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Many young people first joined a parish ministry because a parent or family member encouraged them.

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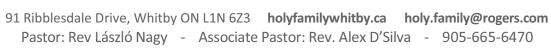
Share your God-given gifts with your parish community. Grow closer to God, build virtue, make new friends, and have fun!

Contact your parish office to discover the exciting opportunities available.



Scan to hear real stories from youth sharing their gifts in parish ministry

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday Sept 22, 7:00pm

Cheryl's Intentions for God's Healing Power for Carl Booker.

Tuesday Sept 23, 7:00pm

Thanksgiving to Carlo Acutis for the Youth req by Joan Vanberkum.

Wednesday Sept 24, 7:00pm

+Giulio Manera req by the Manera Family. +Kevin Wain req by Eileen Foster. +Catherine req by Yesu.

Sp Int Carl Booker req by the Homeless Mission Team.

Thursday Sept 25, 7:00pm

+Doug Foster req by Eileen Foster.

Friday Sept 26, 7:00pm

+Colman Conneely req by the Legion of Mary. +Antonio & Dominic Molinaro req by Paul & Anna Colacicco.

+Simon Fernandes req by the Fernandes Family.

+Paul Sobanski & Anne Gallas.

+Pedro Urcia req by the Family.

+Christopher Pestano req by the Family.

Saturday Sept 27, 5:00pm

+Heather Martyris.

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

Sept 21/22 – Capital Campaign Quarterly Sept 27/28 – Needs of the Canadian Church. Thank you for your ongoing support!

MORNING PLAYGROUP!

Starts this Thursday at 9:30am!

The Family Ministry Playgroup for Moms (Grandmom's & Dad's too) and their little ones (babies - preschoolers) will meet THURSDAY MORNINGS from 9:30 to 11:00 starting this Thursday Sept 25th! To register and be added to our email list, visit: holyfamilywhitby.ca/parent/ and click on 'PLAYGROUP'. We hope you & you little one can join us this week!

LOOKING TO BECOME CATHOLIC?

If you are interested in learning more about how to join the Catholic Church or completing your initiation into the Catholic Church (baptism, receiving First Holy Communion and/or being Confirmed), please call Ryan Harlock at 905-243-9466 to discuss and inquire! Starts this Tuesday, September 23rd!

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

Registration for First Communion **Grade 2 to Grade 6**, and Confirmation **Grades 7 & 8** is open. **For High school students**, contact the parish office.

Visit: holyfamilywhitby.ca and click on "FIRST COMMUNION" or "CONFIRMATION".

TODAY IS STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY!

Our parishes are our spiritual homes where we come to worship God, encounter Christ in the Holy Eucharist, pray, and meet with one another as a parish community. Today we celebrate Stewardship Sunday in the Archdiocese of Toronto. A steward is someone who receives God's gifts gratefully, develops those gifts responsibly, shares those gifts lovingly in justice with others, and makes a return with interest to the Lord. As such, the goal of stewardship is to help increase the engagement of everyone in the life of the parish, inviting us all to become more involved in the myriad of different ways to serve one another for the glory of God.

As we reflect on stewardship this weekend, we invite you to follow the link below to listen or read His Eminence Cardinal Frank Leo's homily on Stewardship and prayerfully reflect on how you may be of service to others. Visit: archtoronto.org/stewardship-sunday

MOVE DEEPER INTO YOUR FAITH...

Foundations of Faith - Starts Monday Sept 29th!

Discover the heart of our Catholic belief in a vibrant, video-based pilgrimage that brings the Catechism to life. From the ancient councils that shaped our doctrine to the saints who lived it, this program guides you on a spiritual adventure across 40 locations in 11 countries on four continents. Deepen your knowledge, learn from trusted teachers and connect our faith to your daily life. We will meet on Mondays with 2 sessions to choose from: Morning Sessions 10:00 am; Evening Sessions 7:30 pm. Cost: \$50. Part 1 - Sept 29 to Dec 8 and Part 2 - Jan 12 to Mar 16. *Come, explore the treasure of the Catechism, and let this journey transform the way you live out your Catholic faith!*

CALLING ALL YOUNG ADULTS – COME TO RENEW!

➤ Young Adult Conference is Happening Here in Whitby Nov 21-22! Join us for an unforgettable experience at OCY's annual conference for adults aged 18-39! This is your chance to grow in faith alongside like-minded individuals who are in the same exciting stage of life. Keynote speaker Heather Khym is amazing & will guide us through a day of spiritual revival! REGISTER TODAY -Early Bird registration closes Sept 30th. Register at: renewtoronto.org



CATHOLIC MOM'S GATHERING IS BACK!

Come & be a part of an encouraging and supportive community of women and go deeper in your faith life. No matter where

you are on your faith journey and no matter where you are as a mom – whether you have babies, teenagers or even if you're an empty nester, if you're a mom - this group is for you! Our first Gathering is on Wednesday, Oct 8th at 7:30pm. Find the sign-up link in the PARENT PORTAL of our website or Scan the QR code.



HOLY FAMILY MATURING ADULTS EVENT

Holy Family Parish Maturing Adults (Seniors) welcomes you to an enjoyable "LEARN & LUNCH" about A.I.- Artificial Intelligence. We will learn about what it actually is, how to use A.I. as a missionary parish tool, and how to understand its best use over all. Please come and join us, lunch will be served. RSVP is required to Bianca - biancarizutti@gmail.com or call Alan and leave your name at 289-200-1697. Details: Tuesday September 30th at 11am in the parish hall.

WEEKNIGHT YOUTH GROUP

Registration Now Open!

EDGE for Youth in Grades 5-8 STARTS THIS THURSDAY! This year's EDGE will focus on understanding how to live a Christian life through the example of the beatitudes & the Saints. Awesome games, competitions, & snacks will keep our nights full of fun while we build community and deepen our faith! Runs every 2nd & 4th Thursday 6:45pm to 8:30pm. Starts this week! Sept25th!

LIFETEEN for High School Students. This year, our LIFETEEN will focus on uncovering & understanding the treasures of our Catholic faith, equipping teens with tools to live out & share our faith. We want to walk alongside each teen on their journey of faith by providing a community founded upon faith and love. Runs 1st and 3rd Thursday from 6:45-9pm. Starts Oct 2nd!

For more information or to register, please see our Samantha at the back of the church, or email her at: hfw.youth@gmail.com

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY!

Can You Cook for Our Teens?

WE ARE HIRING!

We are seeking a FULL-TIME LAY PASTORAL ASSISTANT the successful candidate will take the lead in cultivating a culture of faith across all ministries, including sacramental preparation as well as lifelong faith formation. Visit: holyfamilywhitby.ca and click on the 'JOB POSTING' to apply.

PRO-LIFE LIFE CHAIN OCT 5TH

Pro-Life Ministry invites everyone to join the National wide Life Chain on **Sun Oct 5**th at the intersection of Dundas St. & Thickson Rd. from 2 to 3pm. Join us and be a witness of protecting the human life of the unborn. Please contact Gwen 905-259-8504 if you have questions.

JOURNEY WITH A NEW CATHOLIC THIS YEAR!

RCIA Sponsors Needed! Are you being called?

Our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program is underway, and we are seeking dedicated, practicing Catholics to serve as sponsors for our new catechumens and candidates.

What Does an RCIA Sponsor Do?

- You will be a companion and a living link to the parish community for someone on their journey of faith.
- You'll help them grow in their relationship with God and the Church.
- You'll introduce them to other parishioners and invite them to parish events.

Who Can Be a Sponsor?

- You must be a fully initiated Catholic, meaning you have been confirmed and received the Eucharist.
- You must be a practicing Catholic (attending Sunday Mass regularly), in good standing with the Church: If you are married, you have to be married in the Catholic church and NOT cohabitating or common-law.

If you are interested or to know more, call our coordinator Ryan at 905 243 9466.

THE CWL ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Save the date! Friday November 7th and Saturday November 8th with a special visit from Santa & Mrs. Claus on Saturday the 8th!

*Please Note: this event will NOT be accepting any Vintage Treasures.

We are asking for the following donations:

- New giftable items for the penny social table
- New giftable items for children ages 6 months to 8 years
- Christmas decor that is gently used
- Cello wrap/bows/ribbon/clear cello bags
- Homemade baked goods and shelf stable preserves

If you or your place of employment would be interested in donating large prize items, please contact Angie at 905-721-8878. Please note we do NOT offer tables to vendors. All items are donated and monies are allocated to Holy Family Parish. *Stay tuned for more updates.*

<u>CALLING ALL "PRESERVERS"</u> If you would like to help out by making some shelf stable preserves such as jams, jellies, pickles, tomatoes etc. please call Marlene @ 416-529-2565. Any contributions would be greatly appreciated.

LEGION OF MARY MEMBER FELLOWSHIP EVENT

Legion of May, will be having their annual Members Fellowship Event on **Sat. Oct 4th, 10am – 12pm** in the parish hall. All active & auxiliary members, as well as anyone interested in knowing more about us, are invited to join!

FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR

The Archdiocese is hosting a free Estate Planning Webinar on **Sept 27, 9:00am** on Zoom. The goal is to help parishioners protect themselves and their loved ones by making a proper Will and estate plan that respects their wishes and our Catholic tradition. Scan QR code or this link to register: http://qrco.de/WebSept27





LIVE OUR MISSION

Join a Holy Family Ministry Today!

How can I help and what's the time commitment?

<u>PARKING LOT:</u> Be a friendly face outside directing traffic before Mass (30 mins) <u>GREETER:</u> Hold open the door before Mass (15 mins) and be at the welcome desk after Mass (15 mins)



Sunday Experience Ministries <u>USHER:</u> Welcome parishioners, coordinate seating and assist with the offertory collections (15 mins before and after Mass; assist as required during the Mass) <u>GATHER CAFE:</u> Serve in the Gather Café after Mass engaging with parishioners (prep 30 mins before Mass; serve 30 mins after Mass)

<u>GIFT STORE:</u> Help parishioners find and purchase gift items after Mass (20 mins) <u>IT/AV TECH:</u> Manage and maintain website and socials and/or assist with AV needs during Mass (variable, during the week and during Mass)

<u>LECTOR:</u> Proclaim the Word of God during Mass (prep at home, arrive 15 mins early) **<u>EXTRAORDINARY EUCHARISTIC MINISTER:</u>** Assist the celebrant during the liturgy in sharing the Eucharistic body of Christ (arrive 15 mins early)

EEM TO SICK: Visit the homebound to conduct a Liturgy of the Word and provide Communion (2 hrs/shift, following the 9:30 Mass)



Kids, Youth & Families <u>HF KIDS:</u> Help make the Word of God come alive during our children's liturgy (prep at home, arrive 15 mins early)

<u>ALTAR SERVER:</u> Assist in celebrating the Liturgy on the Altar during the Mass (arrive 15 mins early + attend one hour meeting a month)

<u>FAMILY MINISTRY:</u> Join a team like event planning, Cathechis, communications or help at the Lending Library after Mass (varies depending on team)

YOUTH: Be part of the team that leads our EDGE and LIFETEEN programs (three hours/week from September through to June)

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION PREP: Plan and deliver programs to prepare students to receive First Communion or Confirmation (varies by program, seasonal)



Adult Formation

PRAYER GROUPS: Meet weekly to pray for petitions submitted by parishioners (1 hr)

RCIA: Join the team that shares the faith with candidates exploring becoming full members of the Catholic Church (weekly two hour meetings from fall to spring)

BAPTISM PREP: Help run our parent baptism prep meeting (1 1/2 hours a month)

SMALL GROUPS: Planning team assists our small groups leaders (variable)

MARRIAGE PREP: Plan for and deliver the "Joy Filled Marriage" program to engaged couples by presenting material and sharing personal testimony (seasonal - two hours per session for weekly program or Friday evening and Saturday for weekend style)

FAITH FORMATION: Help organize and run formation programs (variable; Sept - June)

<u>ALPHA:</u> Help introduce Christianity to those who are seeking! Prep and serve meals, welcome participants and engage in small group discussions (3 hrs/week for 11 weeks)



Social Justice

<u>OUTREACH</u>: Visit the homeless on our streets and in hostels in Oshawa and Whitby twice a month, feeding them and providing hygiene kits (3 hrs twice a month)

<u>HORIZONS OF HOPE</u>: Join the team that empowers and educates parishioners by addressing questions surrounding palliative care, dying, death and bereavement in a holistic fashion in line with our faith (variable, depending on scheduled sessions)

<u>PRO LIFE</u>: Help build a culture of respect for all life through education and empowerment around topics like euthanasia, abortion and stem cell research and genetic research and practices (variable)

Come share your gifts, talents and passion in service to the Lord.

Detach and place in the Sunday collection I am interested in serving in the following ministry/ministries - Please contact me! ______Tel # ______ Name: Email: ____ Usher ____ Gather Cafe ____ Lector ____ Greeter ____ Gift Store ____ Eucharistic Minister on the Altar Parking Lot _____ IT/AV Tech _____ Eucharistic Minister to Sick ____ HFKids ____ Youth Programs ____ First Communion Prep Altar Server Family Ministry Confirmation Prep ____ RCIA _____ Prayer Groups _____ Faith Formation Alpha Small Groups Marriage Prep Baptism Prep ___ Outreach _____ Horizons of Hope _____ ProLife

"Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very word of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ."



1 Peter 4: 9-11

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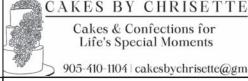
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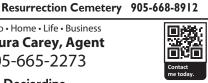
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