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Feast of the Holy Family

INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

MONDAY JAN 1

New Year's Day (See Mass Schedule Below)

TUESDAY JAN 2, 9:00AM

+Louie Caruso req by Albertina Caruso & Family.

Sp Int Dr. Roman Vincent Stas req by Angie Baglieri & Family.

WEDNESDAY JAN 3, 7:00PM

+Annon De Croos req by Janet & Mike Connors.

THURSDAY JAN 4, 9:00AM

Sp Int Fr. Garfield Rochard req by Brenda Pagazani.

Sp Int Gladys George req by Claudia Herod.

FRIDAY JAN 5, 7:00PM

+Alfred & Mitalda Hannah req by Mary & Noel Hannah.

+Martin & Arnolta Raposo req by Mary & Noel Hannah.

SATURDAY JAN 6, 9:00AM

Special Intentions

SATURDAY JAN 6, 5:00PM

+Annon De Croos req by Mary Scott.

Sp Int Avril Rebello req by Irene & Nelson Tellis.

+Barbara Jenn Hatton req by the Berrymoore Francis Family.

COME ADORE our LORD

Friday Jan 5th Noon to Midnight

Start the New Year in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ present to us in the Holy Eucharist! We will have Eucharistic Adoration this coming Friday from 12noon until 12midnight with Mass celebrated at 7pm. If this form of prayer & worship is new to you or you are wondering why we have it, why you should come or what to do during Adoration, please visit our website for more information. holyfamilywhitby.ca/elementor-4280/

YEAR END GIVING

TODAY, DEC 31, is the deadline for Year-end giving if you want your donation to be reflected on your 2023



Feast of the Holy Family – Dec 30 & 31
Regular Mass Schedule

NO NEW YEARS EVE VIGIL MASS

New Year's Day Mass – January 1
8am, 9:30am, 11am & 12:30pm

Parish office will be closed on Jan 2nd



GOT QUESTIONS ABOUT LIFE?

Try Alpha! Starts January 10th!

Start 2024 with a new faith experience - join the Alpha course! Starts on **Wed. Jan 10 at 6:30pm**. We begin with the fellowship of a meal, enjoy incredible video talks on faith, and then engage in honest conversation about life and faith. It is open to literally everyone, and there is no cost, and no pressure! To find more information and or to register online, visit our website or register at the Welcome Desk. holyfamilywhitby.ca/alpha/



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KIDS LENDING LIBRARY & PARENT RESOURCE CENTER

We're Back!! The Kid's Lending Library has reopened **BIGGER & BETTER** and were testing out a new location - just outside the parish office! We will be open after the 9:30 & 11:00 Masses every Sunday. We have a great collection of quality Catholic children's books as well as chapter books and some resource books for teens & parents/grandparents as well. We now also have a small collection of **brochures & booklets** available (with suggested donation to cover cost). Stop by this weekend for a look or Scan QR code for online list of all our books or visit: holyfamilywhitby.ca/kids-library/.



ATTENTION ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 5 to 12 - JOIN US!

Join one of our Youth Groups in the new year! **EDGE** (YOUTH grades 5 to 8, runs every 2nd & 4th Thursday. Next Edge starts on **Thursday Jan 11th at 6:45pm**. **LIFE TEEN** (TEENS in grades 9 to 12) runs every 1st & 3rd Thursday and includes dinner! Next Life Teen starts on **Thursday January 18th**. Join us! Visit the Welcome Desk for a youth card with dates & times or for more information, visit holyfamilywhitby.ca/youth/, or contact our Youth Minister Samantha at hfw.youth@gmail.com



HFkids – GRADES JK TO 6 - STARTS JANUARY 7TH

All kids in grades JK to grade 6 are invited to join us for HFkids on Sundays during the 9:30 and 11:00 Masses for the first half of the Mass where they will hear a Gospel message prepared just for them. Adventurers JK-1 and Time Travellers Gr 2-6. For more information, see promo video on our website - visit holyfamilywhitby.ca/hfkids-2/ or scan the QR code. **We hope to see your kids next Sunday!**



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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

In today's gospel reading, Mary and Joseph are depicted as bringing Jesus all the way to the Temple in Jerusalem, far to the south, in keeping with the requirements of the Jewish Law. Their faith in God was central to the lives of Mary and Joseph and they wanted to initiate their child into that same faith. Bringing their child to places associated with the worship of God was one of the ways they did that.

We have a vibrant church here in Holy Family Parish. We are blessed with devoted young families. Bringing children to Jesus cannot but nurture their emerging faith. We speak of the home and family as the domestic church. It is above all in that family setting that the faith is caught by children. Yet, our parish is a space that can nurture faith in another way. It brings the domestic church into contact with the church of the generations. It is a space where the faith of us all can be nurtured, regardless of our age.

When Mary and Joseph brought their child, Jesus, to the Temple that day in Jerusalem, it certainly nurtured their faith and, through them, the faith of their young child. They had the good fortune to meet two elderly worshippers, Simeon and Anna. Simeon is spoken of as upright and devout, someone on whom the Holy Spirit rested, and Anna is described as a prophetess, someone who was deeply steeped in God's word and could proclaim it to others.

The Lord touched the lives of Mary, Joseph and their child in and through these two older people of faith. They both affirmed the identity of the young couple's child. Simeon declared the child to be a *'light to enlighten the pagans, and the glory of your people Israel'*.

Anna announced that the child was God's response to all who were looking forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem. The long journey of Mary, Joseph and their child from Nazareth to Jerusalem had not been in vain. It brought them into contact with two wonderful representatives of the wider faith community, through whom God touched the lives of this young family. When parents bring their child to our parish, they won't necessarily meet a Simeon or an Anna, although their equivalents can be found in our church at various times of the day. Yet, when a family or when we as individuals come to our parish church, even outside the times when people gather for Mass, we are coming in contact with the wider community of faith, with the Simeon's and Anna's of our day, and with the community of faith who are now in heaven.

Among that community of faith who are now in heaven, and whom we remember in a special way today, are the parents of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. We come into contact with the Holy Family when we come to our parish, and we are also reminded of our own honoured place within this Holy Family. Through baptism, we have become members of Jesus' family, his brothers and sisters, who can look to God his Father as our Father and to Mary his mother as our mother.

Just as God's favour was with Jesus, and with Mary and Joseph, according to the gospel reading, the Lord's favour is present to all our families. We face into the future in the strength of that favour. The Lord's loving presence within our families is a powerful resource that can enable us to face every struggle that might come our way in the year ahead.

We thank You that you have been with us through the days of this past year.

I wish you and your family a Blessed New Year,
Fr. László Nagy, Pastor.



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