

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



MASS **INTENTIONS**

Monday, December 14

7 p.m. Sp. Int. Anne Lafontaine
req by MacAlister Family

Tuesday, December 15

9 a.m. +Len Tobin req by
Kate Hudson

Wednesday, December 16

7 p.m. +Domenic Orecchio req by
Family

Thursday, December 17

9 a.m. +Michael Perera req by
Perera Family

Friday December 18

7 p.m. +Roger Tyron Fernando
req by Mary Fernando

7 p.m. Fr. Heffernan

7 p.m. Sp. Int. Hailey Lynch req by
Carmelita Ring

7 p.m. +Joseph Hugel req by
Ron & Sue Forest

7 p.m. Thanksgiving for our Lady
req by Merle Chew

7 p.m. +Angelina Aloe req by
Aloe Family

7 p.m. +Antonino Henriques req by
Family

7 p.m. +Holy Souls in Purgatory
req by Noel Willis

Saturday, December 19

9 a.m. +Jim Hudson req by
Kate Hudson

5 p.m. +Radjai Persaud req by
Barb Samaroo



Preparation for and the celebration of Confession allows us to set aside disruptive ways, to be renewed in heart and spirit, to be reconciled with our God who abounds with gracious, gentle tenderness. From December 13 to 19, 2015, each parish in the Archdiocese of Toronto will be holding a **Day of Confessions**. **Confessions at our parish will be available on December 16, 2015 from 3:00pm to 9:00pm.**

FAMILY OF FAITH CAMPAIGN

The **Family of Faith** Campaign, rooted in the vision of Cardinal Collins for the Archdiocese of Toronto, seeks to provide the funds to meet the spiritual and temporal needs of the people. "Both our Pastoral Plan and our **Family of Faith** campaign will help us to be more effective in the mission on which Jesus sends us; to love God and to show that love by serving others."

In addition to meeting the needs of our parish, the **Family of Faith** campaign will assist the archdiocese to meet the needs of the Church on a larger scale.

As the mother church for the Archdiocese of Toronto, St. Michael's Cathedral requires significant renovation and restoration work to maintain its beauty, accessibility and prominence as the spiritual centre of Canada's largest *family of faith*. The **Family of Faith** campaign will provide the needed funds to ensure that our cathedral has a great future and properly represents our archdiocese

Some parish communities face daunting expenditures to maintain facilities that are safe and meet current standards and preserve their historic sacred spaces. Collectively we share the responsibility to ensure the proper care of these churches continues for years to come.

Our growing **Family of Faith** means we expect the pattern of new church construction that we have seen in recent years to continue. This campaign will help to provide financing through the archdiocese, allowing construction of new church buildings in a timely fashion.

At this Christmas Season, as you marvel at the wondrous gift of Jesus Christ that you have been given please take the opportunity to share with your Family of Faith in the Archdiocese and support this campaign. Please continue to pray for the success of the campaign, both in our parish and throughout the Archdiocese.

Stay in touch with the campaign at www.ourFamilyofFaith.ca and follow on Twitter: [@family_of_faith](https://twitter.com/family_of_faith)

CWL MEMORIAL RIBBON



The annual Memorial Ribbon will be wrapped around the big Christmas tree in the Church foyer. All parishioners are welcome to write the names of their deceased loved ones on the ribbon. We request a donation of \$1 per name. All proceeds will be donated to The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, HFP. Please see a CWL member at the back of the church after each Mass on the weekend of Dec. 19th and 20th.

HOLY FAMILY ADVENT RETREAT

Set aside a few evenings to shift your focus during the hectic days leading to Christmas. Come & attend Holy Family's Advent Retreat on:

Monday December 14th 7pm Mass

Tuesday December 15th, 7pm Mass

Wednesday, December 16th, 7pm Mass

Advent Reconciliation will follow after the Mass on December 16th. This advent retreat will focus on the heart's readiness in anticipation of the coming of our Lord and Saviour. Speaker is Fr. Mark Robson. Join us as we reflect and pray on the true meaning of Christmas.



CHRISTMAS MASS **SCHEDULE**

Regular weekly mass schedule for
Monday to Friday
Dec. 14 – 23, 2015.

CHRISTMAS EVE

THURSDAY, DEC. 24 6:00 p.m.
Family Mass celebrated in the Church & Hall
8:00 p.m.
10:00 p.m.
12:00 Midnight (with Incense)

CHRISTMAS DAY

FRIDAY, DEC. 25 8:00 a.m.
9:30 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
12:30 p.m.

NEW YEAR'S EVE

THURSDAY, DEC. 31 5:00 p.m.

NEW YEAR'S DAY

FRIDAY, JAN. 1 8:00 a.m.
9:30 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
12:30 p.m.

OFFICE CLOSED: Monday, December 28

THANK YOU!

A great time was had by all! **Thank you to all the parents who signed up and brought their dear children to our Holy Family Children's Christmas Party on Saturday, December 5th.** We are so grateful to have had this opportunity to welcome them at this event and help them experience the connection between home and church, and to build our community of faith for now and the future. For this event to happen, there were many people involved who worked hard and deserve many thanks. Thank you to the parish CWL who contributed and helped in many ways;; to the amazing ladies in the kitchen who cooked all the grilled cheese sandwiches; to Percy and Carlos who provided the Christmas carols; to Dave for taking the pictures; to the parishioner who made all the special Christmas chocolates given to each child; to all the wonderful high school volunteers who set-up, cleaned up and looked after all the activities and children; and finally to Santa for coming to the party and for bringing smiles to every child's face. Thank you to Fr. László and Fr. Marijan for their support of this exciting event for our children.

2016 Envelopes are in the lobby by the office. Please verify that the information on the envelope box is correct. Please use the parish information form in the lobby for any changes that are necessary. Please use your **new** envelopes in January and recycle your old one.



This week is the last week of Life Teen and EDGE for the semester! Come and join us for our 'Happy Birthday Jesus' Parties!!

Thank you so much to our youth and their families for making our first semester so successful! A HUGE thank you to our amazing volunteers! Without you wonderful brothers and sisters in Christ our programs would not exist.

A MESSAGE FROM REBECCA ON THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Brothers and sisters, we are entering into the 3rd week of Advent this weekend and our focus is all about joy! For 2 weeks we have been remembering how the Israelites and those who followed John the Baptist waited, hoped, and anticipated the coming of the promised savior. We too have been waiting by preparing our hearts for Jesus' birth! This Sunday however is very special. We are given a day in the midst of Advent to celebrate and rejoice in the news that God is coming among us! The second reading for today encourages us to pray to God with thanksgiving and make our requests known to Him. Today is a good day to slow down, and let our joy for God take center stage. How stressed out are you right now? What are you focusing on? Let's take this day to stop and savor the knowledge that God is near!

Register Now

Registration forms and more info can be found under the Youth Ministry bulletin board or on our website
holyfamily-youthministry.weebly.com