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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	905-743-9466
Seniors Group	289-200-3945
Small Groups	905-665-6470
St. Vincent's Kitchen	905-668-8253
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Ushers	905-665-9385
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
St. Mark	905-721-2460
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**

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



Monday, March 25, 7pm

+Concetta Coletti req by
Mattucci Family

Tuesday, March 26, 9am

+Heidi Jones req by
Holy Family Stitches

Wednesday, March 27, 7pm

Sp Int Kafi & Connor req by
Claudia Herod
+Joyce & Jeanette Coe req by
Maurice Coe
Sp Int Legion of Mary Members
req by Bridget Conneely
+Antonio Naccarato req by
Josie Naccarato

+Maria & Diego Ruggieri req by
Carmelo Calabrese & Family

Thursday, March 28, 9am

+Rita Cameron req by
Marg & Mike Burke

Friday, March 29, 7pm

Sp Int Renee McGrady req by
Peter & Peggy McGrady

Saturday March 30

9:00am +Ray Masse req by
Marg & Mike Burke

5:00pm +Frank & Georgina Mercier req by
Aquilina & Mizzi Families



STATIONS OF THE CROSS
EVERY FRIDAY DURING
LENT AT 6:30PM.

VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE TO
LEARN ABOUT SMALL GROUPS:

<https://www.holyfamilywhitby.ca>



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.

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.

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.

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

In the 40 days that Jesus spent in the desert, his strength came from growing deeper in a trusting relationship with our Father! Throughout the Lenten season, we are asked to do the same thing. We can always grow deeper in our faith, so here are some ways you can choose to do this!

1) Try out a youth ministry evening! **Jr. EDGE** is for students from grades 3-5, **EDGE** is for students from grades 6-8, and **Life Teen** is for all high school students. Drop-ins are always welcome!

2) Plan ahead and join us for **Life Teen Camp (August 5-10) or EDGE Camp (August 17 to August 21)!** If we're talking about going deeper, these opportunities allow us to dive right in! Both overnight experiences at amazing camp facilities, this adventure through sports, activities, music, talks, and more, is something you won't want to miss.

3) Open up your heart to God a little more and more each day. Start and end your day with a simple prayer and say it with great love: "Come into my heart, Lord".



INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY

***Do you want to pray for someone?
Let God change your life....***

Intercession is prayer that pleads with God for your needs and the needs of others. But it is also much more than that. Intercession involves taking hold of God's will and refusing to let go until His will comes to pass. 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 every 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 24, 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.

PART 2 OF STEP 2- TITHE OR GIVE

Love isn't afraid of giving too much.

Saint Paul to the 2nd letter to the Corinthians is saying **our giving demonstrates that God's grace is active in our lives.** Generosity and financial faithfulness are a hallmark of a maturing disciples. One of the reasons we struggle with it is because we fail to realize that.

We need to know that giving is a matter of the heart and not our bank account. We wrongly assume that our ability to give is tied to how much money we have. But great givers are not necessarily are the ones who write the largest cheques, great givers according to the Bible are those who: 1) Give willingly and joyfully, 2) Give generously and sacrificially.

According to **Paul Powell**, retired dean of the Baptist Seminary; there are 3 types of givers: 1. **Tearful givers**- they are reluctant to give; 2) **Fearful givers**- they give from a sense of duty and fear of what God might do; 3) **Cheerful givers**- they give to the Lord, His church and others out of heart of joy because they have determined their treasure is not in their wealth or this world but in God. They give out of love for God and a heart of worship.

So, giving is not an emotional response, it is an act of the will, a deliberate decision. Remember your money follows your heart and your heart follows your money.

In the 2nd letter of the Corinthians, the Macedonian Christians were able to give because their hearts belonged to God first. They gave because they had first given themselves to the Lord. Our giving speaks volumes about what we believe about God.

It's not just that we give or how much we give that matters, but how we give and the attitude in which we give. The spirit and attitude we hold toward giving makes it an act of worship. Remember it is a sign of God's grace at work in our lives when we give. It is an act of worship to Him and a demonstration of our love for God. I want you to know that God is interested in you. He wants you to give yourself to him. When that happens, the rest follows.

Until we appropriately understand that everything we have belongs to God, He has ownership over everything. We will always be asking how much of my money do I give God instead of asking, how much of God's money do I spend on my own lifestyle. **NOTHING WE HAVE BELONGS TO US. We are stewards of time, strength, ability as well as our money.**

Our giving is a spiritual matter that involves the heart, our spiritual knowledge of scriptures and our spiritual capacity for faith in God and His invisible powers. Giving reflects our value system, our life priorities and our life discipline.

Giving is the acknowledgement that all we have belongs to the Lord. All we have, all we are, all we possess, all we earn are equally the gifts of God. We are to acknowledge God as giver of all good things. God is the creator, owner and giver of everything we have. We are just stewards of these possessions.

God always blesses those who honour Him first. Placing God first in our lives is our choice we each have to make and it is one that He is encouraging us to make. But He will not force us in this. Trusting Him by faith is an act of our will.

Our chequebooks indicate who and what we worship. You cannot fake stewardship, your chequebook reveals all you believe about this principle. A life story could be written from a chequebook. It reflects your goals, priorities, convictions, relationships and even the use of your time. A person who has been a Christian for even a short time can fake prayer, bible study, discipleship and going to church. But you cannot fake what the chequebook reveals. We give the best gifts to those we love. Jesus said in Gospel of John 14:15: *"If you love me, keep my commandments."* What we really believe, we act on it. The rest is merely a religious talk.

The whole motivation behind giving is not getting from God but trusting God. We give in a spirit of love, not in the spirit of greed. Our motivation for giving is thankfulness to what God already blessed. Therefore, we give out of gratitude. It is vital to give with gratitude or we are not touching the heart of God. If I am not thankful and giving from the heart, I am not showing my love for God and gratefulness for what God has provided me. To give out of guilt is not giving, but making a payment we think we owe. In reality we owe God every penny. It is thankfulness that draws us to give. The ultimate goal to give is to make **an eternal impact.** Money is not the focus, **eternity** is. Money is just one of the tools that we use. Our attitude toward giving is a reflection of our spiritual condition. Someone who is living in thanksgiving will be generous and trust God. Without faith, it is impossible to please God. Part of becoming a growing disciple of Christ is learning to walk by faith, trusting God in every area of our lives.

Giving is a way of putting God first. It was a way of saying "we give of our first and best to you, our Lord, because we recognize all good comes from you." God has given you a challenge.

- "The poor need the rich to draw them out of poverty. The rich need the poor to keep them out of hell," said Cardinal Francis George. What is your reaction to that statement?
- What is the role money plays in your life? How much time do you spend worrying about it? How painful is it to let go of money?
- How generous are you with your time, talent, and treasure?

Fr. László Nagy, Pastor

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