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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

#### **Monday March 23, 7:00pm**

+Leonardo Pellegrino req by his Children.

#### **\*Tuesday March 24, 7:00pm\***

+Kathy Bobnic req by Marlene St John.

#### **Wednesday March 25, 7:00pm**

+Maria & Arthur Carneiro req by Maria Do Rego.  
+Catherine Yesu req by Naveen.  
+Melissa George req by Mum & Dad.  
Sp Int Connor Herod & Kafi Jones req by Claudia Herod.

#### **Thursday March 26, 9:00am**

+Hillard & Estelle Cordick req by Ted & Norma Cordick.

#### **Friday March 27, 7:00pm**

+Joseph Marrin req by the Mc Gouran Family.  
+Maureen Mc Avoy req by Annie Mc Gouran.  
+Giovanni Portincasa req by Anna Portincasa & Family.  
+Giuseppe Portincasa req by Anna Portincasa & Family.  
Sp Int Sheldon Hannah req by Noel & Mary Hannah.  
Sp Int Sabu and Anu's Family.  
Sp Int Norma Lorenzana req by the Kondzior Family.  
**Saturday March 28, 9:00am**  
Magdalene Gomes req by the Fernandes Family.  
**Saturday March 28, 5:00pm**  
Special Intentions

### **MASS TIME CHANGE:**

**NO MORNING MASS TUESDAY MARCH 24** - Mass will take place at 7pm for the Retreat.

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Join us on this Fridays at 6:30pm as we pray the Stations of the Cross before Mass during Lent.

### **RENT THE ATRIUM**

We are pleased to announce that our new Atrium and Meeting Place is available for rent. The Atrium offers a comfortable and welcoming setting for both parish & family events. For availability, rental guidelines & fees, contact the office at 905-665-6470 or [holy.family@rogers.com](mailto:holy.family@rogers.com)

### **LENTEN PARISH RETREAT - STARTS MONDAY 7PM!**

*This coming week, you are warmly invited to our parish Lenten Retreat titled "Hope Beyond the Cross," inspired by the book **Walking with Christ to the Cross** by Fr. László Nagy.*

Through prayer, reflection, and teaching, this retreat will guide us on a spiritual journey of repentance, mercy, and conversion as we walk with Christ toward the Cross and discover the hope that lies beyond it. In a world often marked by suffering and uncertainty, the Cross reveals that God's love is stronger than sin and that His mercy opens the path to new life. Come and experience how walking with Christ through the Cross leads us to deeper faith, healing, and the promise of resurrection. **Retreat Leader Fr. László. – Note: NO MORNING MASS Tuesday March 24<sup>th</sup>**

- **THIS WEEK - 3 Nights! Monday March 23 TO Wednesday March 25 During the 7pm Mass.**
- **Lenten Confession Follows after the Retreat on Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> - Multiple Priests.**

### **CHILD FAR FROM THE FAITH? - YOU ARE NOT ALONE!**

**MILLIONS OF MONICAS** is a monthly prayer gathering for mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, aunts, & any woman with a mother's heart who carries a child in prayer who is far from the Catholic faith. Inspired by St. Monica, we gather for a peaceful hour of hopeful, persistent prayer, entrusting our children to God and asking for the grace of their return. **COME PRAY WITH US!**

**Our next Monthly Prayer Gathering is THIS Thursday March 26**, and you can choose the time that works best for you: **10:30am or 6:30pm**. There is no cost to attend, simply bring your rosary & an open heart, and join us for this special Guided Prayer time. If this will be your first time joining us & you have not registered, **PLEASE REGISTER** at [holyfamilywhitby.ca/millions-of-monicas/](http://holyfamilywhitby.ca/millions-of-monicas/)



### **SPRING SENIORS' DINNER INVITATION...**

The Federation of North-American Explorers - Holy Family Group warmly invites the seniors of Holy Family Parish (aged 60+) to a **Spring Seniors' Dinner** on **Saturday, April 11**, following the **5:00 PM Mass**. Please join us for a joyful evening of **fellowship, food, and faith** as we celebrate the beauty of spring and the wisdom of our elders while sharing stories, laughter, and community. Dinner will be lovingly prepared and served by our FNE youth, including the **Timberwolves and Explorers**. This event is **free of charge**. As seating is limited, we kindly encourage you to **RSVP early**, as we will be able to accommodate **up to 50 guests**. **Please RSVP by Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>** at [fnedurhamexplorercompany@gmail.com](mailto:fnedurhamexplorercompany@gmail.com) or call 416-528-7346 or email: . We look forward to celebrating this special evening with you!

### **FAMILY STATIONS of the CROSS - NEXT SUNDAY 3PM**

The Family Ministry & HFkids invites you to journey with us as we pray the Stations of the Cross using family-focused prayers & reflections with the Children's Choir leading us in worship. **Sunday Mar. 29<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm** Father will guide the children around the church, stopping at each station to prayerfully reflect on Jesus' suffering, Death, & Resurrection. Followed by a brief time of fellowship. This is a very meaningful and prayerful way to enter into Holy Week as a family!

### **HFkids PALM SUNDAY WALK - NEXT SUNDAY**

On Palm Sunday, Kids in JK to Gr 6 are invited to join us for a Special Interactive HFkids as we journey with Jesus through key moments of the day, from His entry into Jerusalem to the Last Supper and the Garden. During our regular HFkids program at the 9:30 & 11:00 Masses.

### **HIGH SCHOOL COME & SEE – DISCERNMENT DAY**

**NEXT Saturday, March 28**, the Office of Vocations invites young **men in Grades 11–12** to a "Come & See" Discernment Day at St. Augustine's Seminary (2661 Kingston Rd., Toronto), from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This day offers a chance to step away, pray, and reflect on whether God may be calling you to the priesthood. Lunch is provided. **TO REGISTER:** [vocationstoronto.ca/hscomeesee](http://vocationstoronto.ca/hscomeesee)

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## HFkids DAY CAMP

We're excited to offer **TWO** weeks of HFkids Camp this year! Open to children in Grades 1-6 (as of Fall 2026), families can choose one week or join us for both, each week will feature its own unique activities and experiences!

**WEEK 1 - July 13 to 17**

**WEEK 2 - August 4 to 7**

## TEEN PROGRAM!

Evening Teen Program is for youth in Grades 7 - 12 (as of fall 2026). **Teen Evening Camp will run from July 20 - 24.**

Find Registration forms at the Welcome Desk or the website



**Space is Limited!**

## SHARELIFE SUNDAY

This Weekend marks the first collection the annual ShareLife Campaign - but ShareLife is more than a parish collection. It is how we, as Catholics in the Archdiocese bring the hands of Christ to those in need. From children to seniors, & everyone in between, ShareLife agencies are there every step of the way!

**Missed today's collection? It's not too late to contribute!**

You can give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, which can be placed in the offertory basket anytime, online on the parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

## CALLING ALL SENIORS

*Find Connection & Community!*  
The Maturing Adults Group (Seniors Group) will be hosting a St Patrick's Event & Luncheon **THIS Tuesday, March 24th from 11am to 1pm** in the hall. All parish seniors are welcome! Please confirm attendance to Bianca at 416-315-2044 or [biancarizutti@gmail.com](mailto:biancarizutti@gmail.com).

# Holy Week & Easter Schedule



### PALM SUNDAY - Jesus Christ's Entry into Jerusalem

March 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> - Sat 5:00pm, Sun 8am, 9:30, 11am and 12:30pm  
Family Stations of the Cross 3:00pm

### HOLY THURSDAY - Celebrating the Holy Eucharist.

Thursday April 2<sup>nd</sup> - 7:00 pm  
Followed by Solemn Eucharistic Adoration until Midnight.

### GOOD FRIDAY - Remembering the Sacrifice of Jesus

Friday April 3<sup>rd</sup> - 12:00pm & 3:00pm

#### Station Of the Cross

Friday April 18<sup>th</sup> 7:00PM

### EASTER VIGIL - Celebrating Christ's Rising & The Easter Sacraments

Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup> - 8:00pm to 10:00pm with incense.

### EASTER SUNDAY - Alleluia He is Risen! Celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus

Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup> - 8am, 9:30, 11am & 12:30pm.

### EASTER MONDAY

Monday April 6<sup>th</sup> 7:00PM (*Note the Parish Office will be Closed Monday*)

## SEND OUR KIDS TO CAMP DONATION DRIVE!

Please consider donating to our "Send Our Kids to Camp" Donation Drive." This fundraiser helps families send their children to EDGE Camp and Life Teen Camp, two overnight camps where our parish youth can encounter Christ in profound ways. The cost is \$500 per camper, and donations of all values are greatly appreciated. **If you feel called to donate, please pick up a form at the welcome desk**, (or bring your donation to the parish office indicating that it is for the camp fundraiser). **Donations are tax deductible.** If you have any questions, please feel free to email our Youth Minister, Samantha at [hfw.youth@gmail.com](mailto:hfw.youth@gmail.com)

## DRAW CLOSER TO JESUS THROUGH MARY THIS SPRING...

This April, you are warmly invited to take part in **33 DAYS TO MORNING GLORY**, a simple and powerful journey of daily prayer & reflection that leads to entrusting your heart and life to Jesus through Mary. In the midst of busy schedules and responsibilities, this consecration offers a peaceful path to deepen your faith, grow in your relationship with Christ, and discover the loving role of Our Blessed Mother in your spiritual life. We will gather on **Mondays for five weeks at 7:30pm, starting on Monday April 27<sup>th</sup>** offering encouragement, conversation and community as we walk this journey together - drawing closer to Jesus through His mother Mary. ❤️


**SUPERVISED KID'S SPACE AVAILABLE!** A supervised space for school-aged children will be available in the St. Nicholas Room with board games, art supplies etc.... Please let us know if you may need this when registering for the 33 Days Program.

**TO REGISTER** sign up at the Welcome Desk, visit [holyfamilywhitby.ca](http://holyfamilywhitby.ca) and click on "Mary Consecration" Tab, or simply scan the provided QR code >>



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