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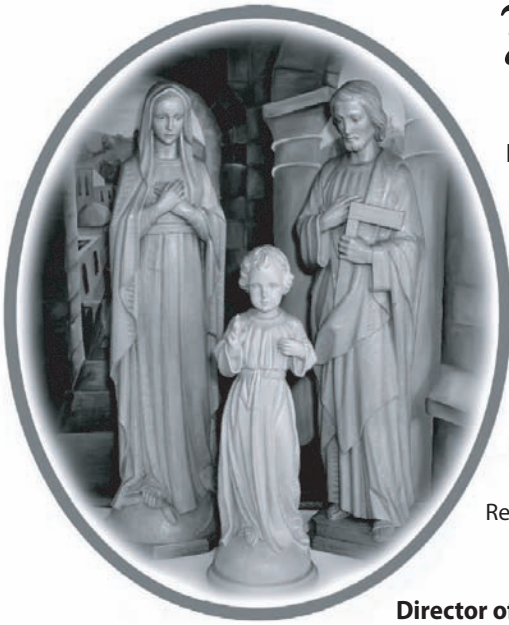
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Rectory Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday & Thursday 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Parish Mission Statement:

The Holy Family Catholic Parish thanks God for His gifts to us of time, talent and treasure. In following the Lord's command to "make disciples of all nations..." (Mt. 28:19), each of us will use these gifts in praising God. We will work in the service of our community by encouraging and helping all to reconnect to our Church, renew our faith and rebuild our commitment to God.



PASTOR:

Rev. Fr. Laszlo Nagy

ASSOCIATE:

Rev Fr. Matthew McCarthy

OFFICE MANAGER:

Tess Bondoc

Director of New Evangelization:

Mary Kay Boase

Youth Minister: Camille Herrera

Office Assistant: Sue Kanemy

PARISH MINISTRIES:

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Adult Faith Formation	905-665-6470
Alpha	905-668-8353
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Children's Choir	905-665-6470
Childrens Liturgy of the Word	905-668-8353
Daughters of Mary	905-668-8353
Eucharistic Ministers	905-665-6470
Extraordinary Ministers	905-430-8552
Gift Store	905-721-8909
Hospitality Ministry	905-665-6470
Lectors	289-356-0246
Legion of Mary	905-666-8471
Marriage Preparation	905-665-6470
Militia Immaculata	905-665-8177
Mother's Group	289-240-8995
Outreach Ministry	905-430-2515
ProLife	905-668-7292
R.C.I.A.	905-925-6828
Rosary Apostolate	289-893-2127
Seniors Group	289-240-1499
Serra Club of Durham	905-571-4605
St. Vincent's Kitchen	905-668-8353
Society of Saint Vincent de Paul	905-668-8752
Sacramental Prep Class	905-426-0851
Ushers	905-665-9385
Volunteer Screening	905-665-6515
Youth Ministry	905-665-6470

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m.

DAILY MASSES:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 7:00 p.m.
 Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday: 9:00 a.m.
 Novena Mass to Our Lady of Perpetual Help is every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Exposition is 1 hour before all weekday Masses.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday 4 p.m. to 4:55 p.m. or upon request.

BAPTISM: Contact the Parish office.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

"Couples planning to be married must contact the priest ONE YEAR in advance. You must take a Marriage Preparation course and be a registered member of Holy Family Parish. If either party has gone through any form of civil or religious marriage with another person, the priest is not permitted to set a date for the wedding until the Bishop's office has been contacted."

PARISH DEVOTIONS:

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

- Beginning one hour before all weekday Masses.
- Friday from noon to just before the 7 p.m. Mass.
- On the First Friday of the month, Adoration will continue after Mass until midnight.

Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet

- Rosary is recited 1/2 hr before all weekday masses.
- Scriptural Rosary is 1st Saturday of the month after the 9am Mass.
- Divine Mercy Chaplet is every Friday at 3 p.m.

PARISH SCHOOLS:

St. Bernard	905-668-3772
St. Mark	905-721-2460
St. Matthew	905-430-8597
St. Paul	905-728-7011
St. Theresa	905-668-8261
Fr. Leo J. Austin High School	905-666-2010
All Saints High School	905-666-7753

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Get involved - become a Knight. Please contact Grand Knight Norm Sawula at 905-668-1799. Meetings are 2nd (General) and 4th (Executive) Wednesday of every month.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

CWL Meetings are held in the Holy Family Church Hall on the 1st Wednesday of each month. Please contact CWL President, Cindy Mery at 905-576-1218. The Rosary is at 6 p.m. followed by Mass at 7:00 p.m. There are no meetings held in the month of July and August.



**NEW PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME TO REGISTER
 AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH**

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Monday, Sept 17, 7pm

+Maria Luisa & Edward Massinha
+Catarina Gucciardi req by Margaret Gucciardi.

Tuesday, Sept 18, 9am

Sp Int for Rosina Scarfo

Wednesday, Sept 19, 7pm

+Natalia Burian req by the Burian Family
+Pasquale Gaetano req by the Citano Family.

Thursday, Sept 20, 9am

Sp Int for Violeta & Ray Berry req by Nancy Fernandes.

Friday, Sept 21, 7pm

+Matteo Radoslovich req by Nick & Vidulich & Family.

Saturday Sept 22

9:00am Thanksgiving Padre Pio req by MaryAnn Fernando

5:00pm Ted Mizzi req by Wife & Mizzi Family.

Collection for Flooding in India

THIS WEEKEND!

In late July, the state of Kerala, India was devastated by severe flooding due to unusually high rainfall during the monsoon season. Over 10,000 kms of roads have been wrecked and more than 20,000 homes destroyed. To date, over 300 people have died and more than 1 million people have been displaced and are living in relief camps, including more than 175,000 children under the age of 12. In an effort to support people in Kerala, the Archdiocese of Toronto is accepting funds that will be channeled through the Kerala Catholic Bishops' Council. Funds will be used initially to provide food, drinking water, clothes and medicine to people who have been displaced. **A special collection will take place at Holy Family at all Masses this weekend**

LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY

This year Life Chain Sunday is on **September 30th from 2:00-3:00pm** at the intersection of Dundas St E (Hwy2) and Thickson Rd. Please join us to witness for the millions of unborn lost through abortion in Canada and to silently and prayerfully intercede to the Lord to end abortion and heal our nation. We meet at the south-east corner at 1:45pm.

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION

First Communion registration/meeting date is on **Tues Sept 18 at 7:00 pm in the church**. Only the parents are required to attend. Please see requirements below.

Confirmation registration/meeting date is **Tues Sept 25 at 7:00 pm in the church**. Parents and Grade 7 students are required to attend. Please see requirements below.

The following are required to register:

Please go to the Holy Family website: <https://holyfamilywh.archtoronto.org> and complete registration form & submit online. Print out the notification form & bring it with you to the registration night together with the original Baptismal certificate along with a copy for the office and the applicable registration fee.

UPCOMING FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES at HOLY FAMILY

Please take advantage of one of our many programs starting up this fall!

RCIA ALPHA This session has just begun and meet every **Tuesday at 7pm** at Holy Family in the Knights Room. All are welcome. Please call Bob at 905-925-6828 to register.

YOUNG ADULT ALPHA A new Young Adult Alpha will begin on **Tuesday Sept 18th at 7pm** and will meet at Pearson Pub, 101 Mary Street Whitby. Call the parish office to register 905-665-6470.

CHRISTLIFE 'SHARING CHRIST' The last installment for the CHRISTLIFE series "Sharing Christ" will begin on **Tuesday, Sept 25** with a morning (10:30am) and an evening (7:00pm) group. This is a 7-week series looking at how we are called to share Christ through the evangelizing example of our own lives.

GALATIANS: SET TO LIVE FREE Our fall Bible Study will begin on **Monday, Oct 15th** and run until Dec 3rd morning (10:30am) and evening (7:30pm) in the parish hall. Paul's letter to the Galatians addresses the most important question we can ask: *"What must we do to be saved?"* so you won't want to miss this one! Please sign up at the back of the church this weekend, \$40 workbook fee.

PRaise & WORSHIP If you are looking to grow your personal relationship with Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ then please join us on Fridays for Praise and Worship (P&W) organized by Holy Family Charismatic Prayer Group (HF Prayer Group) **every Friday after the 7:00 PM Mass** in the Church Hall.

DR. EDWARD SRI IS COMING TO HOLY FAMILY!

Dr. Edward Sri is coming to speak at our parish on **Friday, Oct 12th from 7:00 - 9:00pm**. Dr. Edward Sri is a theologian, author and well-known Catholic speaker who appears regularly on EWTN. Ticket price is \$15.00 and are available at the back of the church after all Masses!

CALLING ALL MOMS!

Looking to connect with other Catholic Moms? Join us for a meeting! We support and encourage each other in raising our children in the face of the secular world's influences. We will also build up our own faith life, and the overall family's. It is said that the mother is the "heart of the home"; we will explore how we can truly be the heart of our homes, and more fully appreciate our special vocation to Motherhood. **NEW DAY:** Join us on the first **Wednesday of each month at 8pm** in the Knight's room here at Holy Family. 2018 dates as follows Oct 3th, Nov 7th, Dec 5th. For more info contact Maureen Poland MaureenPoland@gmail.com

YOUTH MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Want to help your community & grow in your relationship with Christ? Need volunteer hours to graduate? Our Youth Ministry is looking for Catholic Adults and High School students to help with our LifeTeen, Edge & Jr Edge Programs. Please contact Camille, Youth Minister for details and training dates at hfwym91@gmail.com.

OUR MISSION: REVEALED

WORKSHOP Saturday September 29th

Now you have heard our new mission. Can you say it? Will you remember it?

Only 6 words hold the full meaning and purpose of our Christian calling. There is a lot to understand, but those 6 words simplify the depths of Jesus' teaching and give us the direction for our lives. How can we be sure we know what it is we are to do? We will continue to hear more about Our Mission over the next weeks. Be attentive, ask questions and pray. We are calling all **ministry leaders**, and all others interested in engaging in our mission, to gather, learn more and be equipped to share our mission with others. **This workshop will be on Sat. Sept 29 9:30 - 12:00.** Please sign up at the back of the church if you would like to attend or email John Reid pastoralassistant.holyfamily@gmail.com or Mary Kay Boase at mk.boase@rogers.com

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Ministry Programs Registration Now Open

New-EDGE JR. will be running for the first time for students from **grades 3-5!** It will include short lessons, time for prayer together, music, and many, many activities and games. It begins on **Oct 10** and will be taking place every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month.

EDGE is a program that will be running for this year for students from **grades 6-8!** It involves small group time, talks given on various topics, opportunities for going a little deeper into prayer, thoughtful activities, music and high-energy games. EDGE starts on **Oct 4** and will take place every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month.

LIFE TEEN is a program for high school students! Its key parts are activities, honest discussion, growth in community, praise & worship, and talks made for teens. It starts on **Oct 11** and will take place every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month.

Registration forms available online & at the back of the church under the Youth Bulletin Board.



The message last week introduced our mission and how following it can simplify keeping faith in our complicated lives. Now we look at the first of our mission: LOVE GOD...

love God

Jesus quotes the Hebrew Shema, or Deuteronomy 6:4-5, to answer a man's question regarding which is the most important commandment *"Listen, people of Israel! The Lord our God is the only Lord.*

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength." Each individual word here holds special significance. From the viewpoint of biblical anthropology, 'heart,' 'soul,' and 'mind' are not mutually exclusive but overlapping categories, together demanding our love for God to come from our whole person, our every faculty and capacity. The 'heart' and 'soul' and 'mind' are references to our emotions, wills and intellect. In this way, it represents the Hebrew way of saying that we are to love God with our whole being, with all of our might and strength.

Throughout the Bible, the word for **heart** (*kardia*) encompasses the physical, emotional, and spiritual life of human beings. The heart is the source of our feelings and emotions. Feelings like joy, sorrow, depression, despair, happiness, and cheerfulness are all said to originate in the heart. To love God with all your heart then, means to love him deeply and personally—like the love shared between a parent and child or a husband and wife.

The word **soul** (*nephesh*) refers to the entire life of a person—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life. Perhaps, the best way to understand it is that your soul is both who and what you are. If someone were to ask you who you are, you might give them your name. But that's not very descriptive. If I wanted to be more specific, I might say, "I'm a father, a husband, a pastor, a teacher. Most importantly, I'm a follower of Jesus." Loving God with all your soul means allowing God to define who and what you are.

Next, Jesus adds a word that wasn't originally in the Shema. He says to love God with *"all your mind."* The **mind** is the center for intellectual activity. This is where we do all our thinking and learning. Loving God with all your mind implies centering your education on him—learning and growing in our capacity to fathom his vastness and mystery. Studying him until overwhelmed by his power, his love, his grace, his beauty.

And then, Jesus says to love God with *"all your strength."* **Strength** here has nothing to do with the amount of weight you can bench press. It signifies your energy output—your work, your job, whatever it is that you put effort into. Paul eloquently explained what it means to love God with all your strength when he said, "In all the work you are doing, work the best you can. Work as if you were doing it for the Lord, not for people" (*Col. 3:23*).

When we put all of these pieces together, the passage explodes with significance. Essentially, Jesus is saying to love God with all of yourself—every fiber of your being. That's quite a command. It's hard enough to love a spouse or children who can be seen and touched. How are we supposed to love God with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength? The answer is—we do it with his help.

There is an often-abused verse in the Psalms that says, *"Delight yourself also in the Lord, And He shall give you the desires of your heart"* (*Psalms 37:4*). Many people assume that if they simply show God lip service that he will start giving them everything they ever wanted, but that's not what God is telling us here. God is saying that if we delight ourselves in him—if we make him the desire of our heart—then, and only then, will he give us what our heart desires. He'll give us himself.

Think and pray more about how you Love God in your life. I look forward to sharing with you the second part of our mission: LOVE OTHERS next week. **Fr. Laszlo**

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