

PALM SUNDAY



Monday, March 21, 7 p.m.

+Margaret MacLean req by Paul & Charlotte Mulhern

Tuesday, March 22, 9 a.m.

+Elmer May req by Paul & Charlotte Mulhern

Wednesday, March 23, 7pm

Sp Int Danielle Newman req by Carmelita Ring

Holy Thursday, March 24,

Good Friday March 25,

Holy Saturday, March 26

Pls see Holy Week Schedule

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Holy Family Parish will be having a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Saturday, **May 7th at 11am**. Registered parishioners celebrating **Milestone Wedding Anniversary in 2016 (10th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 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.



We are looking for new volunteers for the Fundraising Team. For those interested, please call Mike at 905-665-7891.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Holy Saturday 3:00 p.m. sung in Church

Easter Sunday 3:00 p.m. sung in Church

Monday – Friday 7:00 p.m.

(before Mass on M-W-F & 7:00 p.m. T-Th.)

Final Saturday 3:00 p.m. sung in Church

ASSISTED SUICIDE-PROTECT THE VULNERABLE & THOSE WHO CARE FOR THEM

By June 2016, the Government of Canada is expected to pass legislation to legalize assisted suicide. Cardinal Collins encourages Catholics throughout the archdiocese to **visit CanadiansforConscience.ca** and support the Coalition for HealthCARE and Conscience. The coalition represents a group of like-minded partners, including 5,000 doctors across Canada, who are committed to protecting conscience rights for health practitioners and facilities. You can use this website to write directly to your Member of Parliament, respectfully expressing your concerns. Given tight timelines for this legislation, pls take action no later than April 1, 2016.

LECTIO DIVINA

As a result of the extensive renovations underway at St. Michael's Cathedral, Lectio Divina with Cardinal Collins will travel throughout the archdiocese in 2016. On Sunday, April 3, it will be hosted at St. Joseph the Worker Parish, 1100 Mary St. North, Oshawa. We hope you will be able to join Cardinal Collins and our faith community.

Lectio Divina (“divine, or sacred, reading”) is the name given to a spiritual tradition among Christians over the last two thousand years. This form of prayer involves three distinct stages: a) reading a short scripture passage b) reflecting on the passage and c) a short period of silence. We begin with Vespers (Evening Prayer) at 7 p.m., followed by Lectio Divina from 7:30 to 8:15 p.m. All are welcome to join Cardinal Collins for this special evening of prayer. Lectio Divina is recorded by Salt & Light Catholic Media for future broadcast.

More information and archived video of Lectio Divina can be found online at <https://www.archtoronto.org/lectio>.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

The Pontifical Collection for the benefit of the Holy Places is scheduled this year on **Good Friday March 25, 2016**. Our parish, once a year on Good Friday is called to support the Christians in the Holy Land. Many Christians in the Holy Land depend on the collection for their lives.

As a Pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, the annual Good Friday Collection offers a direct link for parishioners to be witnesses of peace and to help protect the Holy Places. When you donate on Good Friday, you are supporting Christians in the Holy Land.

LEGION OF MARY

OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL PRAESIDIUM

Bearing in mind the significance of devotion to Mary in the legion system, each year there shall be a consecration of the legionaries to Our Lady. The consecration (known as the *ACIES*) which comprise both an individual and a collective consecration – shall take place on **March 20, 2016 (Sunday) at 2:00pm at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 14 Highland Drive, Markham, ON**. We are inviting all active and auxiliary members of the Legion of Mary to attend the *ACIES*. For more information, please contact Nancy @ (289) 388-7240 or (905) 666-847

HOLY FAMILY GIFT STORE

If you are looking for keepsakes for Baptism, First Communion & Confirmation, please take a moment to look at the beautiful items in our gift store. We have plenty of new gifts/souvenirs you can choose from.



WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon. March 21 - 7:00 p.m. Mass
 Tues. March 22 - 9:00 a.m. Mass
 Wed. March 23 - 7:00 p.m. Mass
 Thurs. March 24 - (see below)

HOLY THURSDAY – March 24

7:00 p.m. Mass
 (Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 until 12 midnight)

GOOD FRIDAY – March 25

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 – March 26

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 – March 27

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

OFFICE CLOSED ON EASTER MONDAY

1ST COMMUNION DATES – 2016

St. Matthew/St Theresa	Sat., April 9	11:00am
St. Mark	Sat., April 9	3:00pm
Sunday School	Sat., April 9	5:00pm
St Paul/St Bernard	Sun., April 10	3:00pm

CONFIRMATION DATES - 2016

St. Matthew	Sat., April 16	11:00am
St. Bernard	Sat., April 16	3:00pm
St. Mark	Sun., April 17	5:00pm
St Paul	Sat., April 23	11:00am
St Theresa/Sunday Sch.	Sat., April 23	3:00pm

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FAMILY BREAKFAST

Holy Family Knights of Columbus invite you to their annual breakfast on **April 24 after the 8am, 9:30am & 11am Masses** in the Msgr. Breen Hall. Prices are adults \$5, family is \$10. Please come and enjoy breakfast with us. Proceeds are used to support ministries throughout the year at Holy Family.

HOLY FAMILY 60S & 70S

DINNER DANCE

We are inviting everyone to the Holy Family 60's and 70's Dinner and Dance that will be held in the church hall on Saturday April 30 at 7pm. Come out and dance the night away. We will have dinner, a DJ, a silent auction and lots of prizes. Tickets will soon be available for sale at the back of the church. Tickets can be obtained by phoning Paddy Cauley at 905 430 6906.

YOUTH MINISTRY MESSAGE

The #Feels of Mass: What will Holy Week mean to you?

Every Triduum is of course special because it is the 3 days we have been waiting and praying for literally 40 days leading to the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour. This year is particularly special for the Youth Ministry because for the first time we have 5 high school students receiving Full Initiation and Full Communion at the Holy Saturday Easter Vigil. I can't help but get right on that #feelstrain as I think about the journey ALL of our youth have been on this year and how blessed I feel to be the Youth Minister here at Holy Family. I want to take a minute to reflect on the #feels of the Easter Vigil Mass. Do you hop on the #feelstrain too?

It always makes me feel so weird when the tabernacle is empty, like a piece of my heart is missing, but it's okay because we know what's going to happen! I also always actively try not to burn myself with candle wax...which never works out. But I love watching everyone pass the flame around. Like the Catholic Olympics are beginning, which they kind of are. When the incense hits my nose I always try to imagine what Jesus smelled like, and then I look around and recognize how beautiful our Catholic family is. The room is silent, everyone is holding a candle and waiting for Christ to be resurrected, and I can't help but tear up. Our brand new Catholic brothers and sisters become part of the Living Church, and when these boys are initiated next Saturday I'll for sure bawl. While heaven meets earth and the bread is transubstantiated into the Eucharist, it brings me so much joy to know we get to receive the crucified and risen body of the man who was brutally beaten, died for our sins and rose on the third day. All because he loves us. All because we couldn't save ourselves. What other #feelsofMass have you and your family experienced?