THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE

COMING SOON!

New Bible Study begins on April 20 (10 sessions) 10:30am or 7:30pm

Presented by Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Jeff Cavins & Edward Sri

The marvelous treasures of the Catholic Faith— the Eucharist, Mary, the saints, and the Creed—are all centered on a single figure: Jesus Christ. Jesus is more than a historical or theological figure. He is our savior, our redeemer, our Lord, and our God. While many of us know a lot about him already, how well can we say that we really know him? Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life is a new and fresh look at Jesus—who he is, what he is really like, what he taught, and what he did for our salvation. This encounter with Christ will inspire and empower you to center your entire life around him as you come to know and love him in an ever deeper and more intimate way.

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Save the date: June 7, Sunday, Fr. László's 25th Ordination Anniversary 6:00pm at Tosca Banquet Hall Dinner Buffet (and Dance) with Open Bar Dessert, Coffee/Tea included Tickets will be available at the office soon! Price: \$80.00





Monday February 17, 7 p.m.

+Robert McLeod req by Sawula Family <u>Tuesday February 18, 9 a.m.</u> Sp Int for Ted & Norma Cordick Wednesday February 19, 7 p.m.

+Daniel Belanger req by Mary Anne Belanger

Thursday February 20, 9 a.m.

+Liberata Migluri req by Rosa Falsetti

Friday February 21, 7 p.m.

+Fr. Fernando Suarez req by Lagahit Family

Saturday February 22

9 a.m. +Khalil Noujaim req by His Son Shaoul Noujaim
5 p.m. Sp Int Sherry, Isabella & Nylah

Mitchell req by Cheryl Robinson

COINS FOR LIFE 2020

Would you, your family and friends put aside your townies, loonies, guarters, nickels, dimes during the next 4-6 weeks, and contribute these savings to help in the struggle to end abortion and to create a Culture of Life in Canada? If so coins for life plastic containers will be handed out at the back of the church this weekend. This project helps us to continue to run the National March for Life in Ottawa on May 14, 2020. Be sure that your small change can lead to a BIG change in our land and does help to save countless innocent lives now and in the future. God's preborn children in the womb have no voice but ours. Please return the boxes on March 14/15. For more information call Jenny at 416-267-7126.



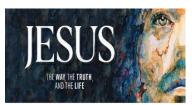
WHY YOU NEED TO JOIN A SMALL GROUP

Life is busy and I'm sure many of you are thinking *"I just don't have time, how can I possibly commit to anything else? I'm already overloaded and overwhelmed as it is!"* Well, guess what? That is probably the best reason to be in a small group!

Why? Because we all need a place to belong and work through the issues of life. Because we all need to set aside time to get away from the distractions & stresses of life. Because we all need to work at deepening our relationship with God and engaging in relationships that ultimately will help us become more like Christ. Let's face it, life is hard, but it's even harder if you try to do it alone. If you're doing life alone we challenge you to join a small group today and see how it can change you! What if 8 weeks in a small group can change the rest of the year for you and your loved ones?

- ...You'll find the perfect place to unwind, release your stress and reprioritize your life.
- \dots You'll find a warm welcome from friends who will encourage you and pray for you.
- ...You'll find the perfect place to practice the call to be a disciple and to make disciples.
- ...You'll find the perfect place to understand how to share Christ with loved ones and coworkers.
- ...You'll find the perfect place to grow in your knowledge, love, and service of the Lord Jesus.
- ...You'll go deeper in applying God's Word to your life and situation.
- ...You'll find a place where you can use your gifts in encouraging and praying for others.
- ...You'll enjoy great social times (which mostly revolve around food!)

For more information on Small Groups, visit the Small Groups Page of our website <u>holyfamilywhiby.ca</u> or email our Small Group Coordinator, Kim at holyfamily.kim@gmail.com



STARTING IN APRIL- NEW BIBLE STUDY!

Catholics who desire a personal relationship with Jesus are finding it much moresimple once they actually know a bit more about who he IS. The new study from Ascension Press, *Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life,* is a 10 part study filmed in the

Holy Land that is helping Catholics get to know Jesus more intimately than ever before. **See** the places Jesus lived, worked, and taught so you can visualize the scenes in the Bible in **their real-life setting** and Learn about the **culture** Jesus was raised in, so you can **catch all the references** found throughout the Gospels We will begin the *Jesus* study on April 20, morning session at 10:30am and evening sessions at 7:30pm. Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation by Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Jeff Cavins, and Edward Sri, followed by a lively group discussion and fellowship. We hope you can join us!



COME AND SEE WEEKEND AT THE SEMINARY

Come and See Weekend – Friday, March 13 (begins at 7:00 p.m.) to Sunday, March 15 (ends at 1:30 p.m.), at St. Augustine's Seminary: Inviting single Catholic men 17 years and older, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. Register online at www.vocationstoronto.ca. Registrants 17 years old require parental consent.



For more information, please contact (the Parish Priest) or the Office of Vocations at: 416 968 0997; email: vocations@archtoronto.org

PASTORAL REFERENCE LETTERS

In order for people seeking teaching positions within the Catholic school system to have their Pastoral Letters to be signed:

- a. You must be a registered parishioner,
- b. Attending Sunday Mass regularly,
- c. Have participated in the sacramental and pastoral life of the Church community,
- d. Volunteered in different parish ministries for at least 4 months.
- e. Be in good canonical standing within the Church, that is not living in common law or married outside the church.
- f. Financially support the work and mission of the church particularly ShareLife, the Missions and your own Parish.

Please be aware that all pastoral references are positive but honest expressions of the Pastor's assessment of the candidate's current level of faith, faith practice and involvement. This assessment is based on personal knowledge and the responses given by the candidate in the interview. Fr. László cannot sign a reference form if he does not know the person and has no personal knowledge of the individual's involvement in the parish.

THE POWER OF PRAYER

IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF PRAYER: Please use our Prayer Request Box located in the back of the church. Simply fill out the provided Prayer Request Card, place it in the envelope and drop it in the box. Your petitions will be prayed for by our Intercessory Prayer Groups and by Fr. László and Fr. Ravi.

FAMILY OF FAITH UPDATE

As many of you remember, we have completed our active fundraising for our parish's Family of Faith campaign. Our participation in this important program not only greatly helped our parish, it also helped establish funds for the Archdiocese of Toronto to fund a number of initiatives outlined in the Pastoral Plan. The campaign has enabled our parish to raise significant funds for our own needs as well as to share our responsibility in the broader needs of the Archdiocese.

Our parish campaign experienced a tremendous success. We have received from the Family of Faith campaign a total disbursement amounting to **\$103,903.29**, which covers the period from the beginning of our parish campaign to May 13, 2019. We have used this fund only for the purpose outlined in our parish case statement.

Parish Goal for Campaign:\$620,000.00Total Collected over the goal:\$49,566.30Parish Total 2019:\$669,566.30

Total Pledge: \$1,095,992.00 *This includes pledge amount from the summary report and value of unconfirmed commitment card pledges.

We continue to provide engaging and appealing opportunities for our children and youth to learn about their faith and grow in a faith filled atmosphere. This is critical to the future of our church. As we look forward to all of the exciting things that God and the Holy Spirit will bring our way in 2020, we know that we will be very grounded intentionally in our mission, reliant on God's inspiration, and present to the people who are part of Holy Family parish.

We are so very grateful for all the parishioners of Holy Family, your presence and gifts of time, talent and treasure. We will further explore and deepen our understanding of how we can BE the church, by BEING disciples and then going out to MAKE disciples

FRANCISCAN AT HOME

FREE online learning at your convenience

The Catechetical Institute at Franciscan University exists to train and support the key catechists in any situation priests, deacons, parents, or laity, whether professional or volunteer. Through conferences, online workshops, videos, audio, personal mentorship, and a wealth of resources produced by Franciscan University.

We are happy to let you know that the Archdiocese of Toronto has partnered with the Franciscan Institute and that our parish has registered to allow parishioners to set up *individual free account under our parish name*. All you need to do to is go to: <u>https://franciscanathome.com/freeinstitution-signup</u> to create your login account and choose the course you wish to take. If you have further questions please email the office: holy.family@rogers.com



