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# HOLY FAMILY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### PASTORAL TEAM:

Rev. Larry Léger, Pastor

Rev. David Gikonyo IMC, Associate Pastor Robert Suthers, Deacon Lydia Rogers, Secretary Julia Coffa, Youth Minister Catherine Ecker, Catechist Catherine Baldassare, Parish Outreach

## Christmas



the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people.

### **CHRISTMAS DAY**

### **December 25th, 2016**

### "Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord."

Proper Psalter



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  $8^{\rm th}$ , 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@holvfamilybolton.ca">catechist@holvfamilybolton.ca</a>.

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#### **STEWARDSHIP**

For unto us is born this day a Saviour! In response to so great a love, only the gift of my whole self will do. You have given us Yourself, dear Lord; in love and thanksgiving, I commit myself afresh to You.

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

This year the Feast of the Holy Family is celebrated on December 30<sup>th</sup>. We remember that Jesus was born into a family and it was in his family that he grew in wisdom and knowledge. We celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family and we rejoice in the many gifts of our own families.

Saint John Paul II spoke of the family as the domestic church, the place where we encounter the face of God for the first time and discover what it means to be loved unconditionally. As we celebrate the Feast day for our parish, may we rejoice in the gift of family and thank God for the many ways we are able to reflect God's love to the world.

### **Prayer for Families**

O God, whose desire is that all the peoples of the world should be one human family, living together in harmony, grant that our home, by its worship and its witness, may help to hasten the day when your will is done on earth, as it is in heaven. **Amen** 

Please join us for our annual family skate 3:30 - 5:00 pm Friday December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Albion Bolton Community Centre



Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus of Holy Family Parish.

Holy Family Mass @ 7:00 pm Marriage Anniversary Blessings

Welcome Cardinal Collins!

Reception to follow. You are invited to bring goodies to share.

### CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS UNTIL JANUARY 9th, 2017

The Christmas season continues until the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, celebrated this year on Monday January 9th, 2017. Throughout the liturgical season of Christmas, our Church celebrates the many ways that God is made present in our midst and world. Families are invited to celebrate the full season of Christmas.

From Christmas Day until the Baptism of the Lord, the following prayer can be prayed when your family gathers for a meal:

Father in heaven, you so loved us that You sent your son among us as Saviour and Lord. Fill us with your blessing, that we may grow in love and continue to live our Christian faith. We ask this through Christ our Lord. 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.

### **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.

God gives me
whatever I want.
Because I want
whatever He gives.

St. Therese de Lisieux

### SENIORS OUTREACH 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  $18^{th}$ , join Fr. Larry Richards and Archbishop of Montréal, Christian Lépine for Serviam Ministries,  $2^{nd}$  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: info@ServiamMinistries.com.



Holy Family Parish Bolton

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A happy family
is what we all strive to have.
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Susan at Prayables



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If so, please see Julia.
The EDGE resumes January 13th, 2017



Saturdays 5:00pm Mass
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Life Teen resumes January 14th, 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 21st – December 27th)
Engelbert Sr., Frank & Jozefa Markovic
Shirley Wakeman
Letitia Grant
Simone Perri
Franco Funari
Mario & Concettina DiGiovanni
Raffaela Sinopoli

### 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 26th, 10:00 am No 7:00 pm Mass

For All Parishioners

Tuesday December 27th, 10:00 am

†Anna & Alessandro Prospero

Requested by Giovanna Troiani

Wednesday December 28th

†Gus Florio

Requested by his Family

†Cecilia Langley and

Florence & Hector Tallon

Requested by Freda McFadden

Thursday December 29th, 10:00 am

†Pasquale Lacalamita and

Saverio Ladisa

Requested by the Lacalamita Family

Friday December 30th 7:00 pm

No 10:00 am Mass

For All Families

**Saturday December 31**st New Year's Eve 5:00 pm

Sunday January 1st New Year's Day 8:30 am 10:00 am, 12:00 noon

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