

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, January 1

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule:

8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am, and 12:30pm

Tuesday, January 2, 9 a.m.

+Mary Borg req by Borg Family

Wednesday, January 3, 7 p.m.

CWL Members Living & Deceased

+Lily Rose Joseph req by Joseph Family

In Thanksgiving for Francis & Mary Ann

req by Mary Ann Fernando

Thursday, January 4, 9 a.m.

+Joanne Mapp req by Legion of

Mary Members

Friday, January 5, 9 a.m.

Special Intentions

Saturday, January 6

9 a.m. Sp Int Sharmela & Louis

Villavarayen req by

Mary Ann Fernando

5 p.m. +Carmelo Cornacchia req by

Celebre Family

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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

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.

DOWNLOAD HOLY FAMILY PARISH APP TODAY!

Our new Parish App is now up and running. Stay connected with our parish throughout the week with instant notifications, easy-to-access calendars, receive messages from Fr. László, daily readings, group discussions and so much more.

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 and select **"sign in"** from the menu the 'create an 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.



EXCITING NEW CHRISTLIFE SERIES COMING THIS JANUARY



Do you have unanswered questions about God, and the meaning of your life? Have you been through Alpha? Do you desire to go deeper in your faith?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions then Discovering Christ is for you!

In *Discovering Christ* anyone and everyone is invited to hear the Good News and come to a personal encounter with Jesus Christ. This experience helps people to enter into or renew a relationship with Jesus, experience the love of God the Father, and be empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Each session starts with a **meal**, this gives us an opportunity to get to know each other in a casual setting; a short time of **prayer** follows; then there is a **video presentation** which simply proclaims the Gospel message and helps us get to know Jesus better; then, finally, there is time for **small group discussions**, where in smaller groups we have the chance to share with one another our impressions from the presentation. Through this combination of fellowship, teaching and small group discussion over the course of seven weeks, we will be given an opportunity to encounter Christ personally, an *encounter that is always life-changing*.

Interested? Come and join us! Holy Family will be running the Discovering Christ program on Tuesdays starting on **January 16th**; morning sessions at 10:30am, evening sessions at 7:00pm.

If you are interested in attending the Discovering Christ program, email our Director of Faith Formation, Michael Czesnik at faithformation.holyfamily@gmail.com. We hope to see you!

FACILITATOR TRAINING FOR OREMUS AND CHIRSLIFE

Facilitator training for these programs will take place as follows:

Oremus on Monday January 8th at 7:30pm and

ChristLife on Tuesday January 9th at 7:00 p.m.

MARY - MOTHER OF CHRIST!



Some may wonder why the Church designates the first day of the New Year as the feast of *Mary, the Mother of God*. Ever since the 4th century, our Church, after celebrating the birth of the Savior, has asked a blessing on the New Year under the maternal protection of Mary, Mother of the Saviour and our Mother. Today's feast invites us to lay our hopes and plans for the new-starting year in her motherly care. We entrust to her our personal concerns and those of our world.

Therefore we see Mary *marveling* at what has happened, *treasuring* the events of Christmas in her memory, and *pondering* them in her heart.

The image is that of the contemplative woman who ponders the marvels the Almighty has done for her and for all people. She ponders in response to what the shepherds said to her. Those simple, humble shepherds had preached the gospel to her, repeating what had been told to them by the angels, "Today in the town of David, a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord." It is this good news, this Gospel, that she treasured and pondered over.

The same gospel has been handed on to us, and we are invited to treasure it, to ponder on it and to respond to it, as Mary did. Today, New Year's Day, is a day when many feel drawn to make good resolutions. What better New Year's resolution could we make today than that of adopting Mary's stance before the grace of God? Today's feast invites us to share in Mary's sense of awe and wonder before God's merciful love, made known to us in Christ, her son.

It's good, at the beginning of this New Year, to again raise our eyes to Mary. She will accompany us through the coming days with a mother's care and tenderness. She will care for our faith and our hope. We should not forget her all year long.

As we look towards the New Year, we ask Mary to help us to treasure the gospel as she did, so that Christ might come to others through us as He came to us through Mary. *O Mary, Mother of God, pray for us!*

May the New Year be of blessings in abundance. May God bless you and keep you.

Fr. László Nagy
Pastor



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