

# Holy Family Parish

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Rectory Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday & Thursday 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m

## Our Mission: love God, love others, make disciples

**Parish Mission Statement:** Holy Family Parish thanks God for His gifts to us of time, talent and treasure. In following the Lord's command to "make disciples of all nations...." (Mt. 28:19), each of us will use these gifts in praising God. We will work in the service of our community by encouraging and helping all to reconnect to our Church, renew our faith and rebuild our commitment to God.

love God  
love others  
make disciples

### PASTOR:

Rev. Fr. Laszlo Nagy

### ASSOCIATE PASTOR:

Rev. Fr. Sean Jacob

**OFFICE MANAGER:** Tess Bondoc

**YOUTH MINISTER:** Samantha Kanemy

**OFFICE ASSISTANT:** Sue Kanemy

**MINISTRY COORDINATOR:** Karina Doyle

### PARISH MINISTRIES:

|                                      |              |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|
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| Altar Servers                        | 905-665-6470 |
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| FNE Explorers                        | 416-435-6593 |
| Gift Store                           | 905-995-2434 |
| HF Kids                              | 905-665-6470 |
| Holy Family Stitches                 | 905-668-0551 |
| Homeless Mission                     | 905-903-5153 |
| Hospitality Ministry                 | 905-665-6470 |
| Intercessory Prayer Group            | 905-665-6470 |
| Lectors                              | 905-665-6470 |
| Legion of Mary                       | 905-213-0316 |
| Marriage Preparation                 | 905-665-6470 |
| Outreach Ministry                    | 905-430-2515 |
| Praise & Worship Group               | 905-665-8177 |
| ProLife                              | 905-665-6470 |
| R.C.I.A.                             | 905-925-6828 |
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| Small Group Coordinator              | 905-665-6470 |
| St. Vincent's Kitchen                | 905-442-8353 |
| Society of Saint Vincent de Paul     | 905-668-8752 |
| Sacramental Prep Class               | 905-665-6470 |
| Ushers                               | 905-665-9385 |
| Volunteer Coordinator                | 905-447-8197 |
| Volunteer Screening                  | 905-439-5805 |
| Youth Ministry                       | 905-665-6470 |

### SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m.

### DAILY MASSES:

Monday to Friday: 7:00 p.m.

Novena Mass to Our Lady of Perpetual Help is every Wednesday

Exposition is 1 hour before all weekday Masses.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday 4:00 p.m. to 4:55 p.m. or upon request.

**BAPTISM:** Contact the Parish office.

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

"Couples planning to be married must contact the priest ONE YEAR in advance. You must take a Marriage Preparation course and be a registered member of Holy Family Parish. If either party has gone through any form of civil or religious marriage with another person, the priest is not permitted to set a date for the wedding until the Bishop's office has been contacted."

### PARISH DEVOTIONS:

#### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

- Beginning one hour before all weekday Masses.
- Friday from noon to just before the 7:00 p.m. Mass.
- On the First Friday of the month, Adoration will continue after Mass until midnight.

#### Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet

- Rosary is recited 1/2 hr before all weekday Masses.
- Scriptural Rosary is 1st Saturday of the month after the 9 a.m. Mass.
- Divine Mercy Chaplet is every Friday at 3:00 p.m.

**NEW PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME TO REGISTER  
AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH**



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Get involved - become a Knight. Please contact Grand Knight Lindsey Morillo at 905-409-7715. General Meetings are 2nd Wednesdays of every month.



### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

Become a member and journey with us in faith, service and fellowship. We meet at the church hall. For more information contact Anita Pereira at 905-442-8163.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday March 3, 7:00pm**

Sp Int Matthew Pagazani req by the Family.

**Tuesday March 4, 7:00pm**

+Rose Gordon req by Joan Fernandes.  
+Dorothy Williams req by Sheila Tobin.  
Sp Int Geanina & Doru B.

**Wednesday March 5, 9:00 & 7:00pm**

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

**Thursday March 6, 7:00pm**

+Shane Reymes req by Martene St John.

**Friday March 7, 7:00pm**

+Sam Ruscica req by the Family.  
+Tony Sabat req by Bushra Sabat.  
+Enrico Osso req by the Family.  
+Martin & Arnolta Raposo and Alfred & Mitalda Hannah req by Noel & Mary Hannah.  
+Wayne Mc Guigan req by Catherine Mc Guigan.  
Sp Int Shereen & Brett Herod req by Claudia Herod.

**Saturday March 8, 5:00pm**

+Vladimir Bulat req by Mira Bulat.

## ASH WEDNESDAY

March 5<sup>th</sup> Masses 9:00am and 7:00am

## UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

Building Fund – March 8 & 9  
ShareLife – March 29 & 30

*Thank you for your ongoing support!*

## NEW TO THE PARISH?

Welcome to Holy Family! We would to invite you and your family to register as parishioners and join our email list! Scan the QR code visit our website [holyfamilywhitby.ca/get-connected/](http://holyfamilywhitby.ca/get-connected/) where you will find links to our email list, social media & Parishioner Registration Form.



## BULLETIN ADVERTISING

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## ASH WEDNESDAY IS THIS WEEK - DID YOU KNOW?...



**What do the ashes on the forehead represent?**

Biblically, ashes symbolize mourning, mortality and penance. One would put ashes on one's head (*or even sit in ashes*) as an outward demonstration of penance. In the early centuries of the Church, when penance was a very public act, penitents were sprinkled with ashes to identify to the community as someone who was doing penance.

**When was the first Ash Wednesday celebrated? What was the story behind it?**

By the eighth century, the practice of public penance had largely disappeared. It was gradually replaced by a new practice of marking everyone with ashes at the beginning of Lent and eventually became known as the "Day of Ashes." Since the tenth century, the Church has used ashes to mark the beginning of the penitential season of Lent (*now known as Ash Wednesday*), when we remember our mortality and mourn for our sins.

**Where do the ashes that parishes use on Ash Wednesday come from?**

Ashes that are distributed on this day are made from the burned palms that were distributed on Palm Sunday of the previous year. This symbolic action creates a visible and tangible link between the season of Lent, and its purpose in preparing us for the commemoration of the passion and death of Christ, and our celebration of Christ's resurrection at Easter.

**Are ashes a sacrament?**

While the act of receiving ashes is not a sacrament in and of itself, they are a form of sacramentals. Sacramentals are objects or actions that are set apart or blessed by the Church in order to prepare us to receive grace and dispose us to cooperate with it. Sacramentals are instituted by the Church, whereas sacraments are instituted by Christ, and obtain in various forms such as blessings, exorcisms, blessed objects (*including ashes*), and ritual prayers and actions.

**Is there anything we should do before receiving ashes?**

Spending time in quiet reflection is always a good way to open one's self to the Holy Spirit, at work in and through this sacramental rite. Meditating on Psalm 51 – the psalm for the Mass of the day – is a concrete way to focus on the penitential character of Lent.

**How long should I leave on the ashes for?**

There is no prescribed length of time to leave ashes on one's forehead. Generally, they are kept on until they naturally come off, or until one washes at the end of the day. Because ashes on the forehead are so distinct, they are meant to be seen by others. Intentionally removing ashes shortly after receiving them can diminish their effect on the recipient.

**Is Ash Wednesday a Holy Day of Obligation?**

No, Ash Wednesday is not a Holy Day of Obligation. In Canada there are only two Holy Days of Obligation: January 1, the Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God and December 25, The Solemnity of Christmas. While it is not a Holy Day of Obligation, Ash Wednesday is one of two universal days of fasting and abstinence from meat (*the other day is Good Friday*). Fasting is a penitential discipline in which we deprive ourselves of food in order to open ourselves to God and witness to our faith.

Visit the parish website at: [holyfamilywhitby.ca/lent-resources/](http://holyfamilywhitby.ca/lent-resources/) or scan QR Code for more Lenten Resources & Links.



## FAMILY STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR KIDS - March 9th!



The Family Ministry invites you to start your Lenten Journey with us on Sunday March as we pray the Stations of the Cross with **CHILDREN-FOCUSED** prayers and reflections. We will guide the children around the church stopping at each station to reflect prayerfully upon Jesus' suffering, Death, and Resurrection. Praying The Stations of the Cross is a really great way to jump start your Lenten Journey together as a family. For more information contact Sue at [holyfamily.sue@gmail.com](mailto:holyfamily.sue@gmail.com)

## **BE PART OF HISTORY -**

Be part of Holy Family History - As part of the new building expansion, we are in the process of gathering items and documents for a **TIME CAPSULE**. If you would like to write a short message about what this building expansion means for you as a volunteer, ministry member or parishioner here at Holy Family, please submit your message **THIS COMING WEEK** to Karina at: [karina.holyfamily@gmail.com](mailto:karina.holyfamily@gmail.com)

## **SENIORS GROUP EVENT**

Our Parish seniors are most welcome to join us for a St Patrick's event and lunch in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, March 18th at 11am to 1pm. Music, entertainment and a welcoming lunch. We look forward to seeing you there. Please RSVP to Alan at: [alandioper@gmail.com](mailto:alandioper@gmail.com)

## **TIPTAP PAY AVAILABLE**

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## **PARISH LENTEN RETREAT**

Join us for this Parish Lenten Retreat, on Monday March 31, Tuesday April 1 & Wednesday April 2 at the 7pm Mass. Our retreat master will be Fr. Allan MacDonald, of the Companions of the Cross. The theme will be: 'Hope does Not Disappoint'. **Lenten Confession will follow the retreat on Wednesday April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8pm** with multiple priests available to hear confessions. Mark your calendar and plan to join us!

## **OPPORTUNITY TO USE YOUR GIFTS & TALENTS...**

➤ New Committee Being Formed!

### **Procurement Committee:**

We are seeking volunteers to form a Procurement Committee whose responsibility it will be to plan for and execute the furnishing and final touches in the public areas of our new building addition (atrium & meeting rooms). **If you have experience in project planning, procurement and or accounting and are interested in this exciting project, please contact the office.**

# HFkids Camp HOLY FAMILY PARISH - WHITBY

This year we are launching our first ever **HF Kids Camp** run by Samantha and our very own Youth Ministry Team! The theme of this year's camp is **THE VOYAGE**. As Catholics we are all journeying towards the same destination: **Heaven**. At our Baptism, we are given a mission to live a life as a disciple of Jesus Christ, share the Good News with others, and reach Heaven. We will explore how to voyage through life & reach this final destination.

### **CAMP INFORMATION:**

**WHEN:** Week of **July 14 to 18** (5 days)

**TIME:** 9:00am to 3:00pm

**WHO:** Kids in Grades 1 to 6 (fall 2025)

**COST:** \$125 per Camper

### **REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!**

Registration forms are now available at the Welcome Desk at the back of the church and at [holyfamilywhitby.ca/parent/](http://holyfamilywhitby.ca/parent/). **NOTE:** Due to the space availability, registrations will be limited to the first 80 participants so register early! If you have any questions about the summer camp, please contact Samantha at [hfw.youth@gmail.com](mailto:hfw.youth@gmail.com)

## **SUMMER CAMP SERVICE OPPORTUNITY**

**If you would like to volunteer during the camp or assist us behind the scenes, please contact Samantha at: [hfw.youth@gmail.com](mailto:hfw.youth@gmail.com)**

## **HELP US SEND OUR TEENS TO STEUBENVILLE!**

**FUNDRAISER** – This June, 17 teens from our parish are hoping to journey to Steubenville, Ohio for the Steubenville Catholic Youth Conference! Some of our families are in need of financial support to be able to send their teenager on this trip. Your donation will help provide these teens with an experience that could change their life. Please consider contributing to this year's fundraiser to help provide our teens with the opportunity to encounter Christ in an incredible way.

**The cost of the trip is \$500/person. If you would like to sponsor a teen or donate to help lower this cost - donations are acceptable by cash or cheque payable to Holy Family Parish. Contact Samantha at [hfw.youth@gmail.com](mailto:hfw.youth@gmail.com) for all inquiries**

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