

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Monday, December 12, 7 p.m.

+Wayne Kehoe req by Carmelita Ring

Tuesday, December 13, 9 a.m.

+Joseph Gillard req by Family

Wednesday, December 14, 7 p.m.

Members of Knights of Columbus,
Living and Deceased

+Maria & Frank Cannella req by

Mr. & Mrs. P. De Palma

Sp Int for Josephine Boland req by

Bridget Conneely

+Ursula Genevieve Casey req by

McGouran Family

Thursday, December 15, 9 a.m.

+Francesca & Ben De Palma req by

Mr. & Mrs. P. De Palma

Friday, December 16, 7 p.m.

+Pat Bourke req by Anne Bourke

+Pedro Quintero req by Cielo Quintero
and Family

+Andrew Fedak req by Family

+Adrian Besner req by Donald Berry

+Margot Weindorfer req by

Bob Weindorfer

+Johnny Campuzano req by Legion of
Mary Members

+Fred Bernales req Bob & Nora Padilla

Sp Int Jenny & Gonzalo Cisneros and

Family req by Noel & Kevin Willis

Sp Int Brenda Navarrio & Anna

Colacicco req by Noel & Kevin Willis

+Dominga Ibe Mangio req by

Linda Mercado

+Umberto Saturno req by Family

Saturday, December 17

9 a.m. +Rajeai Persaud req by
Barb Samaroo

5 p.m. +Joseph & Annie Aquilina
req by their Daughters &
their Families

To read Fr. László's Sunday homilies,
please check our Parish Blog at
<https://hollyfamilywh.archtoronto.org/>

2017 Envelopes are in the lobby by the office. Please verify that the information on the envelope box is correct. Please use the parish information form in the lobby for any changes that are necessary. Please use your **new** envelopes in January and recycle your old one.

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!

FAMILY OF FAITH UPDATE

As many of you remember, we have completed our active fundraising for your parish's Family of Faith campaign. Our participation in this important program not only greatly helps our parish, it helps establish funds for the Archdiocese of Toronto to fund a number of initiatives outlined in the Pastoral Plan.

Our parish campaign experienced tremendous success. We have received the first payment to our parish for the Family of Faith campaign amounting to **\$41,934.77**, which covers the period from the beginning of our parish campaign to June 30, 2016. We are using this fund only for the purpose outlined in our parish case statement.

Please remember to contribute toward your pledge to enable us to fund projects that will help to welcome and serve those who come to our church to encounter Christ.

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/hollyfamilywhitby_L1N6Z3 pass code: **D930BE2**

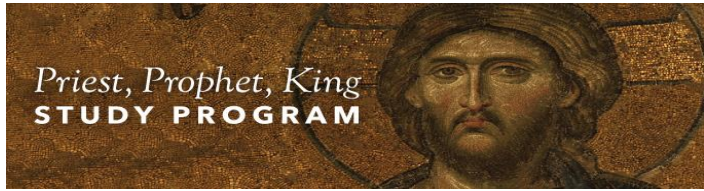
Please only complete the survey once per person. Our goal is to have over 1,000 people do the survey. Thank you so much for your support.

ALPHA COURSE: COMING TO HOLY FAMILY IN FEBRUARY 2017!



Ask anything about life, faith, and God. Try Alpha! Alpha is a series of interactive sessions exploring the basics of the Christian faith. Each session looks at a different question and is designed to create conversation. There's no pressure, no follow-up and no charge; it's just an open, informal, and honest space to explore and discuss life's big questions together.

We will be running Alpha at Holy Family starting in February 2017 in the parish hall. Details will be announced in a few weeks. Please make time to attend and experience having a personal encounter with the Lord.



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**



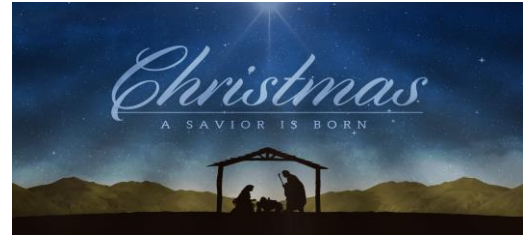
CWL MEMORIAL RIBBON

The annual Memorial Ribbon will be wrapped around the big Christmas tree in the Church foyer. All parishioners are welcome to write the names of the deceased loved ones on the ribbon. We request a donation of \$1.00 per name. All proceeds will be donated to The Society St. Vincent De Paul, HFP.

Please see a CWL member at the back of the Church after each Mass on the weekend of **December 17th and 18th.**

THANK YOU!

A great time was had by all! **Thank you to all the parents who signed up and brought their dear children to our Holy Family Children's Christmas Party on Saturday, December 3rd.** We are so grateful to have had this opportunity to welcome them at this event and help them experience the connection between home and church, and to build our community of faith for now and the future. For this event to happen, there were many people involved who worked hard and deserve many thanks. Thank you to the parish CWL & Knights who contributed and helped in many ways; to the amazing ladies in the kitchen who cooked all the grilled cheese sandwiches; to Percy and Carlos who provided the Christmas carols; to Dave for taking the pictures; to Paul who made all the special Christmas chocolates given to each child; to Rob who donated the candy canes/candies; to all the wonderful high school volunteers who set-up, cleaned up and looked after all the activities and children; and finally to Santa for coming to the party and for bringing smiles to every child's face. Thank you to Fr. László and Fr. Marijan for their support of this exciting event for our children.



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.

YOUTH MINISTRY ADVENT REFLECTION

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT- SOS!

Time for that pink candle! Or rose I should say. The third week of Advent is all about joy, are you joyous right now? Life will have hardships and suffering. There are seasons of joy, but also seasons of sadness. How's that for a happy thought? Encouraging right? Bad times will always come from time to time, why then would the Church tell us to "rejoice" today? Rejoicing in suffering seems weird doesn't it? Isaiah gives us a clue in the first reading, reminding us that flowers bloom even in the desert. Joy and gladness will overpower the mourning and sadness. We have a God who knows your needs and hears your cries and who *responds!* Age after age God's people have called out, sent the SOS signal, waved the white flag, prayed for a deliverer...and when the time came we were sent a Redeemer who, through suffering, would restore all hope and save us all. What a reason to rejoice.

Jesus' suffering set us free. Go to your nearest chapel sometime this week and meditate on the crucifix. Even if you just stare at it, think of the love that it presents.