# Holy Family Parish

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# Feast of the Holy Family

#### DECEMBER 29 & JANUARY 1, 2025



## **MASS INTENTIONS**

Monday Dec 30, 7:00pm Sp Int Sr. Bernard reg by Sheila Tobin. Sp Int Tess Bondoc req by Sheila Tobin. Tuesday Dec 31, 5:00pm New Year's Eve Mass Wednesday Jan 1. 8, 9:30, 11am & 12:30pm New Year's Day Masses Thursday Jan 2, 7:00pm Sp Int Oliver Joseph req by Claudia Herod. Sp Int Gladys George req by Claudia Herod. Friday Jan 3, 7:00pm +Martin & Arnolta Raposo and Alfred & Mitalda Hannah reg by Noel and Mary Hannah. Sp Int Muriel "Chick" Mullen req by Mary Kay Boase.

<u>Saturday Jan 4, 5:00pm</u> Sp Int Callum Doyle req by the Family.

# **NEW TO THE PARISH?**

Welcome to Holy Family! Please visit us at the Welcome Desk after Mass, we'd love to meet you! We also invite you and your family to register as parishioners and join our email list! Scan the QR code to take you to our website where you will find links to our

email list, Social Media links and the Parishioner Registration form at: holyfamilywhitby.ca/getconnected/



#### **OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**

Please remember to pick up your offertory envelopes for 2025 at back of the church.

#### YEAR-END GIVING DEADLINE

If you would like your year-end giving to be reflected on your 2024 tax receipt you should have it in **by this Tuesday, December 31, 2024**.

**New Year's Eve Mass** Tuesday December 31, 5:00pm

New Year's Day Mass Wednesday January 1 8am, 9:30am, 11:00am & 12:30pm

Happy & Blessed New Year!

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

As we step into the new year, I want to extend my heartfelt blessings and prayers for you and your loved ones. A new year brings with it the promise of new beginnings, renewed passion, and opportunities to deepen our faith and commitment to one another.

In this spirit of renewal, I invite you to journey with me as we continue the important mission of expanding and strengthening our parish through our church building project. This endeavour is about creating a sacred space where generations to come can encounter the Divine. It is about building a foundation where the love of Christ is shared, celebrated, and lived out in our community.

This new year is a call to generosity—not only of resources but also of time, talent, and prayer. Together, we can transform this vision into a reality that will serve as a beacon of faith, hope, and love for those who seek Christ in their lives. I ask you to prayerfully consider how you can contribute to this mission, whether through financial support, volunteer work, or sharing the good news of our project with others.

As we work together, may we be reminded that this effort is a testament to our dedication to bringing Christ to the next generation. Let us build not only a physical structure but a spiritual home where hearts are lifted, lives are changed, and God's presence is felt by all who enter.

May this year be one of blessings, unity, and purpose as we embrace this mission with passion and joy. Thank you for your continued support, generosity, and faith. Let us step forward into this new chapter with hope, trusting in the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

With gratitude and prayers, Fr. Laszlo Nagy, Pastor

# THANK YOU FOR MAKING CHRISTMAS SPECIAL



A heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers and parish ministries who participated in this year's Christmas celebration. Thank you to our musicians, the ushers, greeters & parking lot ministers. We would also like to

thank Joan & Mike Vanberkum as well as Vera and her amazing team who helped set up our beautiful Christmas trees and flowers on the altar and hall! Thank you also to our parishioners who made a conscience effort to make guests to our parish feel welcomed! A special thank you to the Plastina Family and Christina Locatelli for the Christmas Flowers and to Rob Wilkes for the candy canes.

On behalf of Fr. Sean and the staff I would like to thank everyone for your many prayers and Christmas Gifts. We are so grateful & appreciative. God Bless all of you, Fr. László.

# NEW GOSPEL OF LUKE STUDY STARTS FEB. 3RD



Join us starting Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> as we explore the Gospel of Luke. Hear of the mercy and compassion that Jesus has for each one of his children. See the beautiful Biblical roots for Mary, the Rosary, and the Mass that are found in Luke, strengthening your prayer life like never before. **Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled,** starts Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> and runs for 8 weeks! Morning & Evening Sessions available. **Registration and participant guides on sale in January.** 

#### COME ADORE OUR LORD

#### **Eucharistic Adoration** Friday Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> 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/

### **CALLING ALL MOMS!**



We are adding an exciting new group geared towards uplifting the vocation of motherhood.

Come and be a part of an encouraging and supportive community of women and go deeper in your faith life. It really does take a village to raise children and as moms, we are not meant to figure it out all on our own. We have each other! Stay tuned for more details on how you can be a part of My Catholic Mothers Group! In the meantime, we encourage you to add your name to our Mothers Group email list so you don't miss a thing! **Our Kick-off Event is planned for January 29th**. For more information contact holyfamily.sue@gmail.com.

Find the link sign up link in the **PARENT PORTAL** of our website or Scan the QR code & click on **CATHOLIC MOTHERS GROUP.** 



# JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE

Join Fr. Laszlo on a Jubilee Pilgrimage to Italy **May 22 to June 2**. Visiting Milan, Lake Como, Verona, La Spezia, Assisi... just to name a few! Our last stop on this magnificent journey is Rome/Vatican. Cost is \$4990 /person. The full Itinerary is available at the back of the church.

# HORIZONS OF HOPE – STARTS ON JANUARY 6TH!



human experience of

dying and death?

Would you like to learn more about how our Faith in Christ helps us to understand the human experience of dying and death? Join your fellow parishioners and discover this free program developed by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. Horizons of Hope is being offered on Mondays from Jan 6 to 27 at either 10 to 12:00 pm or 7:30 to 9:30pm. For more information or to register see us at the back of the church or go online at <u>HFWhitbyHoH@gmail.com</u>

# VARIOUS WAYS TO SIMPLIFY YOUR GIVING IN 2025

Thank you to all the many parishioners who have continued to support the parish this year! We are incredibly grateful to all of you! The ongoing operation, maintenance & faith formation opportunities of our parish are made possible through your generous and regular offertory giving. There are several ways to give at Holy Family! In addition to our offertory collection, parishioners & guest are invited to try our POS Tap Machines located at the Welcome Desk, these machines can be used anytime. Our website offers PayPal options for monthly & one-time giving, as well as a downloadable PAG...

PAG is Easy & Convenient. Your offering is deducted automatically, and allows you to

support your parish when you are away, a benefit for the church since expenses continue all year long. Most importantly, you are in control; you can increase or decrease your donation amount or withdraw from the PAG plan easily online directly from our website or by simply dropping a signed note in the collection basket or the parish office. Forms are available at the back of the church or on our website at: holyfamilywhitby.ca/tithe-give/





#### JUBILEE YEAR 2025 - PILGRIMS OF HOPE

The Catholic Church worldwide will be celebrating a special Jubilee Year in 2025 with the theme of "Pilgrims of Hope". This is a wonderful opportunity for renewed evangelization, prayer and service within the Church. Dec 29<sup>th</sup> marks the official launch of the Jubilee Year in the Archdiocese of Toronto. You will find more information on the Archdiocese website:

archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-ministries/sub-sites/year-of-prayer/home/.

# THE HOLY FAMILY HOMELESS MISSION.



Thank you to all those who donated to our recent Winter Drive, especially the CWL, Knights & Youth Group Core Team, for your acts of kindness, generosity & support in giving warmth this winter to those living on the street!

The Homeless Mission Christmas Turkey Lunch at Gate 3:16 was held on Sat. Dec. 14. A heartfelt thank you to the following who gave their time and support for this special day: Fr. Sean, our Turkey Roasters (Marie S, Andrea R, Evette D, Anita P, Alys M, Sorin B, Anna C, Devayani Ds, Bianca Y & Surjani L) our musicians/singers (Percy, Carlos & Patricia ) and to all the volunteers who came to assist. Mike Foreman for the Gift Cards and the McDonalds Coffee. To the Homeless Mission Team, thank you for your passion, love, support & commitment to this Ministry. Thank you for being the hands, feet, eyes, body of Jesus. Fr. László, for your continued support and guidance and to all the Parishioners at Holy Family Parish *"May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the Magi, and the Peace of Christ Child. May Almighty God, Father, Son & Holy Spirit Bless you all now & forever." Mary Anne Belanger.* 

