessory Prayer Group	905-665-6470
Lectors	289-356-0246
Legion of Mary	905-666-8471
Marriage Preparation	905-665-6470
Mother's Group	289-240-8995
Outreach Ministry	905-430-2515
Praise & Worship Group	905-665-8177
ProLife	905-665-6470
R.C.I.A.	905-925-6828
Rosary Apostolate	289-893-2127
Seniors Group	289-200-3945
Small Groups	905-665-6470
St. Vincent's Kitchen	905-668-8253
Society of Saint Vincent de Paul	905-668-8752
Sacramental Prep Class	905-426-0851
Ushers	905-665-9385
Volunteer Screening	905-439-5805
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SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m.

DAILY MASSES:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday: 9:00 a.m.
Novena Mass to Our Lady of Perpetual Help is every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Exposition is 1 hour before all weekday Masses.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday 4 p.m. to 4:55 p.m. or upon request.

BAPTISM:

Contact the Parish office.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

"Couples planning to be married must contact the priest ONE YEAR in advance. You must take a Marriage Preparation course and be a registered member of Holy Family Parish. If either party has gone through any form of civil or religious marriage with another person, the priest is not permitted to set a date for the wedding until the Bishop's office has been contacted."

PARISH DEVOTIONS:

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

- Beginning one hour before all weekday Masses.
- Friday from noon to just before the 7 p.m. Mass.
- On the First Friday of the month, Adoration will continue after Mass until midnight.

Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet

- Rosary is recited 1/2 hr before all weekday masses.
- Scriptural Rosary is 1st Saturday of the month after the 9am Mass.
- Divine Mercy Chaplet is every Friday at 3 p.m.

**NEW PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME TO REGISTER
AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Get involved - become a Knight. Please contact Grand Knight Norm Sawula at 905-668-1799. Meetings are 2nd (General) and 4th (Executive) Wednesday of every month.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

CWL Meetings are held in the Holy Family Church Hall on the 1st Wednesday of each month. Please contact CWL President, Evette D' Cunha at 905-430-4594. The Rosary is at 6 p.m. followed by Mass at 7:00 p.m. There are no meetings held in the month of July and August.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 18, 7pm

+Vladimir Bulat req by Family

Tuesday, February 19, 9am

Sp Int for Ted & Norma Cordick

Wednesday, February 20, 7pm

+Daniel Belanger req by

Mary Anne Belanger

Sp Int for Walsh Family

Thursday, February 21, 9am

+Divina & Stan Fillice req by

Rosina Falsetti

Friday, February 22, 7pm

+Francis Prem Kumar req by

Percy & Madonna D'Souza

+Brenda Singh req by Percy &

Madonna D'Souza

+Jeannine Fillion req by Cathy &

Robert Fillion

Saturday February 23

9:00am +Alfie Lambe req by

Legion of Mary Members

5:00pm +Giuseppe Bavaro req by

HOLY FAMILY LENTEN RETREAT

Holy Family Lenten Retreat will be on April 8 to April 10, Monday to Wednesday at 7pm. Lenten Reconciliation will follow after the retreat on Wednesday, April 10. The retreat will be given by Fr. Allan MacDonald, General Superior of the Companion of the Cross.

FESTA ITALIANA DINNER DANCE

May thanks to all of the parishioners, family and friends who came out on Saturday night! A wonderful time was had by all! Many thanks to the amazing team who put this night on, Sabrina's Catering, Angela Silipo, Tony and Francesca luele, Joe and Mena Lombardi, Louisa and Gino Romano, Luigi and Lena Gravina Bianca Yukoski, Paola and Dieart Polzlo, Sam and Sam bartenders. To all of the servers, and kitchen help, CWL and KOC, all of our generous sponsors, entertainment, Joe Collura, Tess, MaryKay Boase, Fr. Laszlo and Fr. Matthew. **A very special thanks to Angie Baglieri for helping organize the event.**

Visit our new website: <https://www.holyfamilywhitby.ca/>
to join us in our online Rebuilt Book Club, read Fr. László's blog, know how to get your child baptized at Holy Family & faith formation resources

NO GREATER LOVE: A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH CHRIST'S PASSION

Due to changes by the publisher, it is now necessary to purchase a package of 2 books to participate in the Study. This includes a workbook as well as another book by Dr. Edward Sri hot off the press. Due also to the increased cost of purchasing and shipping the books from the U.S. it is now necessary to increase our price. **The 2 books as well as the video presentations over six weeks will now be \$50. Also, if a couple is participating in the Study there will be a registration fee of \$10 for the second person who will not need to purchase the books.** We begin the Bible experience on March 11, Monday, 2 sessions, morning at 10:30am and evening 7:30pm.

THE ARTWORK OF THE SISTINE CHAPEL CEILING:

BEAUTY, PROPHECY AND GOD'S PLAN FOR THE SALVATION OF MANKIND.

On **March 13 at 7:30 PM**, speaker and art professional, Deanne Macewko will be presenting a talk here at Holy Family Parish, on the historic artwork of the Sistine Chapel Ceiling, created by the great Renaissance artist, Michelangelo. In this talk she will outline the prophetic program depicted on the ceiling focusing on the theological, allegorical, and symbolic meanings embedded within this great work of art. This talk is a good accompaniment to the Lenten Journey and celebration of the Easter Triduum.



CALLING YOUNG ADULTS!

JOIN US ON SUNDAY MARCH 24th FOR MASS, FOLLOWED BY A YOUNG ADULT EVENT!

As you may have heard, Holy Family is planning a Sunday evening Mass on March 24th, and if it is well supported and well attended, we may make it a permanent Sunday evening event! The Mass will be followed by a social event for young adults, possibly to include music, food, a cash bar, and a featured speaker.

We are offering all young adults the opportunity to be involved in the planning and service of this Mass, and have roles for everyone, regardless of your skills or experience! If you would like to find out more, give your input on what should be included, or step forward to serve - please fill out our survey at [surveymonkey.com/r/XGWVPBB](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XGWVPBB), and **join us for an Open Meeting on Wednesday February 27th at 7:30pm downstairs in the Parish Hall**, where we share our ideas, hear yours, and together - create the perfect Sunday evening worship event. See you there!

PETITION OF ONE MILLION 2019: CWL NEEDS YOUR SIGNATURE

On behalf of Petition of One Million 2019, Catholic Women's League asks you to sign a petition to persuade our Canadian Parliament to protect the lives of children before birth. This is an important and historical step to protect the lives babies in the womb. Please sign the petition at the back of the church on the **weekend on March 9 and 10**. A few minutes of your time can make a difference to a child. The goal is to deliver **1,000,000** signatures to the federal government at the 2019 March for Life in Ottawa. As disciples of Christ it is our loving duty to inform ourselves about this issue and act, for more information please go to petitionofonemillion.ca.



``Honor the LORD with your wealth, with first fruits of all your produce. Then will your barns be filled with plenty, with new wine your vats will overflow`` Proverbs 3:9-10

FOR THE MONTH OF: January 2019

Offertory Contribution	\$25,817.76
Restoration & Maintenance	5,801.45
PAG Contributions	9,679.00

Total Contribution: \$41,298.21

Total Church Expenses: -\$48,658.29

FEBRUARY 17, 2019

REBUILT BOOK CLUB

WEEK THREE: CAN WE CHANGE OUR CHURCH CULTURE?



The mission Jesus gave the apostles was to “go and make disciples” at the end of the Gospel of Matthew. If we believe the Bible, if we believe the teaching of Jesus, then this message is for everyone. Being a disciple of Christ means that we not only live our lives according to His teaching, but also in a way that shows others what it means to be a Christian.

Do we have a culture of discipleship here at Holy Family? On the one hand we would have to say no, not yet, but on the other hand, we are moving in that direction, and it is possibly a continuous, never-ending journey. So when we speak about changing our culture, it is motivated by our deep conviction and belief that we are called to align our life in faith both personally and as a community with the mission Jesus gave us. To fully commit to this, sometimes it requires hard choices and challenging responses from us. Do we hold onto what we feel we are fairly entitled to? Or do we hear this mission and consider it as a personal call to embrace our responsibility to be part of God’s work here on earth – now at this time, at Holy Family in Whitby? Essentially, this is a question of whether we are a bystander or a member of the life of faith in the church.

In the third segment of our Rebuilt book club, the video of Fr. Michael White’s homily (easily available on our website to watch) focused on this very question. He related the parable of the prodigal son in Luke 15. The crowd listening is made up of two groups of people, the Pharisees who would consider themselves the righteous, religious members, and the gentiles who have come to hear what this Jesus is teaching about, perhaps considered the bystanders. We all know the story, but perhaps not in the way that Fr. Michael tells it, explaining the context and the perspectives of these two audiences. It makes a difference, a very significant difference.

The religious think not only that the behaviour of the prodigal son is scandalous, but also that Jesus telling this story is scandalous, and that the father should not have welcomed the son back. The gentiles...relate and feel like they ARE the prodigal son. And so the response of the father to be welcoming, loving and to actually celebrate the return of the son warms their hearts so that they want more of what this man is teaching. But this parable Jesus tells goes even further in the call to action of the “righteous, religious” people. This comes out in the indignation of the older son who has been a faithful and true son to his father. He questions why his father welcomes his brother back, but he challenges why he would go so far as to have an elaborate celebration of his return. Understanding the desire of the father, and of our Father in heaven, of just wanting all of his children to come home can help us understand the mission. But even more, it helps us understand the final piece of this parable, that it is our responsibility to do whatever we can to help welcome, invite and bring others back to God.

There are many reasons that people are not engaged in faith, or not coming to church, we all know someone and their explanations. And they very likely do not consider themselves “lost” but have very clear and defined arguments for not participating. The people attending our book club sessions discussed many of these: giving up the time to come to church; the schedules of weekend family, children and sports activities; not feeling the church has any relevance or anything to offer them in their lives; past negative experiences with a church community or even specific people; disputes with the structure and teaching of the church; the hypocrisy of scandals in the church; a feeling of personal “spirituality” that they feel doesn’t require them to come to celebrate Mass. There are many more.

Through the small table discussions, our participants also generated many ideas and insights into specific ways we can focus our efforts to engage particularly young families, the youth and children. And all of the suggestions were founded on a personal relationship and understanding of these people and what would genuinely encourage them to come to church. And in sharing their reflections of people they know personally who are “away from the church”, it inspired a personal awareness and call to action about what each person can do to be part of the mission of Jesus to make disciples. The remarkable thing we are learning is that in taking this responsibility and reaching out to others in faith, we become disciples. This is not easy work, it is hard, and it is not just about a change of culture in the church, it is about life changes for each of us. And that is the challenge. Can we support each other in becoming disciples, followers of Christ, who not only welcome the person we know and love who has wandered away, but like Jesus, can we embrace and love the person we don’t even know...yet?

Mary Kay Boase
Director of New Evangelization

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