

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 30

7 p.m. +Kay Ely req by
CWL Members

Tuesday, December 1

9 a.m. +Annon Devayani
req by Family

Wednesday, December 2

7 p.m. +CWL Members Living &
Deceased

7 p.m. +Palma & Domenico Guzzo
req by D'Aliesio Family

Thursday, December 3

9 a.m. +Robert Ayres req by
Ministers of Communion for
The Sick

Friday December 4

7 p.m. +Len Tobin req by
Sheila Tobin

7 p.m. Fr. Heffernan

7 p.m. +Berneice Barta req by
Finnan & Francis Phillips

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

7 p.m. +Joseph Hugel req by Alan
& Carmelle Perron

7 p.m. +Bryan Waugh req by
Alan & Carmelle Perron

Saturday, December 5

9 a.m. +Jeanette Coe req by
Maurice Coe & Family

5 p.m. +Pasquale, Antonia,
Giuseppe & Domenico
Aqui req by Maria Giorgi

FR. LEO J. AUSTIN GRADE 8 INFO. NIGHT

We invite you to attend our **Grade 8 Parent Information Night at 7:00 p.m. in the Cafetorium on Wednesday January 13, 2016.** This evening will help inform you about the transition of students from elementary to secondary school. Following the presentation we invite you to tour our school and to meet with our curriculum chairs for each department. If you have any questions please contact the school at (905) 666-2010.

FAMILY OF FAITH CAMPAIGN

The **Family of Faith** campaign in the Archdiocese of Toronto flows from the vision of Cardinal Collins as outlined in the Pastoral Plan. This plan was developed in consultation with parishioners, priests and leaders within the Archdiocese. The original goal of the Family of Faith was raise to \$105 million in support of this unprecedented effort to strengthen, inspire and transform the Archdiocese of Toronto and its 225 parishes. To date the campaign has raised &130 million.

Holy Family Parish is participating in the final wave of the campaign. Our parish goal is \$620,000. Twenty five percent (25%) of the funds raised up to our parish goal will be used to address our needs. If we exceed our goal, 75% of all funds raised above the goal come back to us as well.

Please pray for the **Family of Faith** campaign. In the coming weeks you will hear more about the **Family of Faith** and how you can support Holy Family Parish and the Archdiocese of Toronto. Please welcome your fellow parishioners when they contact you by telephone. You can learn more about the **Family of Faith** at ourFamilyofFaith.ca.

HOLY FAMILY CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



Holy Family Parish will host a Children's Christmas Party to celebrate Jesus' birthday on **Saturday, December 5th from 12:00nn - 2:30pm in the church hall.** 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 12th 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 Knights room downstairs. Admission is free. Bring your family, friends and Christmas Spirit.

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.

THE ANGEL TREE



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul **Angel Tree** will be at the back of the church this weekend. 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 13th for distribution to the families.** Thank you for your continued support.

PARISH OUTREACH HOMELESS MISSION GRATITUDE

Our Parish Homeless mission team wish to humbly and graciously thank each and every parishioner who donated and contributed to our appeal. Our homeless will extend their usual thanks and - God bless you - in a prayerful way to each of your giving souls. Be assured of our and your ongoing care to our less fortunate in Christ's embrace. MaryAnne Belanger, Alan Perron and our Homeless Outreach team.

PARISH REFUGEE UPDATE

Our Parish Refugees in the Ghanese Refugee camp are currently being visited by our ORAT Archdiocesan Director - Dr.Martin Mark. The Refugee family are very active in their Catholic faith; the mother directing the St Bakhita parish choir, one of the adult sons being secretary in the church and the rest of the family working within the circles of the church and helping those in their camp.

Their home and furnishing needs once they come to Whitby are quickly being filled and stored. Please consult with our parish Refugee bulletin board as you exit our Holy Family church to view their remaining requirements. The Refugee family send their Advent blessings and sincere thanks for their cause. In Christ's love we serve and pray. Our Parish Refugee team.



CALLING SINGERS & NON-SINGERS!

No prior experience necessary! Come join our Adult Choir and enjoy singing to praise our Lord. It will be a fun environment with a lot of learning potential! Our Youth choir is looking to expand! Please come see Alicia Del Vecchio at either 11am or 12:30pm mass on any Sunday to sign up for either choir! Instrumentalists also encouraged to join and share their passion for music! Contact: Alicia Del Vecchio at her email: aliciadelvecchio777@gmail.com for more information



Congratulations to all of the Confirmation candidates in their Inscription Ceremonies this weekend! Everyone in the Youth Ministry supports and loves you, and will walk with you during this time of preparation to receive the Holy Spirit!

Registration is still open!!

We are always accepting new registrations!!! If you would like to be a part of our ministry and see what all the hype is about come out and join us!!



Who: Grades 5-8
When: Thursdays 6-8pm
Where: Holy Family Parish Hall
Cost: \$40 (includes t-shirt and snacks for the year)



Who: Grades 9-12
When: Tuesdays 7-9pm
Where: Holy Family Parish Hall
Cost: \$40 (includes t-shirt and snacks for the year)

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



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. 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 16, 2015 from 3:00pm to 9:00pm.**