

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 4, 7 p.m.

+Joyce & Jeanette Coe req by Maurice

Tuesday, December 5, 9 a.m.

+Living and Deceased Members of the Mikolajczyk Family

Wednesday, December 6, 7 p.m.

+James De Mille req by Veronica Mc Garry & the DeMille children.

+Wayne Scott req by Elizabeth & John Skelly
Sp Int Violeta & Ray Berry

CWL Members, Living & Deceased

Thursday, December 7, 9am

+Luigi Falsetti req by Nat & Anna

Friday, December 8, 7pm

+ Gary Zenarosa req by Agnes

+Colm Conneely req by the Conneely Family

+Wayne Scott req by the Delvecchio Family

+Jenuina & Francisco Gaspar req by Teresa Armonde

Thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin Mary req by Mary Ann Fernando

Sp Int & Thanksgiving Ian & Zonita Reid

94th Birthday for Edmund Christopher

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Saturday, December 9

9 a.m. +Mike Pulla req by Cesina Pulla & Family

5 p.m. +Joseph Wade req by Jenny Richard

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

PLEASE PRAY for all the sick members of our parish especially: Pat Moloney, Linda Vidulich, Jim Cushnan, Maureen Keogan, Reginald Wade, Grace Hancock, Shirley Barrett and Jeanne D'Arc Legere.

ATTENTION CWL MEMBERS!

Please join us for our December Potluck dinner on Wednesday, Dec 6th 2017 after the 7:00pm Mass in the church hall. Bring your favorite dish to share and don't forget the cutlery! Food can be dropped off before the 7:00pm Mass. We will have a prize for the best "ugly" Christmas sweater (outfit). We will be collecting wrapped gifts, labelled female, male or unisex for Sunnycrest Nursing Home.

NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

CHRISTMAS BUTTONS

The Knights of Columbus will have the Christmas buttons at the back of the church next weekend after all Mass times. Donations will be gratefully accepted and given to one of the Knights charities.



NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER DANCE

The Holy Family Parish New Year's Dinner Dance will be held on **Sunday December 31st** in the church hall. Tickets are \$60 per person and includes a four-course dinner with wine, a great DJ, a sweet table and champagne at midnight as well as door prizes. Get your tickets today!

Tickets are for sale at the back of the church after all Masses.

ALPHA3

How quickly the weeks fly by when you are having fun in faith! Our Alpha3 is now over, and we had another wonderful group of participants. This program could not be so successful without the support and assistance of a lot of people! Our heartfelt gratitude goes to our amazing Kitchen Angels who were present every week to help with the food preparation and serving; to all of the people and ministries who contributed with such hospitality by cooking the delicious meals for us; to our technology person Dave who looked after the video and music presentations each week; to our quiet behind-the-scenes set up people; and to our small table group hosts and helpers we extend a profound thank you for their sincere presence and support throughout the Alpha experience. Joined together in faith we experienced the work of the Holy Spirit and the presence of Jesus. May God bless you all in ways that not only impact your life, but also in ways that help us build His church. Thank you all!



THE SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL ANGEL TREE

Please return Angel Gifts by next weekend, Dec. 10th for distribution to the families. We would like to thank you in advance for helping to make a Joyful Christmas for our neighbor's in need.

DOWNLOAD OUR NEW PARISH APP TODAY!

How do I use the new App for Holy Family Parish?

Our new Parish App is now up and running. Follow the steps below to download and explore.

Step 1: Download the App

- Either scan the QR code or visit myparishapp.com/download in the web browser on your mobile device.
- click on **"Get the App"**
- Download the app from the Apple App Store or Google Play (as applicable)



Step 2: Sign-in

- Open the **myParish** app on your mobile device
- Once the app opens, click **"skip intro"** at the bottom-left corner of the screen
- Find Holy Family parish by typing **"Whitby"** into the search box
- Select **"Holy Family Parish"** from the menu; tap **"get started"**; you will now be on the main page for our parish's app
- Tap the **menu icon** ☰ in the top-left corner of the screen
- Select **"sign in"** from the menu
- Select **"create account"**
- Enter your name, email address, and create a password; then tap **"sign-in"**
- **You are now logged in.**

Step 3: Explore

- Tap on the **messages icon** 💬 on the main page
- View Father Laszlo's introductory video and the other tutorial videos by tapping the links in the first two messages
- On the main page, tap on the **groups icon** 👥; tap **"find a group"**; browse through the groups and tap **"join"** on any of the groups you would like to join. When your join request is approved by the app administrator, you will be able view discussions and start discussions in the group(s) you have joined.
- On the main page, tap on the **calendar icon** 📅; tap on **"featured events"** to browse through the various calendars to see what events are coming up in the parish; to add an event directly to your calendar in your phone, click the **add icon** + next to the event you wish to add.

DECEMBER 3, 2017



Over the course of the past couple of weeks, our EDGE and Life Teen youth have heard about the importance of community, especially in living a life of faith. This week, they will be spoken to about the wonderful opportunities that exist to go further through being witnesses to our faith in the public eye and through community service. Please pray that all the graces experienced in our youth ministries might flow out to everyone we meet! All youth in grades 5 to 12 are welcome so please join us this week. Edge meets on Thursdays from 6-8pm and Life Teen meets on Mondays from 7-9 pm.

TEEN VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Teen volunteers are needed for the Holy Family's New Year's Eve Dinner Dance on December 31st. Please contact our Youth Minister for more details.



OREMUS ~ A GUIDE TO PRAYER

Join us for our next Adult Faith Formation on *Oremus: A Guide to Prayer*. This program will help you make prayer an important part of your life. *Oremus* will open your mind and heart through authentic dialogue with Jesus. For most of us, prayer is just a habit and sometimes we find ourselves having difficulty communicating with the Lord. This course will allow you to discover how to place yourself in the presence of God and how to make prayer an integral part of your daily life. This 8 week study will take place on Mondays starting on Jan 15th. Choose between Mornings 10:30am or Evenings 7:30pm. Workbooks will be available for \$40 at the back of the church after all Masses.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 10th Last day to return Angel Gifts
Dec 11, 12 & 13 Advent Retreat
Dec 16th Choir Christmas Concert
Dec 31st New Year's Eve Dinner Dance
Jan 9th ChristLife Facilitator Training
Jan 15th Bible Study Starts
Jan 16th ChristLife Starts

A MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF NEW EVANGELIZATION

How the **ChristLife** and **Oremus** programs fit into Holy Family's Spiritual Renovation Plan for New Evangelization.

As a family of faith at Holy Family, we have come to realize that we are truly called to take part in evangelization – the New Evangelization of re-engaging the faithful, gathering the scattered and welcoming the lost. Our parish mission statement calls us to participate in, and invite others into a dynamic parish where we can encounter Jesus and become disciples.

The second pillar of our Spiritual Renovation Plan is a Focus on New Evangelization where we set out the strategic priorities of: Kerygmatic Programs (to understand the Gospel message and teaching); Adult and Youth Faith Formation; Human and Leadership Formation; and Support for Parish Ministries. We have continued to work on many goals associated with these priorities, and have built on many initiatives already within the parish such as Bible Study, the Youth Ministry, support for sacramental preparation and ministries. Over the past year, we have engaged in a specific program of kerygmatic evangelization in the Alpha course. The welcoming and inspiring sessions brought people together weekly not only to experience the video presentations, but most importantly, to talk about faith in a non-judgmental and supportive small group. For many, this has been a re-awakening of their dormant faith, for others it has revealed a desire to know more, and for some it created the opportunity for them to experience an encounter with Jesus that has brought them to faith. With the involvement of many, with supportive prayers, and with the graces of the Holy Spirit, we have been very blessed.

In the New Year, we will be taking the next step of our evangelization journey with the **ChristLife** program which will explore our Catholic understanding of the Gospel message in a deeper way, and through **Oremus** which will support our growth, understanding and desire for an active and joyful prayer life. Through our baptism, all the faithful are called to be disciples - to live life in a way that follows the teaching of Jesus and brings others into a relationship with Him. We are all invited to reflect on our faith journey, and to consider taking a more intentional step towards opening our hearts to a fuller faith. As a family of faith, we venture forward in support, hope and love. *Won't you join us?*



The choirs of Holy Family Parish welcome all to an evening of Christmas Carols on **Saturday, December 16th** after the 5pm Mass in the 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.

HOLY FAMILY ADVENT RETREAT

Why not set aside a few evenings to shift your focus during the hectic days leading to Christmas? Come and attend the Holy Family Advent Retreat and prepare your heart for the coming of our Lord and Savior. Our guest speaker will be Father Joseph Machaj.

Monday Dec. 11th 7pm Mass
Tuesday Dec. 12th 7pm Mass
Wednesday Dec. 13th 7pm Mass

Advent Reconciliation will follow after the Mass on Wednesday December 13th.

HOLY FAMILY GIFT SHOP

2018 Sunday Missals are available for sale in the Gift Store for \$5.00 each. Make sure to visit us after Mass and browse our great selection of Christmas gift ideas as well as beautiful Christmas cards.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY CATECHISTS NEEDED



Anyone interested in being a part of this Ministry is asked to please call the church, or Mary Kay Boase at 905-668-8353. Thank you so much!