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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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Mother's Group	289-240-8995
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Volunteer Screening	905-439-5805
Youth Ministry	905-665-6470

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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.

PARISH SCHOOLS:

St. Bernard	905-668-3772
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St. Matthew	905-430-8597
St. Paul	905-728-7011
St. Theresa	905-668-8261
Fr. Leo J. Austin High School	905-666-2010
All Saints High School	905-666-7753

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.



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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



Monday, March 18, 7pm

+Jose & Piedad Cezallos req by
Jenny Cisneros

Tuesday, March 19, 9am

+Mr. & Mrs. Giuseppe Morra req by
Antonio & Angela Morra

Wednesday, March 20, 7pm

Sp Int Laddy & Nena Ripel req by
Ray & Violeta Berry

Sp int for Anna Colacicco req by
Steve & Marie Sergeant

+Antonio Gomez req by Ramos Family

+Anna Braccia req by Braccia Family

Thursday, March 21, 9am

+Divina & Stan Fillice req by
Rosina Falsetti

Friday, March 22, 7pm

+Bogdan Mikolajewicz req by
Daughter & Family

+Maria & Francesco Ignazzitto req by
Palazzolo Family

Sp Int Steve & Marie Sergeant

+Maureen Keogan req by
Ted & Irene Misiaszek

+Roger Tyron & Francis Fernando req
by

Mary Ann Fernando

+Holy Souls in Purgatory req by
Marleine Noujaim

Saturday March 23

9:00am +Jose & Maria Azevedo req by
Frank & Fatima Azevedo

5:00pm +Ena Saliba req by Alfred Saliba



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YOUNG ADULT MEN'S GROUP

We are inviting all young adult men ages 18 yrs. to 36 yrs. to join us in a small group setting. The topic is on Dr. Edward Sri's Who Am I to Judge? Responding to Relativism with Logic and Love. In an age in which preference has replaced morality, many people find it difficult to speak the truth, afraid of the reactions they will receive if they say something is right or wrong. This study will help young men to understand the view of morality and will equip them to engage relativism, appealing to both the head and the heart. **Fr. Matthew McCarthy** will lead the discussions. The study is **every Wednesday until May 8 (excluding April 10) from 7:30pm to 9:00pm in the Knights Room.**

Email holy.family@rogers.com to register.

SMALL GROUP OPEN HOUSE - TUESDAY MARCH 26TH 7PM.

Come to the Small Group Open House where you will be able to connect with a group and see firsthand what a Small Group looks like and what happens during a meeting. Visit the Small Group webpage on our new website holyfamilywhitby.ca for more information and to register.

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.

YOUNG ADULT MASS

We are inviting all young adults in the parish, ages 18 years to 39 yrs. to join us on **Sunday March 24 at 7pm for Mass**, followed by a young adult event in the church hall. If you have a young adult in your family, or know someone, especially those who have not been to church in a while, please invite them to attend the Mass. All the greeters, choir, readers and servers will be young adults of our parish. This will be a great opportunity for them to reconnect and renew their faith and have conversations with people their age about life and faith.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

Lenten Reflection

This week, let's reflect on the story of the Transfiguration! In the verses about the Transfiguration, Jesus' appearance changes and his disciples suddenly see him in a different and more glorious light! When something is transfigured, that means its appearance changes into something very radiant or beautiful. Even though we're in the season of Lent, which focuses on the journey of Christ's suffering, we are given a chance to see and think about his beauty. What does this tell us? It tells us that, even in the most difficult moments, we can always find Christ's light in it.

THE POWER OF PRAYER

Do you need prayer? Do you want to pray for someone?

One of the most powerful ways we can pray as intercessors is together with others. If you feel in your heart that you are being called to pray for the needs of others, then we encourage you to please come and **join one of our Intercessory Prayer Groups on Thursday 7pm in the CWL room or Friday afternoons at 1pm and 2pm in the Knights Room.**

IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF PRAYER: Please use our Prayer Request Box located in the back of the church. Simply fill out the provided Prayer Request Card, place it in the envelope and drop it in the box. Our Intercessory Prayer Group will pray for you. Your request will remain strictly confidential

MARCH 17, 2019

NEXT STEPS ON YOUR JOURNEY OF FAITH- STEP 2- TITHE OR GIVE

Beginning last week, we are using our "Next STEPS" booklet as our itinerary, our discipleship GPS for a 5-week series. Next STEPS booklets are available in the pews and everyone should take one for themselves, as we journey through the steps together, each week focusing on a different step. Go to our website <https://www.holyfamilywhitby.ca> for a copy of the Next STEPS booklet online. Through this series, we will discuss, in a particular way: what it means to put our faith in action and what it means- in a concrete way – to be a disciple of Christ.

STEP 2- TITHE OR GIVE

Love isn't afraid of giving too much.

It was little Jonnie's first time at Mass. He watched earnestly as ushers passed around the long-handled baskets as the offertory. When they neared his family's pew, Jonnie said loudly, don't pay for me, Daddy, I'm under five."

People get upset when we preach on money. There are 2,350 verses in the scriptures related to the subject of money. 15% of Jesus' teaching was on the subject of money and possessions. 11 out of 39 parables of Jesus is about money. The bible says more about our money than it does faith and prayer combined. It says more about our money that it does heaven and hell.

The vast majority of priests are reluctant to teach their people about money matters and Christian giving. First, I preach on giving because, not do so, is to rob you of the joy of learning **why** to give. Also, I preach on giving to be faithful to my call as a Pastor, which is to preach the whole truth of God. To ignore the subject of giving, is to fail my responsibility of preaching the Bible.

There's nothing you can give God that He needs. But when you give Him an offering, you're saying, "God, I love you. I'm thinking of you. I want you first in my life."

The Bible says, "*Honour the Lord by giving Him the first part of all your income*" (Proverbs 3:9). Giving doesn't just honour God. **It is also an act of worship.** But the Bible says that not every kind of giving is an act of worship. So, what kind of giving is worship?

Saint Paul said: "On every Lord's Day each of you should put aside something from what you have earned during the week, and use it for this offering. The amount depends on how much the Lord has helped you earn" (1 Corinthians 16:2).

Worship giving is undesignated. That means you don't control it, you don't direct it, you don't tell God what to do with it.

Worship giving is given when and where you worship. You give the first part of your money on the first day of the week and say, "God, you're first in my life."

Worship giving is planned. You don't just give spontaneously. You think it through.

Worship giving is proportional. If you didn't earn anything this week, you don't give anything. You earn a little, you give a little. You earn a lot, you give a lot.

God wants your heart more than anything else. He doesn't want your money. He wants what it represents. The most sensitive nerve in the body is the one that goes from the heart to the wallet.

God doesn't just want us to give a tithe. He wants us to recognize Him as the owner of everything and to diligently embrace our role as stewards of what we have and hold on his behalf.

Fr. Michael in the Rebuilt book says: "If you are just throwing **pocket change** into the basket on Sunday (some people call it "**tipping**" God), plan your gift instead; make it a priority as you budget your other expenses. Everyone can do that, regardless of the size of his or her offering. People should give in a planned way that is absolutely a priority and at a progressive percentage. We can easily put our giving on **cruise control.**" But God deserves our best.

Giving is a testimony: In the book of Geneses (14:20) Abraham gave testimony of God's ownership. Abraham tithed to Melchizedek over 400 years before the law was established. My question is, who told Abraham to tithe to Melchizedek? There is no mention that anyone told him to do it. There was no law to commend Him to do this. I believe Abraham did this to show honor to God as an act of worship through Melchizedek, who as we have seen was a type of our coming High Priest, Jesus Christ. Abraham worshiped God as an act of his free will. Is important to worshiping God as an act of our free will and not because we are commended to do so. Did Abraham have to tithe, no he did not. Did God bless him because of his honoring Him first? Yes, He absolutely did! God always blesses those who honor Him first. My money is a symbol of me. In giving the prescribe portion we give testimony of having given self. God cannot bless a self-focus person

Here is my personal testimony: I was at Saint Cecilia church. Church carpet was newly changed and a lady came in and said– "Here, take all my savings for the carpet. It's everything I have got!" "No, no! That's too much" I said. "Take it anyway, she said, "**Love is not afraid of giving too much.**" This reflects on a basic truth; *giving meets one of our basic needs.* Just like the poor widow in Gospel of Luke (21:1-4); the temple was plated with *gold and brass.* Obviously, her coins were not needed **BUT** she had a need to give. *Sacrifice is a part of a believer's new nature. If unfulfilled the believer feels guilt. There is an innate need to give.*

This week reflect on your giving and make a commitment for the year. Use our Next Steps from the pews to guide you. Your giving is a worship offering.

Fr. László Nagy, Pastor

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