

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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- 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.

Monday, December 11, 7 p.m.

Advent Retreat Mass

Tuesday, December 12, 9 a.m.

Note, there will be no 9am Mass

Tuesday, December 12, 7 p.m.

Advent Retreat Mass

Wednesday, December 13, 7 p.m.

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Knights of Columbus Members, Living & Deceased

Thursday, December 14, 9am

+Joseph & Marguerite Gillard req by Marguerite Gillard

Friday, December 15, 7pm

+ Eugénie Mukagatare req by the Family
+Ted Mizzi req by his wife & Family
+Joe Pereira req by the Pereira Family
+Wayne Scott req by the George Family
+Margot Weindorfer req by Bob Weindorfer
+Andrew Fedak req by his Family
Sp Int for Maureen Keogan req by the George Family

Saturday, December 9

9 a.m. +Pat Bourke req by Marg & Bill Vetzal
5 p.m. +Raj Persaud req by Barb Samaroo

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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

CHRISTMAS CAKES

Holy Family will be selling Christmas Cakes in support of **CAMPAIGN LIFE** next weekend, Dec 16th & 17th at the back of the church after all Masses. Small cake is \$15 and \$25 for a large cake.

LUNCHROOM SUPERVISORS

St. Matthew the Evangelist Catholic School is looking for two paid Lunchroom Supervisors. Please contact the school at 905-430-8597 if you are interested as soon as possible. **Thank you.**

NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER DANCE



The Holy Family Parish New Year's Dinner Dance will be held on **Sunday Dec. 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.



CHOIR CONCERT- JOIN US THIS SATURDAY!

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, THIS WEEK!

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.

PLEASE NOTE; THERE WILL BE NO 9AM MASS ON TUESDAY DEC 12TH

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Many, many children and their parents attended our annual Children's Christmas party on Saturday, December 2 and had a wonderful time! They had a nice lunch, watched a special video with popcorn, played some fun games, sang Christmas carols, greeted Santa, did some Christmas and Advent activities and colouring, played Advent BINGO, and left with some special treats. We wish to extend a huge thank you to all of the volunteers who made this event so memorable for our children! To the ladies in the kitchen taking care of the lunch and popcorn; the young people who helped lead the activities; Carlos and Fr. Matthew who led the carol singing; Fr. Leo Austin culinary students who made the delicious Christmas cookies; Paul who made the special chocolates; St. Paul school who loaned us the popcorn popper; Rob for the candy canes and everyone else who contributed to the day to make it so enjoyable, we are so grateful for your contributions of time and talent!

YOUTH MINISTRY



Did you know that the word prepare comes from the Latin word “praeparare”, which means to “make ready beforehand”? Over these next couple of weeks, we are getting ready for the celebration of Christmas – the arrival of Christ! Take a minute today to think about what you’re doing to prepare your heart during Advent. As awesome as twinkling lights and chestnuts roasting on an open fire are, we want to be able to focus on what matters most! Jesus wants to bring us hope and be in the center of our lives, not just this month, but always!

Reflection for the week: Ask yourself, what do I try to fill my life with? Technology? Food? Compliments? Try to fast from one of those things or something else this week!

Our final Life Teen and EDGE nights of 2017 happen **this week** on December 11th (7-9 PM) and 14th (6-8 PM)! Come play some games, eat some food, and celebrate the most wonderful Baby *Jesus with us!*



“REVEALED” is the theme for 2018’s Steubenville Toronto Conference! Steubenville is a conference that is happening from July 13-15 for **all high school students**. It is a chance to listen to speakers who are known around the world, attend Mass with 2,000 people, and worship with so many other teens whose hearts are on fire for Christ!! One teen has said “words cannot express how true, good, and beautiful these conferences are. I loved having the opportunity to spend the weekend growing in love for the Lord!” If this sounds like something you are interested in, please contact Camille at hfwym91@gmail.com for more details. Don’t wait!!

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.

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.

CHRISTLIFE~ DISCOVERING CHRIST

**Have you been through Alpha? Do you desire to go deeper in your faith?
Do you have unanswered questions about God, and the meaning of your life?**
If you answered “yes” to any of these questions then Discovering Christ is for you!

If you are interested in attending the Discovering Christ program, please sign up at the back of the church after Mass or email our Director of Faith Formation, Michael Czesnik at faithformation.holyfamily@gmail.com. The session will take place on Tuesdays starting on Jan 16th until Feb 27th. Choose between Morning (10:30am) and Evening (7:00pm) Sessions.

FACILITATOR TRAINING FOR OREMUS AND CHIRSTLIFE

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 7:00pm.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF NEW EVANGELIZATION

*How the **ChrisLife** 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.

Mary Kay Boase, Dir of New Evangelization



CHILDREN’S LITURGY

Anyone interested in being a part of this Children’s Ministry is asked to please call the parish or Mary Kay Boase at 905-668-8353.