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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

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Tess Bondoc

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Youth Minister: Camille Herrera

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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
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Seniors Group	289-200-3945
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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.

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Monday, February 25, 7pm

+Francis Xavier Fernando

Tuesday, February 26, 9am

+Mary Driscoll req by Marg & Mike Burke

Wednesday, February 27, 7pm

+Francis Gordon req by

Joan Fernandes

Thanksgiving for Annamma

Thursday, February 28, 9am

+Mary Driscoll req by

Mike & Mary Vanberkum

Friday, March 1, 7pm

+Kanja Varkey req by Joseph Family

+Rose Gordon req by Joan Fernandes

+Francis Prem Kumar req by Kavitha & Edward Irwin

Sp Int Donna Kozmik req by Mary

Nicholls and Family

Sp Int Jean Chasiak & Family req by

Mary Nicholls & Family

+Maria Rizzuti req by Bianca Yurkoski

Saturday March 2

9:00am Sp Int Royston & Rona req by

Nancy Fernandes

5:00pm Sp Int Reanne George req by

Nancy Fernandes & Family

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.

CWL NEEDS YOUR SIGNATURE

On behalf of Petition of One Million 2019, CWL 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. For more information please go to petitionofonemillion.ca.

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul at Holy Family Parish would like to thank Fr. László, Fr. Matthew and all the parishioners for their generous contribution of money and groceries in 2018. Income tax receipts for donations will be available for pickup after all Masses this weekend.

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

Experience a deeper understanding and appreciation of God's immeasurable and unconditional love as you draw closer to Jesus than you ever have before. We begin the Bible experience through the Passion of Christ on **March 11, Monday, 2 sessions, morning at 10:30am and evening 7:30pm**. 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.

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!

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, 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!

YOUTH MINISTRY

Steubenville

Steubenville is a dynamic Catholic weekend conference for students currently in grades 8-12. To register for this conference filled internationally known speakers, praise and worship, and tons of energy, please email hfwym91@gmail.com

EDGE & Life Teen Camp

EDGE Camp and Life Teen camp will take place respectively on August 17-21 and August 5-10. Both camps are a chance for students in grades 5-12 to be away for a week and focused on growing in community and their relationship with God. Both camps take place at great facilities aimed at outdoor activities and faith formation alike. For questions and to register, please contact Camille at hfwym91@gmail.com

Support our youth!

Over the next few weeks, you'll notice that there a donation board up in the foyer. In order to send our youth to our camps and conferences, we need your help to alleviate the costs. All donations that are received will go toward the registration of our youth and sustenance of our ministry! We ask you to prayerfully consider picking up an envelope and being a part of our team.

AN INVITATION TO ALL CATHOLIC GENTLEMEN

The Knights of Columbus are inviting all Catholic Gentlemen to join us in a day of Spiritual Recollection. This Lenten Day reflection "*The Restoration of Sacred*" if for all men wishing to deepen or renew their passion for the Holy Mass on March 9, Immaculate Conception Parish 1710 Scugog St. Port Perry, 8:30AM, Holy Rosary. 9:00AM Holy Mass. Two recollection conferences. Followed by lunch at noon. Concluded with Benediction at 1:00PM. Cost is \$20.00 payable at the event. Guest **are asked to register by March 4** Pls call John Simmons to register (905) 666-0258 or jimmons@idirect.com.

FEBRUARY 24, 2019

REBUILT BOOK CLUB

WEEK FOUR: WHERE IS GOD CALLING ME TO SERVE?

What do you do in service for others? In the fabric of your life, throughout your week, are there people who you take care of? Are there organizations or programs that you give some time to help deliver their services? There are many ways to give your time and talent in service, it may be to take care of elderly parents, or it may be helping to pack boxes at the food bank. These are different ways of doing works in the community that make a difference, that really do contribute to making the world a better place. To go even further in our service to others is to follow Jesus' commission, the third part of our parish mission statement, to "make disciples" (Matt. 28:18)

In working to become disciples, in building up the church as Jesus commanded us, this fourth week of the book club looked at two ways that we do this: in ministry and mission. Working in ministry is service that we give inside the church, to one another. Mission is the service that we give outside the church, to the world. Both are manifestations of our faith in action, for we know that "...faith without works is dead." (James 2:26) So to live our faith fully, we need to take it into actions that demonstrate our belief in the teaching and example of Jesus.

In the video for this fourth session, we heard Fr. Michael White share the Exodus account of the story of Moses, in particular his encounter with the presence of God in the flaming bush (Exodus 3: 1, 2-4). God tells Moses to remove his shoes as he is standing on holy ground, and then tells him that he needs to be the one to go to Pharaoh to request the release of His people, the Israelites who are captives in slavery. As He always does, God will lead us, if we are open to His direction, but He needs our help here on earth. The response of Moses was pretty typical of all of us being asked to step forward and take on an arduous task: "get someone else". Like Moses who gave God many arguments why he was not the person for the job, we all have many excuses and reasons for not serving. Foundational to our response is our attitude – one that is open or closed. What is sometimes difficult to remember is that while there will always be a need for volunteers in the church, what is more critical is our need to serve.

Through the small table discussions at the book club this week, participants identified many challenges for people to become involved in various ways of building community in the church. First and foremost, and mentioned repeatedly of course, is the lack of time. Our lives are very busy, and unless we are dedicated and committed to giving time to our faith, it will not happen. No one said that living our faith would be easy, nothing that is important to our lives ever is. But when we live by our conviction of what is right, we are better able to journey along the path step by step to accomplish what needs to be done.

When individuals truly feel that they belong to the community of faith at the church, they naturally take on responsibilities to support the parish. In taking ownership and realizing that they have a role in maintaining and building the programs and relationships in the church, people step forward, comfortably and happily to serve. We have seen wonderful recent evidence of this in the parishioners who jump in and hold the door to welcome people when they see that the usual "greeter" isn't there. Or when someone drops off some home baking or (nut-free) cookies to be used for our hospitality after Masses and others who help with clean up or pouring coffee. Or when someone coming through the parking lot assists the young parent trying to safely walk a toddler and carry an infant into the church. These actions are by no means new to the people of Holy Family, but they are very real examples of being intentional about how we all share in the welcoming and building of our church community. This also translates to our financial responsibilities for the church – if we feel it is our church, then we want to make sure it is sustained.

When the book club participants thought about what seems to inspire others to join serving in ministries in the church, they often mentioned the visible joy of people in ministry and that they obviously enjoy what they do. It stands to reason that people who have a clear understanding of what is expected, are well-matched to a task, feel properly trained or equipped, and are part of a strong team will demonstrate contentment in what they do and draw others in. This is one of the main objectives of the process we are undertaking through the book club, to help engage parishioners through discernment and prayer in finding their talents and strengths and connecting them with others in a role in the church that they are well-suited for.

The final piece the book club explored was the idea of work in missions, service outside of the church. There are many charitable organizations around of course, and teams from Holy Family are connected with a number of them, such as the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, our Homeless Mission which serves at Gate 3:16, St. Vincent Palotti's kitchen and others.

An aspect of serving in both ministry and mission that became very clear from the conversations was that sometimes uncertainty about serving comes from a lack of information about what is available, and what is expected. There will be more information coming soon about all of our ministries and missions and about our Next STEPS approach to finding ways to grow and develop in our own personal faith, how to connect our talents and time to service in ministry and mission, and to learning about what is available. The call from God to Moses to overcome his feeling that there should be someone else to do the job, isn't just for Moses, it is for everyone. If we pursue a discipleship path of faith, then we will grow as disciples through our service. The church will then also grow through our works of faith in ministry and mission – and that is the church that Christ wants.

So, should God get someone else for the work of the church? Or is He calling you?

Mary Kay Boase
Director of New Evangelization

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