

## PALM SUNDAY



### **Monday, April 10, 7 p.m.**

+Cheryl Cordick req by Family

### **Tuesday, April 11, 9 a.m.**

+Lolita Piga req by Alex & Family

### **Wednesday, April 12, 7 p.m.**

Members of Knights of Columbus,  
Living & Deceased

+Marguerite Gillard req by Family

+Joseph Campbell req by Paul &  
Charlotte Mulhern

+Delmar Surnoskie req by Flo  
Bankhead

### **PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

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

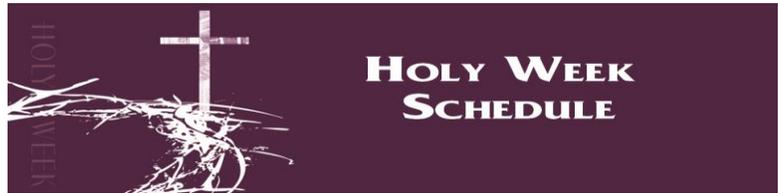
### **MARCH FOR LIFE**

Mark your calendars: **Thursday May 11th, 2017**. Join thousands in Ottawa for the annual **March for Life**. A bus will be leaving from Holy Family Parish. Remember the words of our first Prime Minister: "Abortion saps the very lifeblood of a nation." - Sir John A. MacDonald. Life - We Stand On Guard For Thee! Contact: Patricia 905-668-7292

### **CELEBRATION CANADA 150**

Mark Saturday June 3rd in your calendar and join with fellow parishioners in celebrating Canada's 150 year of Confederation.

We welcome your ideas to help make our celebration a success and if you would like to be a part of the organizing committee, please contact the church office or call Paddy Cauley 905 430 6906.



### **HOLY THURSDAY – April 13**

7:00 p.m. Mass

(Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 12 midnight)

### **GOOD FRIDAY – April 14**

Good Friday Service - 12 noon

Divine Mercy Novena - 2:00 p.m.

Good Friday Service - 3:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross - 7:00 p.m.

### **HOLY SATURDAY – April 15**

NO MORNING MASS

Divine Mercy – 3 p.m.

Vigil Mass - 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. with Incense

(New R.C.I.A. members to receive Full Initiation and Full Communion)

### **EASTER SUNDAY – April 16**

8:00 a.m. Mass Church

9:30 a.m. Mass Church & Hall

11:00 a.m. Mass Church & Hall

12:30 p.m. Mass Church & Hall

### **EASTER MONDAY – April 17**

Mass at 7:00 p.m.

**OFFICE CLOSED ON EASTER MONDAY**

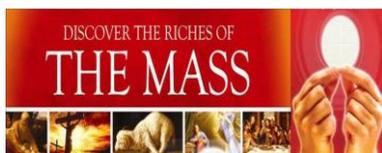
### **SACRED RELICS OF THE SAINTS: TREASURES OF THE CHURCH**



**Holy Family Parish** presents a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics this **Monday April 10 at 7:00 pm**. Father Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross will be here with his very special ministry to teach about these holy objects. He will bring with him over 150 relics, some as old as 2000 years. Among the treasures will be

relics of St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Lisieux (the "Little Flower"), St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska. In addition, there will also be present a portion of the veil of Our Lady, as well as one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world. Those in attendance will be able to examine and venerate each relic. In the Church's history many miracles and healings have been worked in the presence of relics, and many have been healed through this ministry. Please do not miss this opportunity. You are encouraged to bring your articles of devotion (such as rosaries, holy cards, etc.) and pictures of ill friends/family members which you will be able to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession.

For more updates, programs, events, & homilies please visit our Parish Blog & Parish Podcast <https://holyfamilywh.archtoronto.org> or check out our Facebook: @Holy.Family.Whitby & Instagram: @holyfamilywh



### ADULT FORMATION

**A Biblical Walk Through the Mass** is beginning MAY 1 at Holy Family Parish. Dr. Edward Sri takes us on A

BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS – UNDERSTANDING WHAT WE SAY AND DO IN THE LITURGY. This study will equip you to worship in a richer and more fruitful way as you understand the meaning behind the parts of the Mass. The profound significance of the words and gestures we share at Mass are explored through their Biblical roots. Registration will take place after all weekend masses April 23 and 30 or through the church office during regular business hours. **Don't miss this opportunity**

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Holy Family Parish will be having a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Saturday, **May 6th at 11am**. Registered parishioners celebrating **Milestone Wedding Anniversary in 2017 (10<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, etc.)** are invited to renew your vows and commitment at a special Mass to celebrate your anniversary. Families and friends are welcome. Light refreshments will be served in the hall after the Mass. Call the office at 905-665-6470 to register or for more information



### Living the Gospel by supporting the Deaf community...

Taavi wasn't engaged at his school or in extracurricular sports and as a Deaf person, he faced obstacles trying to join his hearing peers. His mom encouraged him to try to participate in the Deaf community. His life changed when he joined a Deaf basketball fun day hosted by Silent Voice and met Mike, Director of the Silent Voice Child and Family Program. He joined a Deaf sports team, began a co-op position with Silent Voice in his 4th year of high school, and was hired as a counselor in the Silent Voice Sign Language Summer day camp. He continues to volunteer at Silent Voice and says, "I'm grateful to ShareLife – supported Silent Voice and want to be a role model for Deaf kids, like Mike was to me." Last year more than **600 deaf children** received help through ShareLife-supported Silent Voice's Sign Language Summer Camps.

### NEXT SHARELIFE SUNDAY IS MAY 7, 2017

#### PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY

#### ALPHA COURSE

We are inviting everyone to attend the 2nd Alpha course on **April 25 to June 27**, Tuesdays at 7pm in the parish hall. Alpha weekend is on June 9 & 10. Please invite your family and friends to attend this course. We will have a wonderful supper for all our guest. Please RSVP at the back of the church or online at <http://holyfamilywh.archtoronto.org>

### YOUTH MINISTRY UPCOMING EVENTS

Stuebenville Toronto	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• July 28-30 2017 (UOIT Campus)</li> <li>• High school teens</li> <li>• A powerful conference of evangelization, full of of faith, music, sharing, guest speakers, activities, and fun</li> </ul>
Life Teen Camp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• August 7-12 2017 (Jackson's Point, ON)</li> <li>• High school teens</li> <li>• A week of summer camp just for students of our Life Teen program to encounter Christ and have a camp experience like no other</li> </ul>
EDGE Camp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• August 23-27 2017 (Camp White Pine)</li> <li>• Students in grades 5-8</li> <li>• An exciting faith-filled week of summer camp for students registered in our EDGE program</li> </ul>
Youth Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Life Teen every Monday from 7p-9p: Grades 9-12</li> <li>• Youth Alpha every Tues from 2:45p-4p at Austin High School</li> <li>• EDGE every Thursday from 6p-8p: Grades 5-8</li> </ul>

### IT'S A NEW TIME...

Here we are, finally in spring, a new season filled with growth and new life. And we are approaching the holiest of weeks in our liturgical year as Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday and leads us through the Passion of our Lord in his Crucifixion to the joy of his Resurrection on Easter! This is the most important time, not only in our faith, but for our faith. For to *be* Christian is to recognize and celebrate the gift of Jesus on the cross for our sake, and to join in the mystery and beauty of His Resurrection. But to *live* Christian is to follow the invitation of Jesus to be in relationship with him in a way that we bring the joy of Easter to our daily mission in life and become disciples.

Accepting His gift is something we each do of our own volition, and to varying degrees. We might open this gift slowly and gradually, or we might embrace it fully and wholeheartedly. Wherever we are on our faith journey, we know that we are all called to contribute in faith to our community. We know that it is in serving others that we are following what Jesus modelled. It is in welcoming others, in helping those in need, in praying for each other, that we take steps towards fulfilling our mission and towards becoming disciples. And so, we can get close to our Lord in these steps, we can develop a relationship with Him because when we *live* and *give* Christ we encounter Him through our serving. This is what evangelization is all about.

Here at Holy Family, we are pushing ourselves a bit outside of our comfort zone of "how things have always been" and "what we've always done" in pursuit of a reawakening of the fire of our faith that is so full and joyful that it just spills out into every part of our lives. Through parish initiatives such as our Hospitality Ministry, our adult faith formation, our Alpha, there are many joining in on this journey. There are many who have found in themselves a strength of faith, and gifts of the Holy Spirit that they didn't even know they had. And these discoveries are bringing them into deeper relationship with Jesus, and with each other. It is bringing people to desire to serve as leaders in our many programs so that through *living Christ and giving Christ*, they not only fulfill their mission to become disciples of Christ in life, but they also discover the surprising gifts and fullness it brings to their own heart! Please, won't you consider joining us.

Mary Kay Boase, Director for New Evangelization