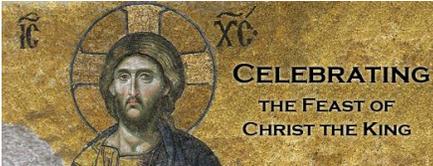


FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING



A SINCERE & HEARTFELT THANK YOU

We, the Homeless Mission Team here at Holy Family Parish wish to extend our most Sincere & Heartfelt Thank You to each and every one of you who donated to our recent Winter Drive for the Homeless. It is because of the kindness, compassion and generosity shown by the Parishioners here at Holy Family that we have been able to distribute: 15 sleeping bags, 15 knapsacks (each filled with long johns, underwear, warm socks, hats, gloves, scarves, hand & toe warmers & hygiene kits) and winter boots to those who are homeless in Durham Region.

Is it not sharing your food with the hungry, and sheltering the homeless poor; if you see someone lacking clothes, to clothe him, and not to turn away from your own kin? Then your light will blaze out like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over. Saving justice will go ahead of you and God's glory come behind you. Isaiah 58:7-8

God Bless, Holy Family Homeless Mission Team

Monday, November 21, 7 p.m.

+Roger Tyron Fernando req by
Mary Anne Fernando

Tuesday, November 22, 9 a.m.

Sp Int for Maureen Keogan req by
CWL Members

Wednesday, November 23, 7 p.m.

Sp Int for John & Carol MacLean req
by Paul & Charlotte Mulhern

Thursday, November 24, 9 a.m.

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

Friday, November 25, 7 p.m.

+Carmine Plastina req by the Family
+Teresa & Leopoldo Mongiat req by
Connors Family
+Marie Kovac req by Josephine Kovac
+Michael Perera req by Perera Family
+Maria & Francesco Ignazzitto req by
Palazzolo Family
+Raymonde Dupuis

Saturday, November 26

9 a.m. Sp Int for Fr. Marijan and
Legion of Mary Members
req by Mary Anne Etorma
5 p.m. +Paul Vaz req by Fernandes &
Vaz Families

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for the healing and recovery of all the sick members of our parish especially: Maureen Keogan, Reginald Wade, Wayne Scott, Grace Hancock and Shirley Barrett.

NEW PARISHIONER WELCOME SUNDAY

I would like to welcome you as a new parishioner this year to Holy Family Parish! You have come to a very vibrant and dynamic faith community. We will have our New Parishioner Welcome this weekend, **November 19th and 20th 2016**. We invite you to come down to the Msgr. Breen parish hall after any of the Masses for some refreshments, conversation and to meet other parishioners and learn more about Holy Family. We look forward to getting to know you and opening the doors of Holy Family to you!

Rev. Fr. László Nagy, Pastor

DIVINE RENOVATION – NEXT STEP:

WHO ARE WE AS A FAITH COMMUNITY?

The question has been asked, “How are we to live wisely as Christians within the pressures and complexities of contemporary culture?” (Fr. Michael Paul Gallagher, SJ)

As we continue to develop our parish Divine Renovation plan, which is to not only reach everyone in the parish, but also to be reflective of every person in the parish, a component that is needed is collected information from the whole congregation. Information that shares about who we are as a faith community, our engagement as parishioners, our spiritual commitment and other outcomes.

For more than 70 years, the **Gallup** organization has been developing instruments that measure the “unmeasurable”. Gallup has created tools that accurately measure the soft numbers for many organizations – including things such as customer and employee engagement and other former intangibles – that have been key to business success.

Over a decade ago, Gallup confronted the challenge of measuring another unmeasurable – spiritual engagement. Through extensive research on the subject, Gallup has designed an instrument – the **Member Engagement Survey (ME²⁵)** – that measures the spiritual health of parishes. The ME²⁵ gets to the heart of a parish’s engagement and spiritual commitment to give us all an indication of our spiritual health, and this will in turn inform how our Divine Renovation plan will best meet our needs.

Holy Family will be undertaking this valuable survey **beginning the weekend of Nov. 19th & 20th and continuing for 4 weeks**. More information will be provided as we get closer to that time. Please plan to participate in this simple and quick process, so that we may have as much parishioner input as possible. Our goal is to have responses from 1000 parishioners! We are asking who the faith community of Holy Family is, and how we live our faith in our modern world, and we really want to know! Thank you in advance for your prayers and participation.



Lectio Divina

with Cardinal Thomas Collins

We are inviting everyone to attend a Lectio Divina on the Book of Psalms with Cardinal Thomas Collins (after His Eminence celebrates the **7pm Mass**) on **Monday November 28th** in the parish hall.

Lectio Divina (“divine, or sacred, reading”) is the name given to a spiritual tradition among Christians over the last two thousand years, in which *they attentively and prayerfully read the word of God*.

HOLY FAMILY SENIORS GROUP

Holy Family Seniors group will meet on Wednesday, November 23rd from 1 to 2:30 pm. All welcome. Call Beth 289-240-1499 for information.

C.W.L. MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The CWL Membership Drive will be the weekend of **November 26th and 27th**. We will have a table at the back of each Mass. The cost to join the CWL is \$25. We encourage you to renew your Membership or if you are not currently a Member, join our team. Our meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each Month. We have guest speakers and we talk about the various activities we are involved in at the Church and in the CWL community. If you are busy, you are not obligated to attend all meetings. If you would like to find out more about the CWL, please contact either Alys MacAlister, (905) 665-7849 or Elaine Harper, at (905) 668-9026.

SSVP ANGEL TREE



THE ANGEL TREE will be at the back of the church the weekend of **November 26th & 27th**. Each angel hanging on the tree will represent an adult, a boy or a girl from a family in need within our community. We are hoping

parishioners will take one of these angels home so you and your family can make this a **"Joyful Christmas"** for our neighbours in need by purchasing and wrapping gifts for the angel you have chosen. Gifts are to be returned to the church by December 11th for distribution to the families. Thank you for your continued support.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



Holy Family Parish will host a Children's Christmas Party to celebrate Jesus' birthday on **Saturday, December 3rd from 12:00nn - 2:30pm in the church hall**. Please sign up your kids at the back of the church after all Masses. There will be lots of fun activities,

music, food, and even a little learning - all the good things that bring a happy community together. There may even be a visit from a jolly man in red! We will need volunteers to help in preparation, set up/clean up on the day of the party and run the different activities. Community service hours will be given to high school students who wish to volunteer. Please call Mary Kay at (905) 668-8353 for more details.

HOLY FAMILY CHRISTMAS CAROL



The choirs of Holy Family Parish welcome all to an evening of Christmas Carols on **Saturday, December 3rd after the 5 pm mass** in church. Feel and share the joy of Christmas as you listen and sing along to timeless carols. Afterwards join us for Christmas treats, coffee and hot chocolate in the church hall. Admission is free. Bring your family, friends and Christmas Spirit.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 19 & 20 – New Parishioners Welcome Sunday
Nov. 26 & 27 – SSVP Angel Tree & CWL Membership Drive
Nov. 28 – Cardinal Thomas Collins Lectio Divina
Dec. 3 – Children's Christmas Party (12nn)
Dec. 3 – Christmas Candle Light Concert (6:30pm)
Dec 12, 13, 14 – Advent Retreat
Dec 14 – Advent Reconciliation

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 12th 7pm Mass

Tuesday December 13th, 7pm Mass

Wednesday, December 14th, 7pm Mass

Advent Reconciliation will follow after the Mass on December 14th. This Advent Retreat will focus on the heart's readiness in anticipation of the coming of our Lord and Saviour. Speaker is Fr. Ben St. Croix, of the "Companions of the Cross" has a great zeal for the "New Evangelization" and his parish missions are an opportunity to proclaim the basic Gospel truth and to invite people into a dynamic relationship with Jesus. He is a spark the Lord uses to set hearts on fire!

ADVENT 2016

Day of Confessions

Jesus in the confessional is not a dry cleaner: it is an encounter with Jesus, who waits for us just as we are. Is going to confession like a torture session? No! It is going to praise God, because I, a sinner, have been saved by Him. And is He waiting to beat me? No, he waits with tenderness to forgive me. And if tomorrow I do the same? Go again, and go and go and go. He always waits for us." - Pope Francis. 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 14, 2016 from 3:00pm to 9:00pm.**

VOCATION DISCERNMENT RETREAT

The Office of Vocations invites single Catholic men, 17 years and older to attend a Vocations Discernment Retreat from Dec 9 to 11, 2016 at Manresa Spiritual Renewal Centre, Pickering. (Starts on Friday at 7 pm). The retreat offers Guided reflections, Holy Mass, Adoration, confession and the assistance of a vocations team. Suggested donation of \$150 to help cover costs. For more information, please see Fr. Marijan or call 416-968-0997 or email vocations@archtoronto.org.