

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



## **MASS INTENTIONS**

### **Monday, December 21**

7 p.m. +Paul Leonardo req by  
Dina Leal

### **Tuesday, December 22**

9 a.m. +Carmine Plastina req by  
The Family

9 a.m. +Elmer Mella req by  
The Family

### **Wednesday, December 23**

7 p.m. +Mr. & Mrs. R. La Torre  
req by Mr. & Mrs. A. Morra

### **Thursday, December 24**

See Christmas Schedule

### **Friday December 25**

See Christmas Schedule

### **Saturday, December 26**

9 a.m. +Dominic Molinaro req by  
Anna & Paul Colacicco

5 p.m. Sp. Int. for Carmelita Ring  
req by Eden Boychyn



## **CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

Regular weekly mass schedule for Monday to Wednesday  
Dec. 21– 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**



## **MARRIAGE SUNDAY 2016**

In 2016, the Archdiocese of Toronto will celebrate Marriage Sunday at the parish level on the weekend of February 6/7. Cardinal Collins has also announced a special archdiocesan-wide gathering to honour married couples that will take place on Saturday, February 13, 2016 at 4:30pm at St. Andrew Kim Parish in North York.

His Eminence extends an invitation to all married couples, in particular those who will celebrate their 25th, 40th or 50+ wedding anniversary time throughout 2016 to join him for Mass and a reception to honour their fidelity and faithfulness. Worldwide Marriage Encounter, a local lay movement, is helping to co-ordinate the gathering.

Loved ones and family members of those honored are most welcome to attend. To ensure special reserved seating for honored couples, pre-registration is required. Visit [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage) to register and to find more information about Marriage Sunday and our archdiocesan celebration. Questions can also be directed to Dane & Anne MacCarthy at 416-964-8694.

**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.

## **HOLY FAMILY SQUIRES**

The Columbian Squires Circle for Holy Family has finished their final meeting of 2015! A special thank you to our new members and counsellors - we are off to a great start! So what is next for 2016? We will be starting a membership drive, so you can look forward to hearing from the Squires very soon! Our first meeting will be on January 13th at 6pm in the Knights room, as we meet every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. For more information, please contact Scot Williamson at 905-666-8435. Esto Dignus - Be Worthy!



We are done at RCIT, Life Teen and EDGE  
for the semester!

RCIT will resume January 4th, Life Teen January 5th,  
and EDGE January 7<sup>th</sup>

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 THE YOUTH MINISTER TO OUR YOUTH

Have you ever been so excited to go visit someone that it seemed like the days just crawled by? You start a countdown on your calendar, post a couple pictures on instagram about it, and when the day finally arrives your twitter and snapchat feeds are blowing up! Then you set out with such urgency to finally get to your destination. Sound familiar? In the Gospel today we see that is exactly what Mary does. No, she didn't use social media to document her journey, but she did set out in haste to visit Elizabeth. She had such wonderful news to share, and she couldn't wait a second longer to tell her cousin she was pregnant with our Lord Christ! During this Advent season, what has given you a reason to rejoice? How can you share the joy of the Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth with your family and friends? It's never too late to dive into the Season of Advent. Pray the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary today, a decade or the whole thing! Allow our Blessed Mother to lead you closer to her Son!

**Register Now**

Registration forms and more info can be found under the  
Youth Ministry bulletin board or on our website  
[holyfamily-youthministry.weebly.com](http://holyfamily-youthministry.weebly.com)



### **CHRISTMAS MESSAGE**

Mary's words at the Annunciation, "Thy Will Be Done", were fulfilled with the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ! The Advent Season gave us four weeks of spiritual preparation for the Blessed Christmas Season. As we celebrate His birth, our prayer for each of you is that you take some time away from the hustle and bustle that is often associated with Christmas for quiet reflection in thanksgiving for the many blessings you have had in your life throughout this past year.

Given what is happening in the world around us, there is no greater time to be thankful for the life we have here in Whitby. Our Refugee Committee is preparing to welcome two among thousands of families who are desperate to find a new country in which to rebuild their lives. These people are being displaced often because of faith. There is hope that the message of peace celebrated in the birth of our Saviour will touch the hearts of others.

We remain mindful of how blessed we are that we can openly celebrate our Catholic Faith with the opportunity to attend Mass and receive the Eucharist each and every day. The joy of this Blessed Season remains alive throughout the year through the Eucharist at which we are reminded of Christ coming into this world to sacrifice Himself for our sins.

Let us be thankful that our Cardinal has a Pastoral Plan and vision to keep the faith growing and alive throughout the Archdiocese. The Family of Faith Campaign is one of the largest faith-based fundraising efforts ever conducted in Canada. Funds raised will go towards helping the Archdiocese be more effective in the mission on which Jesus sent us: *To Love God and to show that love by serving others!* The campaign is now active in Holy Family and funds will support *children and youth ministries* (children's liturgy & choir, Edge, Life Teen, sacramental preparation), *adult formation* (RCIA, bible study, marriage preparation, people who are widowed, separated and divorced) and *the broader community* (outreach to the homeless, our refugee families, the St. Vincent de Paul Society and St. Vincent's Kitchen).

During your prayerful reflection this Christmas Season, we ask that you consider supporting our Holy Family- Family of Faith Campaign and help keep our faith alive and growing here in Whitby and throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto!

May the eternal graces of Christmas and God's love for His people be real to you and your family in this Blessed Season.

Holy Family Parish Family of Faith Campaign  
Executive Committee