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*prepare the way...*



**Monday December 21, 7 p.m.**

Deceased Members of Yates Family.

**Tuesday December 22, 9 a.m**

+Alvin Penafior req by Jun Padua & Family.

+Drago Zibert & his mother req by Ludmila Zibert.

**Wednesday December 23 7 p.m.**

+Americo Barone req by Anna & Paul Colacicco

+Dominic Molinaro req by Anna & Paul Colacicco

+Sheela Amodara req by Louiza & Paresh Christian.

+Paul & Durvalina req by Dina Leal

+Cheryl Cordick req by Mom & Dad.

**Thursday December 24**

Christmas Eve

**Friday December 25**

Christmas Day

**Saturday December 26**

9am No Morning Mass

5pm +Marguerite Delphine Gillard req by Marguerite Gillard.

**GIFT STORE IS OPEN SUNDAY**



The Holy Family Gift store will be open this Sunday, Dec 20<sup>th</sup> for 30 minutes BEFORE each Mass for last minute Christmas Gift Items, while supplies last!

**2021 ENVELOPES ARE READY**

The 2021 envelopes are available at the back of the church for pick up.

**➤ REGISTER FOR MASS**

Reminder that everyone must register online in order to attend Mass. At time of print, all Christmas Eve Masses are full. Please spread the message to your friends & family to avoid disappointment. One ticket registration per person. Please visit our website to register and to read all safety protocols. [www.holyfamilywhitby.ca](http://www.holyfamilywhitby.ca)

*A Christmas Message from Fr Laszlo*

**We may skip Christmas but we dare not skip Christ**

Did you know that Mark the Evangelist decided not to include the story of Jesus’ birth in his Gospel? His omission is certainly the reason his Gospel is rarely read this time of the year. Some of us would wonder whether Mark was aware of the events surrounding Jesus’ birth. Let’s think about his decision to skip the very first Christmas. And let’s see what we might learn from it.

Listen to how his Gospel opens: “The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.” That’s it. Nothing more. And when Jesus makes his first appearance in Mark, he’s already a full-grown adult!

No Mary. No Joseph. No baby Jesus. Nothing. John baptizing Jesus in the Jordan River; Jesus being tempted in the wilderness; Jesus preaching his first sermon; Jesus calling his first disciples; Jesus healing a man with an unclean spirit at the synagogue in Capernaum; Jesus healing Peter’s mother-in-law; Jesus healing the sick and casting out demons from all the people that showed up outside the doors of Peter’s house; Jesus preaching in Galilee; and Jesus healing a leper. It’s Jesus, Jesus, Jesus everywhere! And that’s just in the first chapter! As you stand and stare at all those snapshots, a certain image of Jesus begins to emerge. It’s the image of a Messiah who was *anticipated but not expected*.

Most of us probably plan on getting by with less this year. Spending less. Not attending parties. Not visiting relatives. Doing everything less. It’s just that kind of year—an “all winter but no Christmas” kind of year, but what can you do about it?

You could go and read Mark’s Gospel, where you’ll be reminded again that it really isn’t about how Jesus came or how his birth was received but *why* he came. When you celebrate Christmas with Mark, he’ll teach you that it’s okay to skip Christmas, but you dare not skip Christ.

You can skip Elizabeth, Zechariah, and their baby John too.  
 You can skip Mary, Joseph, and the inn-keeper.  
 You can skip the shepherds, the angels, and the manger.  
 You can skip the star, the wise men, and wicked King Herod.  
 You can skip the gold, the frankincense, and the myrrh.  
 You can skip it all.



You can skip “Silent Night,” and “O Holy Night.”  
 You can skip the Christmas concert, the singing Christmas tree, and the Christmas potluck fellowships.  
 You can skip the traditions, the presents, and the stockings hung by the chimney with care.  
 You can skip Santa too.  
 You can skip it all. It wouldn’t be a sin. But you must not ..., you dare not..., skip Christ!  
 How he came was a miracle. Why he came was mercy.  
 How he came was under a star. Why he came was to bear our sins.  
 How he came is a matter of history. Why he came is bound up in prophecy.

It really isn’t so much about how Jesus came but why. Matthew and Luke will gladly tell you how he came. Mark is anxious to tell you why. So, go ahead, skip Christmas if you must, but for your soul’s sake, don’t skip Jesus.

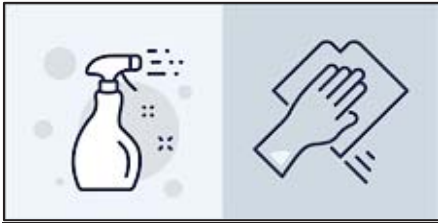
*Merry Christmas on behalf of Fr Ravi  
 And the Staff of Holy Family.  
 Fr. Laszlo*



**ARE YOU OR A LOVED ONE IN NEED OF PRAYER? WE’D LOVE TO PRAYE FOR YOU!**

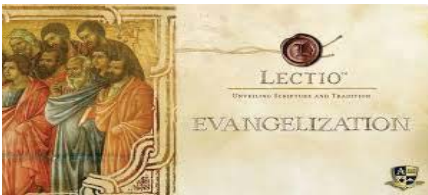
If you are in need of prayer, please visit the PRAYER page of our website to submit your prayer request online and our Intercessory Prayer Group and Priests will pray for you.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



We are in need of people to help disinfect the pews after the Christmas Masses, if you are available and able to help after the Christmas Mass you will be attending, please visit our website to sign-up [www.holyfamilywhitby.ca/sanitization/](http://www.holyfamilywhitby.ca/sanitization/)

## NEW BIBLE STUDY JAN 14<sup>TH</sup>!



*Find help & inspiration from the men & women who transformed the world!*

Lectio Evangelization and the Acts of the Apostles. This FREE, online 10-week series combines Bible study with Church teaching and provides practical wisdom to show you how modern Catholics can effectively impact the people around them. Will meet online on Zoom every Thursday - am & pm sessions available, starting Jan 14 to Mar 18.

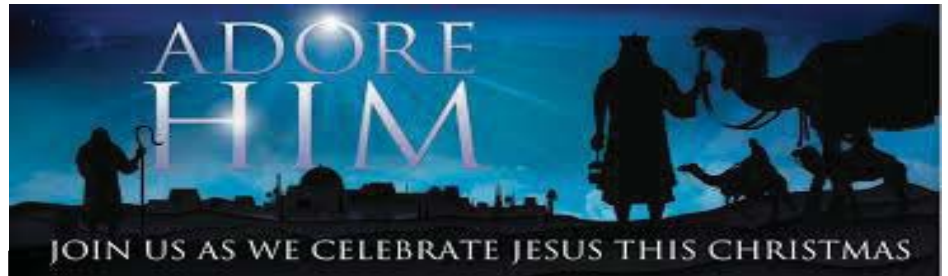
We will send out the Zoom link and further instructions in early January to everyone on the Holy Family Email List through Flocknote so please make sure to sign up if you are not yet receiving the Holy Family Parish Emails. To do so simply Visit: <https://holyfamilyparishwhitby.flocknote.com/dashboard> For more information about this Bible Study and to download the FREE participant guide visit our website.

**Everyone is welcome, it's completely free & there is no registration needed!**  
<https://www.holyfamilywhitby.ca/bible-study/>

## GOT QUESTIONS? TRY ALPHA!

*Got questions about life or faith?*

Our next Alpha Course will start on February 9<sup>th</sup> every Tuesday from 7:00-8:30pm for 11 weeks. All are welcome – Catholic, Christian or not! Tell your family & friends! For more information or to register, visit: [www.holyfamilywhitby.ca/alpha/](http://www.holyfamilywhitby.ca/alpha/)



**Everyone must register to attend Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Masses.**

Visit [www.holyfamilywhitby.ca](http://www.holyfamilywhitby.ca) for information regarding Covid19 Protocols.

### Christmas Eve Mass, Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

**FULL 4:00pm, 6:00 pm 8:00 pm, 10:00 pm and 12:00 Midnight**

**Live-Stream: 6:00pm on Facebook & YouTube.**

### Christmas Day, Friday December 25<sup>th</sup>

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

**Live-Stream: 11:00am on Facebook & YouTube**

(NO morning Mass Dec 26<sup>th</sup> - Regular Mass schedule Dec. 26 to Dec 30)

### New Year's Eve, Thursday December 31<sup>st</sup> 5:00pm

**New Year's Day, Friday Jan. 1st 11:00am & 12:30pm**

**Live-Stream: 11:00am on Facebook & YouTube**

(NO morning Mass on Jan 2)

## YEAR END GIVING - 2020 TAX RECEIPT DEADLINE IS DEC 31<sup>ST</sup>

Please pray about your giving this December, and join the 215 families who are already using Pre-Authorized Giving and help us reach our 2020 goal of \$20,000 monthly contributions. Go to [www.holyfamilywhitby.ca/tithe-give/](http://www.holyfamilywhitby.ca/tithe-give/) to sign up or to increase your current donation.

## PROPOSED BUILDING PLANS FOR HOLY FAMILY PARISH

Here is another sample of from the proposed Building Plans. If you haven't had a chance to look over the drawings yet, we encourage you to visit our website and then please share your insights with us! The development of Holy Family Building Plan is a significant undertaking to address our parish needs for additional physical space to allow for more faith and gathering opportunities. We hope and pray that this new vision for our church will spark enthusiasm and inspire people to deepen their engagement in their faith and in our parish. Visit [www.holyfamilywhitby.ca/building-plans/](http://www.holyfamilywhitby.ca/building-plans/)





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