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Feast of the Holy Family

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS MARY & JOSEPH



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 31 5pm

New Year's Eve Mass

Tuesday, January 1

New Year's Day Mass schedule

Wednesday, January 2, 7pm

CWL Members Living & Deceased

+Lilyrose Joseph req by Joseph Family

+Jim McAllister req by Bob and Laura
Beaupre

Thursday, January 3, 9am

+Leonardo Falconeri req by

Angela Falconeri

Friday, January 4, 7pm

Thanksgiving to the Holy Trinity req by
Mary Ann and Rayen Family

+Albert Ferraz req by Agnes Ferraz

+Patricia & Frank Moloney req by

Maureen Moloney

+Lindy & Mary Luther, Elizabeth Malik req
by Donna, Gary & Gerald Tiller

Saturday January 5

9:00am Sp. Int. Louis, Sharmela Rayen

Thanksgiving to Our Lady of

Fatima req by Mary Ann

Fernando

5:00pm +Sebastian Giorgi req by

Maria Giorgi and Family

YOUR SUPPORT CAN MAKE CHANGE POSSIBLE!

This year seems to have gone so quickly, but another year is coming to a close. Here at Holy Family Parish, we've taken the opportunity to reflect on this past year's many blessings and accomplishments.

All of this could not have been accomplished without your help. As a Church, we rely on your support and generosity. We at Holy Family work hard to support and to keep you spiritually fed, intellectually stimulated, and evangelically inspired. *If you've been impacted by our work, we kindly ask you to consider us in your end-of-year giving.* We are continuously overwhelmed by your generosity and genuinely grateful for your unceasing support of our mission.

Fr. László



New Year's Day Mass

8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am, 12:30pm

ALPHA COURSE

Got questions about... life? faith? meaning? Join us for Alpha at Holy Family, beginning on **Monday January 7, 2019 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm**, and babysitting service will be provided for any parents who need it. This series of interactive sessions exploring the basics of Christian faith will run every Monday except Family Day and during March break, and **all are welcome - Catholic, Christian or not!** **Some past experiences from Alpha Holy Family...**

"When invited to try alpha, I had no idea what to expect and I almost didn't do it. Quite unexpectedly, I found answers to questions I didn't even know I had, friendships I'll always treasure, and a new faith I never thought was possible."

"Thank you so much for bringing Alpha to our parish. Something incredible is happening within my family. I have spoken so much about Alpha that my two children have begun to renew their faith in God and are attending Mass once again. Thank you for giving me the words, the knowledge and the prayers. Alpha has definitely changed my life. My faith is deeper!"

"I felt my faith has strengthened through Alpha."

If you have attended one of the Alpha courses before, please consider inviting a family member or friend to attend. Please email holy.family@rogers.com for more information or to register.

REBUILT BOOK CLUB

We invite you to join us for this parish-wide book club, to study **Rebuilt: Awakening the Faithful, Reaching the Lost, and Making Church Matter**. This book, written by Fr Michael White and Tom Corcoran about their Catholic parish is one of the resources informing the development of our plans to engage parishioners in our Parish Mission to **love God, love others, make disciples**. Dates are: Mondays: Jan 21 to Feb. 25 Morning sessions at 10:00am and Evening sessions at 7:30pm and Tuesdays: Jan. 22 to Feb.26, Morning sessions at 10:00am and Evening sessions at 7:00pm.

OUR NEW PARISH WEBSITE: www.holyfamilywhitby.ca

Here it is, a sneak peek at our new parish website! We have just launched a new source of information, resources and links to provide our parishioners with an accessible and easy-to-navigate site to go to. We know that life is busy, families are always on the go, and many people are more inclined to go to their computer to search for what they want. Our new website has been created with all of you in mind. It has a fresh and welcoming feel. It is easily navigated to find just the information you want. It has links to amazing and relevant videos. It provides important information about who we are as a church community, as well as about all that we offer. You can learn more about your Catholic faith, find out about sacraments, register for programs, watch videos, listen to homilies, find out about services and events. But most importantly, our new website is a new opportunity for people to become connected with our vibrant and engaging parish so that they find a place of faith where they belong. Welcome, we look forward to seeing you on the site and joining us on this journey as we continue to develop and enhance the information and materials to provide what you are looking for!

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS MARY & JOSEPH



MARY, MOTHER OF GOD!

And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.

(Luke 2:19)

Christmas would not be complete without paying special attention to the glorious Mother of Jesus Christ! Mary, the Mother of the Saviour of

the World, is properly called the “Mother of God.” It is important to reflect on this powerful title of our Blessed Mother. And it’s significant to understand that this title says just as much about Jesus as it does about His Blessed Mother.

We celebrate the Feast of Mary, Mother of God on New Year’s Day. This is a very appropriate way to start our new year. This celebration reminds us that the Virgin Mary is also our Heavenly Mother and the Mother of the Church. This is an occasion for us to renew our devotion to her and to remember the part she played in the mystery of salvation. She is a powerful intercessor for all of our needs here on earth. In celebrating her special feast day, we acknowledge this great gift for the Church and world; we call on her to be actively involved in our daily life; we imitate her virtuous life as a great inspiration; and we cooperate with all the graces we get through her.

The Gospel passage above says, “And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.” And she did this as a caring mother. Her love for Jesus was as unique as the love of any mother. However, it should be noted that she was a mother in perfection and loved Him with a perfect love, He who was not only her Son, but was also God and was perfect in every way. What does this reveal? It reveals that the motherly love shared between Mary and Jesus was profound, inspiring, mysterious, glorious and truly sacred! The mystery of their love is worth reflecting on throughout our lives, keeping it fully alive in our hearts. She is an example for every mother and is also an example for all of us who seek to love others with a pure and holy heart.

Reflect, today, on the holy and captivating relationship that Mary would have shared with her Divine Son. Try to fathom what this love would have been like. Imagine the deep emotion and passion that would have filled her heart. Imagine the level of unwavering commitment she would have had. Imagine the unbreakable bond that was forged as a result of her love. What a beautiful celebration this is to conclude this Octave of Christmas Day!

I pray that the Lord Jesus and His Mother Mary may enrich your lives during the New Year with an abundance of God’s blessings.

Fr. László Nagy, Pastor

YOUTH MINISTRY

A very Happy New Year, everyone!! Our first semester of Youth Ministry was an amazing opportunity to focus on our parish mission; moving forward, we will continue to love God, love others, and make disciples in all the ways that we possibly can! 2019 is going to be epic and our prayer is simply that you'll get to experience it with us! A huge THANK-YOU to all our youth, families, leaders, parishioners and staff who have supported, cheered us on, and prayed for us every step of the way. Can't wait for another year with all of you!

Jr. EDGE is back on January 9, Life Teen resumes on January 10, and EDGE returns on January 17!



NARTHEX: A NEW LOOK

Did you know that the area behind the doors at the back of the church is properly called “the Narthex”? Did you notice the recent changes to this area? If you have been coming to Holy Family over the last while, then you know that we have launched our new mission: love God, love others, make disciples. We started with the banners in the parking lot, then we have heard both Fr. Laszlo and Fr. Matthew speak about this mission in their homilies as well as in the bulletin and through our Flocknote messages.

Why would we undertake the work in the narthex? We want our mission, and the message of Holy Family parish to be very visible and clear to everyone who comes to our church. We want there to be an obvious place for anyone visiting Holy Family to go to get information, to be welcomed, and to connect with our community of faith in whatever way they need.

We have consolidated our wonderful gift store which offers a service of beautiful religious items and gifts, into a more shop-like presence.

We have had our welcome and mission message installed on the wall in a very beautiful and clear way. We have added the special desks which not only contain information for parishioners and visitors, but also will have someone there with a smile ready to assist and answer questions.

And all of this is to continue the impact and meaning of our mission from the parking lot all the way into the church. But it is also to help remind us as we leave the sanctuary after Mass every week, of our calling as baptized Christians, that we are always to go: **love God, love others, make disciples.**

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