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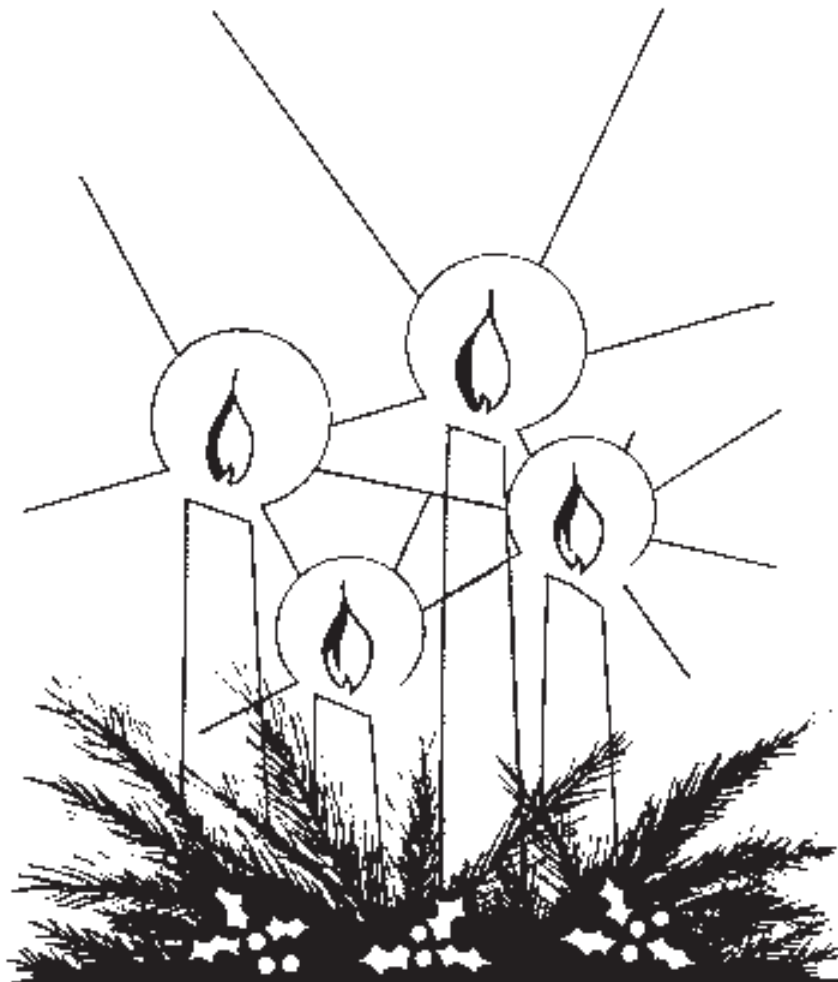
PASTORAL TEAM:

Rev. Larry Léger, Pastor

Rev. David Gikonyo IMC, Associate Pastor Robert Suthers, Deacon

Lydia Rogers, Secretary Stephanie Benedetti, Youth Minister

Catherine Ecker, Catechist



Advent

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 22nd, 2013

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

CELEBRATING ADVENT

A Period of Devout and Expectant Delight!

(Four candles are lit.)



Leader: Come, O Emmanuel, presence of God among us, and fill our hearts with every good gift. *All:* Come, Lord Jesus!

On Christmas Eve, the wreath can be renewed with new ribbon and the candles replaced with new white votives for use during the Christmas season.



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 to obtain a Baptism Preparation Package.

PREPARING FOR FIRST COMMUNION

All parents were to attend the catechetical meeting and receive a copy of the Family Resource. If you did not attend, or have questions about the book, please contact our parish catechist, Catherine Ecker (Catherine.ecker@holyfamilybolton.ca). You are reminded of the first parent child meeting. Please take note of the date so you may attend at the designated time.

All families registered in the preparation process for First Communion are reminded of the essential Family Catechetical Meeting #1 (**Parents and Child**)

In preparation for the sacrament of Reconciliation, all parents and children will participate in a 90 minute catechetical meeting. To assist with planning, you are asked to attend on the assigned date. Please arrive 10 minutes before the meeting begins.

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| Surnames A – H | January 9 th | 7:00 – 8:30 pm |
| Surnames I – P | January 19 th | 2:00 – 3:30 pm |
| Surnames Q – Z | January 21 st | 7:00 – 8:30 pm |

VOCATIONS

"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him." Are you willing to respond as Joseph did? If God is calling you to ministerial service, contact Fr. Hansoo Park, 416-968-0997, or email: vocations@vocations.ca

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



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| Tuesday, December 24 th | 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm, 10:00 pm, Midnight |
| Wednesday, December 25 th | 10:00 am, 12:00 Noon |
| Thursday, December 26 th & Friday, December 27 th | 10:00 am |
| Tuesday, December 31 st | 5:00 pm |
| Wednesday, January 1 st | 10:00 am, 12:00 Noon |

CELEBRATING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

The Christmas season begins as the sun sets on December 24th and concludes with sunset on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This year the Christmas season ends at sundown on Sunday, January 12, 2014.

Throughout the liturgical season of Christmas, our Church celebrates the many ways that God is made present in our midst and world. In our parish and families, we are invited to celebrate the full season of Christmas.

Some suggestions for celebrating Christmas beyond December 25th are: sing a verse or refrain of a favourite Christmas carol, before the evening meal; call or visit a family member who lives a distance from your home; pray for peace in our homes, community and world; at meal time talk about the many ways you see God each day; walk through your neighbourhood and enjoy the lights and decorations.

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

Leader: Father in heaven, you so loved us that You sent Your son, among us as Savior 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.*

STEWARDSHIP

Each of us has his or her own role to play in the coming of the kingdom of God. John the Baptist was called to be the herald of the Messiah, preparing the way of the Lord. To what is the Lord calling me?

MARRIAGE PREPARATION CLASSES

Couples, who are scheduled to be married at Holy Family Parish in 2014, are asked to register for marriage classes. The classes will begin Thursday, January 9th, 2014, 7:30 – 9:30 pm, and will finish Thursday, February 27th. The cost is \$150.00 per couple. For further information, please call the parish office, 905-857-1938.

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

We know that the wedding day for a couple is filled with joy, anticipation and hope. The sacrament of marriage begins on the wedding day and then for the rest of their lives, the couple learns how to live the sacrament. The married couples in our parish are a sign to us of God's faithfulness and through their witness, we are strengthened. If you have celebrated a wedding anniversary in December, we shall pray with you and share in your joy on Saturday, December 28th at 5:00 pm, or on Sunday, December 29th at 8:30 am, 10:00 am, or 12:00 noon. Please join us in thanking God for the gift of the married couples in our midst.

SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

The Secular Franciscan Order belongs to the Third Order of Franciscans. Secular Franciscans are men and women over 19 who seek to live a gospel life in the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi. Mt. Alverno Fraternity welcomes you to come and explore a possible vocation. Are you being called? For more information, please call Frankie Burg-Feret, ofs, 416-418-0314.

CWL BAKE SALE

Thank you to all who donated and bought the delicious baked goods and contributed to yet another successful sale. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.



Saturdays 5:00pm Mass

Life Teen is open to all high school students.



Fridays at 7:00pm

The EDGE resume Friday, January 10th, 2014



ROOTED

Holy Family Parish welcomes all parishioners in Grades 3-5 to join our interactive, fun, and faith-based ministry, *ROOTED*. Our next *Rooted* is Saturday, January 11th, 10:00-11:30 am.

SANCTUARY LAMPS

(December 18th – December 24th)

Engelbert Sr., Frank & Jozefa Markovic

Shirley Wakeman

Teresa Ierullo

Rosa Iattado

Thornton Family

THE GIVING TREE GIVES AGAIN!



On behalf of CCS and the Giving Tree Committee, we would like to send out a warm and gracious Thank You! to the wonderful parishioners of Holy Family. For the third year, the campaign has been a success because of your generosity and Christianity. You have raised over 40 gift items and over \$4,000.00 in gift cards for the tweens/teens and children who are in need in our community. You have helped make someone's Christmas a little more special.

THANK YOU and MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

Feast of the Holy Family

All parishioners are invited to bring treats and baked goods for after mass hospitality on December 28th and December 29th, as we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family.

CELEBRATING OUR FEAST DAY

Sunday December 29th, 2013

Strap on your skates and join us for an afternoon of skating and fun at the Albion Bolton Community Centre. The Knights of Columbus of Holy Family Parish are sponsoring a free skate for all families and parishioners, from 3:00-5:00 pm, with free hot chocolate and donuts. Please join us as we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family.



Mass Intentions



for the Week

Monday, December 23rd

7:00 pm †Francesco Mancini

Requested by the Mancini & Romasco Families

Tuesday, December 24th **Christmas Eve**

4:00 pm, 6:00 pm, 10:00 pm, Midnight

Wednesday, December 25th **Christmas Day**

10:00 am, 12:00 noon

Thursday, December 26th

10:00 am For All Parishioners of Holy Family Parish

Friday, December 27th

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Saturday, December 28th

5:00 pm

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8:30 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 noon

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**"Serve God as He wishes;
you will see that one day He will do all you wish,
and more than you know how to wish.**

St. Francis de Sales

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