



Monday, December 5, 7 p.m.

+Burke McInerney req by Family

Tuesday, December 6, 9 a.m.

+Wayne Kenon req by Rosary
Apostolate

Sp.Int. Laddy & Mena Ripel req
by Jack & Halena O'Rourke

Wednesday, December 7, 7 p.m.

CWL Members Living & Deceased

+Rosa Zingone req by

Mr. & Mrs. P. de Palma

Thursday, December 8, 9 a.m.

Sp Int 93rd Birthday of Edmund

Christopher Wijesinghe

Friday, December 9, 7 p.m.

+Marcel Labarre req by Maureen

Labarre & Family

Sp Int Jean Chasiak req by Family

+Pat Bourke

+Maria Nadina Scovino req by

Paul, Anna & Family

Saturday, December 10

9 a.m. +Wayne Kehoe req by

Legion of Mary

+Ben Czerwinski req by

Jack O'Rourke

5 p.m. +Mike Gallas req by

Anne Gallas

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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

VOCATION

DISCERNMENT RETREAT

The Office of Vocations invites single Catholic men, 17 years and older to attend a Vocations Discernment Retreat from Dec 9 to 11, 2016 at Manresa Spiritual Renewal Centre, Pickering. (Starts on Friday at 7 pm). The retreat offers Guided reflections, Holy Mass, Adoration, confession and the assistance of a vocations team. Suggested donation of \$150 to help cover costs. For more information, please see Fr. Marijan or call 416-968-0997.

YOUR OPINION COUNTS

As part of our work towards developing our parish Spiritual Renovation plan, we would like to gather as much information from as many parishioners as possible. Over time, this may take different forms, but all of it will provide our team with important information about our parish and the members who make up our Holy Family community. This will then inform our plans and decisions over the next years so that all that we do in our effort, time and financial support is spent in ways to meet the needs of our parish. At this time, we are conducting the Gallup Member Engagement (ME²⁵) survey until Sunday, December 18. All parishioners over the age of 18 are asked to please complete the Gallup ME25 survey. There is a link available from our parish website, or you may navigate to:

http://my.gallupfaith.com/holyfamilywhitby_L1N6Z3 pass code: **D930BE2**

Please only complete the survey once per person. Our goal is to have over 1,000 people do the survey, and we are already at 238! Thank you so much for your support.

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 12th 7pm Mass

Tuesday December 13th, 7pm Mass

Wednesday, December 14th, 7pm Mass

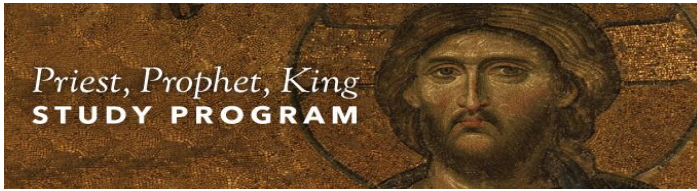
Advent Reconciliation will follow after the Mass on December 14th. This Advent Retreat will focus on the heart's readiness in anticipation of the coming of our Lord and Saviour. Speaker is Fr. Ben St. Croix, of the "Companions of the Cross" has a great zeal for the "New Evangelization" and his parish missions are an opportunity to proclaim the basic Gospel truth and to invite people into a dynamic relationship with Jesus. He is a spark the Lord uses to set hearts on fire!



"So often, our own sins and failings seem to be an obstacle in encountering the love of our Lord, preventing us from taking the steps towards authentic and renewed conversion. Yet Jesus came not to call the righteous, but sinners. He is the Good Shepherd who seeks out the lost, the physician who comes to heal the sick. And one of his first acts after the Resurrection was to entrust to the Church the power to forgive sins in his name. Thus, in order to undergo an authentic and renewed conversion, and to encounter the Love of God, a focus on the Sacrament of Reconciliation – this most powerful encounter with divine mercy – is essential." - Thomas Cardinal Collins. From **December 11 to 17, 2016**, each parish in the Archdiocese of Toronto will be holding a **Day of Confessions**. Confessions at our parish will be available **on December 14, 2016 from 3:00pm to 9:00pm**.

HOLY FAMILY SENIORS GROUP

The Holy Family Seniors Group will meet on **Wednesday, December 14th** at 1pm in the Knights Rooms. We are inviting all seniors of the parish to come for a fellowship and simple gathering in this Holy Season of Love & Hope. For more information & details, please call Beth at 289-240-1499.



PERFECT CHRISTMAS GIFT

At this season we anticipate the birth of Jesus Christ – our Priest, Prophet and King. Encourage someone on your gift list to grow in faith and knowledge with the gift of our **New Bible Study – Priest, Prophet, King**. This experience will provide a deeper understanding of who Jesus is and who we are because of Him.

Jesus is the Anointed One – the ultimate priest, prophet and king foreshadowed throughout the Hebrew Scriptures. We will deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ through Fr. Robert Barron's new DVD-based Study Program: *Priest, Prophet, King*. Explore the biblical archetypes of priest, prophet and king and see how Jesus is the ultimate fulfillment of each one.

On Monday, January 16, 2017 our parish will begin the *Priest, Prophet, King* study program. There will be 2 sessions: Morning at 10:30am and Evening at 7:30pm. For more information and to purchase the study materials visit the table at the back of the church after all masses this weekend. You may also contact the church office to purchase the **Priest, Prophet, King Study Program Workbook**



KEN MACDONALD COLUMBIAN SQUIRES

The Ken MacDonalld Columbian Squires of Whitby are running a membership drive for boys ages 10-18. Stop by and see what the Squires are all about. We are a 'Jr' version of the Knights of Columbus and we hold our meetings every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month from 6pm-7pm in the Knights room. The first meeting of the month is always a business meeting, while the second meeting is always a social. Come help to serve the parish and community in a fun and faith based atmosphere. Remember the Squires motto: *Esto Dignus - Be Worthy!*

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



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Regular weekly mass schedule for Monday to Friday
Dec. 19 – 23, 2016.

CHRISTMAS EVE

SATURDAY, DEC. 24 6:00 p.m.

Family Mass celebrated in the Church & Hall

8:00 p.m.

10:00 p.m.

12:00 Midnight (with Incense)

CHRISTMAS DAY

SUNDAY, DEC. 25 8:00 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

NEW YEAR'S EVE

SATURDAY, DEC. 31 5:00 p.m.

NEW YEAR'S DAY

SUNDAY, JAN. 1 8:00 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

**OFFICE CLOSED: Monday, December 26
Tuesday December 27
Monday January 2**

YOUTH MINISTRY ADVENT REFLECTION

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME COMING.

Prophecy is a tricky thing. Far more than some kind of divinely inspired "fortune telling," the prophets were ordinary people called to share extraordinary things. The prophesy from the first reading demonstrate a promise God makes and communicates through Isaiah that would take a long time to come around, centuries in fact! God may not act on our timeline, but He does act. He may not fulfill all of His promises during your lifetime, but He will fulfill them. That's why St. Paul can write so certainly in the second reading to the Romans. God's holy Word is supposed to bring us encouragement and endurance on this journey we are on. It may take time for prophecies to unfold, but that time allows the rest of us to share the Good News with even more souls, before Christ comes again.