

### FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

### December 18th, 2016

### "Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory."

Psalter IV



Parents wishing to baptize their children at Holy Family are invited to approach either Fr. Larry, Fr. David, or Deacon Robert after any of the Sunday masses, in order to obtain a Baptism Preparation Package.

### CELEBRATION DATES FOR CONFIRMATION AND FIRST SHARING IN HOLY COMMUNION 2017

For all families who have formally registered their child in the preparation process leading to the celebration of Confirmation or first sharing in Holy Communion, the list of celebration dates is posted in the parish hall. The list includes the dates for meetings, and for the candidates for Confirmation, the date of their retreat.

The list will remain posted until June 2017. If your child's name has been misspelled, please notify Catherine Ecker, parish catechist, in writing, and corrections will be made.

(catechist@holyfamilybolton.ca).

### PARENT & CHILD CATECHETICAL MEETING IN JANUARY, 2017

A special reminder that the parent and child meetings begin Sunday January  $8^{th}$ , 2017. Please consult the list in the parish hall and attend the date that has been assigned.

Parents are reminded that they and their child are to have finished up to page 49 in the book *We Prepare for Reconciliation*. If you have any questions regarding the preparation, please contact Catherine, our parish catechist at: <a href="mailto:catechist@holyfamilybolton.ca">catechist@holyfamilybolton.ca</a>.

### STEWARDSHIP

When he discovered that Mary was with child, Joseph resolved to end their engagement with as little disgrace as possible. But, obedient to the voice of God, he changed those plans and became instead the protector of the child and his mother, Mary. God grant that I may be as open to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

# ADVENT A SEASON OF DEVOUT AND EXPECTANT DELIGHT!

During Advent, we are reminded that we are to be ready to welcome Christ in our brothers and sisters and to prepare to celebrate the mystery of the Incarnation: God with us.



### A Prayer for the Fourth Week of Advent

Before your family meal, light all the candles on your Advent wreath. If you do not have an Advent wreath, you may light tapers before you pray.

God of all hope, You have chosen us to be a witness to your love.

Help us and guide us in all that we do in your name. May we rejoice in the coming of your Son.

#### December 24th

On Christmas Eve, you may replace the candles with new white ones for use during the Christmas Season.

Lord Jesus, we approach that holy moment when your coming in the flesh is renewed in our hearts. Give us peace and allow us to celebrate your presence with joy, that we may some day share your glory. We ask this of you, who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, as One God, now and forever. Amen.

# CELEBRATING DECEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES Special Date:

### Friday December 30th at 7:00pm

The married couples in our parish are a sign to us of God's faithfulness and through their witness we are strengthened.

On December 30th at 7:00 pm, during our parish feast day mass, we will pray for all couples who are celebrating a wedding anniversary during the month of December. Cardinal Collins will join us for this parish mass.

#### **CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**



Christmas Eve Saturday December 24<sup>th</sup> **4:00pm, 6:00pm, 10:00pm, Midnight** 

> Christmas Day Sunday December 25<sup>th</sup> **10:00am and 12:00noon**

Feast of the Holy Family
Friday December 30<sup>th</sup>
7:00pm
Thomas Cardinal Collins Presiding

# FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY Friday December 30th, 2016



Please join us
for our annual family skate
3:30 - 5:00 pm
Sponsored by
the Knights of Columbus of
Holy Family Parish.
Albion Bolton Community Centre

Holy Family Mass @ 7:00 pm Marriage Anniversary Blessings

Welcome Cardinal Collins!

Reception to follow.

You are invited to bring
goodies to share.

#### MARRIAGE PREPARATION CLASSES

Couples, who are registered to be married at Holy Family in 2017, are invited to sign up for marriage classes. The classes will begin *Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017, at 7:15 pm* and will continue for eight weeks. The cost is \$150.00/couple.

### PARISH OUTREACH TO SENIORS PROJECT

We are pleased to announce a partnership between Catholic Family Services Peel Dufferin and our parish on a much needed project, called the Parish Outreach to Seniors Project. The goal of this project is to recruit and train volunteers from our parish to visit our isolated and lonely seniors.

If you are interested in an impactful volunteer opportunity, this will be a fulfilling role for you. If you are aware of any senior parishioners who may be experiencing isolation, please bring their name forward. For more information, please contact Catherine Baldassare at outreach@holyfamilybolton.ca.

### **DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

Parents/guardians are invited to attend an Extended French Information Meeting at Holy Family School, 61 Allan Drive, Bolton, on Wednesday January 18th, 2017, at 7:00 pm. For further details, call 905-890-0708.

### BAND OF CHRISTIAN BROTHERS MEN'S CONFERENCE

On February  $18^{\rm th}$ , join Fr. Larry Richards and Archbishop of Montréal, Christian Lépine for Serviam Ministries,  $2^{\rm nd}$  annual Band of Christian Brothers Men's Conference at Canada Christian college in Toronto.

The theme is 'Step Up". The day will strengthen and challenge men to become the man God created them to be. Mass, Adoraion and Confession will take place. Special father/son rates available. For information and tickets, call 1-888-522-2070, or visit: <a href="mailto:info@ServiamMinistries.com">info@ServiamMinistries.com</a>.



Holy Family Parish Bolton

Against all odds, against all logic, there is always hope.



The EDGE is open to students in Grades 6, 7, 8. Friday's at 7:00 pm Are you interested in joining our EDGE Core? If so, please see Julia. The EDGE resumes January 13th, 2017

THE STEEL

Saturdays 5:00pm Mass
Life Night follows.
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Life Teen resumes January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017

### MOMS & TOTS

Moms, Dads and caregivers with babies and toddlers are invited



every Wednesday morning, from 9:30am - 12:00 noon for refreshments and

fellowship. Please join Deacon Robert and his wife Gabrielle for fun, frivolity and a "cuppa". Bring the kids. We have a great selection of toys and refreshments!

#### **VOCATIONS**

If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or deacon, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto, 416-968-0997

### **SANCTUARY LAMPS**

(December 14<sup>th</sup> – December 21<sup>st</sup>)
Engelbert Sr., Frank & Jozefa Markovic
Shirley Wakeman
Letitia Grant
Roccantonio Salvatore
Terese Ierullo
Mariangela Ierullo

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### NEW YEAR'S EVE COMMUNITY DANCE



Former Caesar's Banquet Hall 12495 Hwy 50 8:00pm - 1:00am

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus of Holy Family Parish. All ages are welcome - light buffet, cash bar, dancing! Cost - \$25.00/pp. For tickets, please call Ron Frank, 905-857-7130, or frank\_6@sympatico.ca.



Monday December 19th, 7:00 pm †Kimberly & Charlie Spiteri Requested by Linda, Joe, Amanda & Connie Tuesday December 20th, 10:00 am †Marg Livingston

Requested by Karen & Julio DiCresce *Wednesday December 21*<sup>st</sup>

"Longest Night Mass" For All Who Experience Loss

†Vincenzo Castellucci
Requested by his Family
†Rudy & Reynaldo Velasco
Requested by Rudita Velasco *Thursday December 22<sup>nd</sup>*, 10:00 am
†Rocco Morabito
Requested by Franca Morabito

Friday December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10:00 am †Anna Filomena & Antonio Lacalamita Requested by the Lacalamita Family Saturday December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm, 10:00 pm & Midnight Sunday December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day 10:00 am, 12:00 noon (No 8:30 am mass)

To love means
loving the unlovable.
To forgive means
pardoning the unpardonable.
Faith means
believing the unbelievable.
Hope means
hoping when everything
seems hopeless.

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