



Holy Family Parish

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Rectory Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9:30 a.m. to 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. Alex D'Silva
OFFICE MANAGER: Tess Bondoc
YOUTH MINISTER: Samantha Kanemy
OFFICE ASSISTANT: Sue Kanemy
MINISTRY COORDINATOR: Karina Doyle

PARISH MINISTRIES:

Adult Faith Formation	905-665-6470
Alpha	905-665-6470
Altar Servers	905-665-6470
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Eucharistic Ministers	647-522-8310
Extraordinary Ministers for the Sick	905-430-8552
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
Horizons of Hope	905-441-0957
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	905-259-8504
R.C.I.A.	905-243-9466
Rosary Apostolate	905-666-5763
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, Wednesday & Friday: 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday: 9:00 a.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 Alys MacAlister 905-259-8504.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday Feb 16, 7:00pm

+Jeremiah Corkery req by Mary Anne Belanger.

Tuesday Feb 17, 9:00am

+Christopher Tracey req by Bronwyn Thorp.

Wednesday Feb 18, 9:00 am & 7:00pm

Ash Wednesday

Thursday Feb 19, 9:00am

Sp Int Nancy Fernandes req by Sheila Tobin.

Sp Int for 71st Wedding Anniversary Ted & Norma Cordick.

Friday Feb 20, 7:00pm

+Kyro Pierce Persaud req by the Family.

+Nieva Randrup req by Susan Rivera.

+Daniel Belanger req by Mary Anne Belanger.

+Msgr. Hillary Rodrigues req by Denzita Pimenta.

Saturday Feb 21, 9:00am

+Shane Reymes req by Marlene St. John

SP Int Kim Vaughan req by Marlene St. John.

Saturday Feb 21, 5:00pm

+Maggie & Joseph Cherayil req by the Family.

NEW TO HOLY FAMILY?

Please visit us at the Welcome Desk after Mass, we'd love to meet you! We also invite you & your family to register as parishioners and join our email list! Visit the Welcome page of our website where you will find links to our email list, and Parishioner Registration form and more or visit:



holyfamlywhitby.ca/get-connected/

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us on Fridays at 6:30pm as we pray the Stations of the Cross before Mass during Lent. If you are looking for more information on the Stations of Cross, visit: holyfamlywhitby.ca/stations-of-the-cross/

2026 TAX RECEIPTS

2026 Parish Tax Receipts have been processed and you should receive it by mail in the next couple weeks. Thank you for your continued support of our parish!

BLESSING OF BREAD

Next Sunday, Feb 22 is the Feast of our Lady of Constantinopoli. The Blessed Bread will be distributed in the hall after the 12:30pm Mass.

THE CROSS CHANGES EVERYTHING

A Lenten Homily Series with Fr. László and Fr. Alex

This Lent, we are invited to stand before the Cross - not as spectators, but as disciples. Join us for a powerful five-week journey from repentance to renewal, from mercy to mission, from Calvary to Resurrection. Through Scripture, Catholic teaching, and pastoral reflection, this series will explore how the Cross reveals the truth about sin, the depth of God's mercy, and the hope that changes everything.

Each week we will reflect on a different step of the Lenten path:

- Week 1 – Standing Before the Cross
- Week 2 – Naming Sin: What We Carry
- Week 3 – Repentance: Letting Go
- Week 4 – Mercy: Meeting Forgiveness
- Week 5 – Conversion: Living Differently
- Week 6 – Resurrection: Hope Beyond the Cross

The Cross is not the end of the story. It is the beginning of new life. Come and discover how Christ's sacrifice reshapes your past, strengthens your present, and opens your future.

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



What do the ashes represent? Biblically, ashes symbolize mourning, mortality, and penance. In early Christianity, penitents were marked with ashes as a public sign of repentance.

When did Ash Wednesday begin? By the eighth century, public penance faded and the Church began marking everyone with ashes

at the start of Lent. By the tenth century, this became Ash Wednesday, a reminder of our mortality and need for repentance.

Where do the ashes come from? They are made from palms blessed on Palm Sunday the previous year, linking Lent, Christ's Passion, and the celebration of Easter.

Are ashes a sacrament? No. Ashes are considered sacramentals, blessed signs that prepare us to receive God's grace.

How should we prepare? Spending time in quiet reflection is always a good way to open one's self to the Holy Spirit, and consider meditating on Psalm 51, the penitential psalm for the day.

How long should ashes be worn? There is no set rule. They are usually kept on until they naturally fade or are washed off at the end of the day. Ashes on the forehead are distinct and are meant to be seen by others.

Is Ash Wednesday a Holy Day of Obligation? While it is not a Holy Day of Obligation, Ash Wednesday is one of two universal days of fasting & abstinence from meat (as is Good Friday).

Join us for Ash Wednesday Masses - February 18, 9:00am and 7:00pm

FR. LASZLO'S NEW LENTEN BOOK NOW AVAILABLE!

Fr. Laszlo's new Lenten book invites readers to encounter true conversion through Christ, not self-improvement. Walking with Christ to the Cross guides readers through Lent with Scripture, the saints, and the Church's wisdom. \$20. Also available: Way of the Cross, a prayerful, reflective journey. \$5. Both books will be for sale this weekend at the back of the church, buy both and receive a free extra copy of Way of the Cross.

FAMILY STATIONS OF THE CROSS – MARCH 1 at 3pm



The Family Ministry invites you to journey with us as we pray the Stations of the Cross using family-focused prayers and reflections. Sunday March 1st at 3:00pm & Sunday March 29th at 3:00pm. Father will guide the children around the church, stopping at each station to prayerfully reflect on Jesus' suffering, Death, & Resurrection. Afterward, families are welcome to gather for a brief time of fellowship. This is very meaningful and prayerful way to begin and end your Lenten journey as a family! For more information contact Sue at holyfamly.sue@gmail.com

DADS GROUP THURSDAY!

Join us **THIS Thursday, Feb 19th** at 7:30pm for our second Dad's Group! Our Theme this Month is: **Fatherhood and the Family.**

Come, be part of an uplifting fraternity of men who want to help each other grow in faith & become the leaders our Families need us to be.

If you are a dad, grand-dad or future dad, there is a place for you here!

Please Register at:
holyfamilydads.ca



REGISTRATION OPEN!

This year we are planning to offer **TWO WEEKS** of HFkids Camp. HFkids camp is for kids in grades 1-6 (as of fall 2026). You can choose to register for only one week of camp or for both camps! The weeks will be different from each other.

HFkids Camp Week 1 July 13 - 17
HFkids Camp Week 2 August 4 - 7

TEEN EVENING PROGRAM!

This year we are also planning to offer an Evening Teen Program for youth in Grades 7 - 12 (as of fall 2026).

Teen Evening Camp July 20 - 24.

Registration forms are available at the Welcome Desk and on the website!

Note - Space is limited so register early!



SCRIPTURAL ROSARY

Join The Legion of Mary on the First Saturday of each month after the 9:00am Mass to recite the Scriptural Rosary! The rosary is a devotion in honor Our Blessed Virgin Mary. By reciting the twelve prayers that form a rosary, we meditate on the mystery associated with that decade.

The first Saturday for 2026 are:

Mar 7, Apr 4, May 2, June 6, July 4, Aug 1, Sept 5, Oct 3, Nov 7 & Dec 5.

COME, PRAY FOR YOUR CHILD TO COME BACK!



Millions of Monicas: Praying for Our Children's Return to the Catholic Faith.

Are you a mother, grandmother, aunt, or godmother grieving the loss of faith in a beloved child? You are not alone. Join with other women for a **PEACEFUL HOUR OF PRAYER**, inspired by St. Monica, whose steadfast, tear-filled prayers led to the conversion of **her son, St. Augustine**. Become one of the **Millions of Monicas (M.O.M)** around the world who are faithfully entrusting their children to God through persistent, hope-filled prayer. There is no cost to attend. Simply come with an open heart. **JOIN US ON the 4th Thursday of every month, starting Thursday February 26th.** Two Prayer Gathering times for you to choose: 10:30am OR 6:30pm.

Sign up at the back of the church, scan the QR code or visit holyfamilywhitby.ca/parent & click on MILLIONS OF MONICAS.



PARISH MEMORIAL WALL – A NEW INITIATIVE...

We are planning to create a Memorial Wall. A sacred space where we can name and honour our loved ones who have passed. The memorial wall will serve as a permanent tribute to the lives and legacies of our family members, friends, and parishioners who now rest in Christ's peace.

The wall will be located in the new south Narthex across from the Parish Office and will be constructed using marble engravable plaques, with a beautiful backlit wooden cross. Each plaque will measure 4 by 6 inches and may include the name of your loved one along with their year of birth and passing. Families may also choose to honour a group name without dates, for example, "John Smith 1943 - 2023." Space on the wall is limited. Each plaque is available for a cost of \$300 and will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

If you are interested, please contact Committee Member, Marlene St. John at mstjohn@sympatico.ca or use the QR code to sign up.



RECOGNITION WALL

As we celebrate the completion of our construction project, we give thanks for the generosity that made it possible. The parish proposes a Gratitude and Benefactor Appreciation Wall, located opposite the parish office beside the Memorial Wall. Since the space is limited and the donors are in the thousands, we decided to recognize cumulative donations of \$3,000 or more. I know that not everyone is in a position to give at this level, and I want to be deeply sensitive to that. I sincerely apologize if the design of this wall makes anyone feel overlooked or less valued.

The viability of our project depended on the collective sacrifice of every member, not just the large donors. The widow's mite was greater in the eyes of Jesus because of the sacrifice it represented, not the monetary value.

This wall is not designed to create a hierarchy of value, but to honour the major, foundational gifts that allowed us to complete this project. However, we are grateful for every gift, and you are all partners in this project.

For those who are not listed on the Recognition Wall, please know that your contribution is deeply appreciated, celebrated, and equally necessary for our mission. If you have donated less than \$3000, but still wish to be included, please contact the parish office staff who do their best to work with your request.

It is never too late to make an offering and be part of this important work for our parish community. We hope to finalize the plaque by Easter. The Finance Committee.

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