

# HOLY FAMILY

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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# FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014

*"Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord,  
who walks in his ways."*

*Psalter I*



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. Parents are reminded that baptisms are not celebrated during the liturgical season of Lent.

## CELEBRATING FIRST COMMUNION Easter Season 2015

All families who have formally registered their children to celebrate First Holy Communion during Easter 2015 are reminded to participate in the parent/child meeting. The dates are posted in the parish hall. Please attend the meeting you chose and arrive 10 minutes before the meeting is scheduled to begin.

## MARRIAGE PREPARATION CLASSES

Couples scheduled to be married at Holy Family Parish in 2015, are asked to register for marriage classes. The classes will begin Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 7:30 - 9:30 pm, and will finish Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The cost is \$150.00 per couple. For further information, please call the parish office, 905-857-1938.

## FAITH NOURISHMENT: VITAMIN F Tuesday January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 7:15pm

It is true that during the winter months we need to take our vitamins to stay healthy. Likewise, we need to nurture and feed our faith life so we will continue to grow in understanding and deepen our relationship with God. All are welcome to join us on Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:15pm, for a healthy dose of Vitamin F.

## FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

The Feast of the Holy Family is celebrated on the Sunday between Christmas and January 1<sup>st</sup> (unless Christmas is on a Sunday and then the feast is celebrated on December 30<sup>th</sup>). It is important to 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. St. Pope 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.*

## FEAST OF MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD World Day of Prayer for Peace January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015

Our church calls us to come and worship God on January 1<sup>st</sup>. This holy day of obligation celebrates Mary as the Mother of God and we are called to pray for peace in our world. In our families it is appropriated to include a prayer for peace in our family, community and world.

### New Year's Day Mass Times

Wednesday December 31<sup>st</sup> 5:00pm  
Thursday January 1<sup>st</sup> 10:00am, 12:00pm

## CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS UNTIL JANUARY 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015

The Christmas season continues until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on Sunday January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015. 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 away; 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:

*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.*



To our awesome parishioners who collectively donated \$5,742.00 in gift cards for Caledon Community Services, through the **Giving Tree**. A number of toys were also donated. Thank you for your continuing generosity and care for our community.

## CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Sunday December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014



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 3:00-5:00pm, with free hot chocolate and donuts. At 7:00pm we will show the movie, *Mary of Nazareth*. Please join us as we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family.

## NEW YEAR'S EVE COMMUNITY DANCE



Humber River Hall  
50 Ann Street, Bolton  
9:00pm - 1:00am

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus of Holy Family Parish. All ages are welcome! light buffet, cash bar, dancing! Cost - \$20.00/pp. For tickets please call Ron Frank, 905-857-7130, or frank\_6@sympatico.ca.

## MOMS & TOTS



Moms, dads and caregivers with babies and toddlers are invited every Wednesday morning,

9:30 am - 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!

## MISSION PROJECT DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

This January, Stephanie will have the privilege of travelling with St. Michael's SS Bolton to the Dominican Republic. This project will allow us to participate in a week long intensive humanitarian mission. We will be spending the week visiting the bateys, which are small villages housing sugar cane cutters of Haitian descent and their families. We will also be working alongside these refugees, helping out and staying at the local nunnery. The ultimate goal is TO BE with the people, letting them know, through our presence, that we care. We are currently collecting donations to bring with us to help support the community and you could help. If you are able to provide any of the following, please drop them off at the church. Thank you so much in advance for your help!

### Medical Supplies

Pain medication, tea tree oil, antacids, vitamins, Polysporin, elastic bandages, allergy medications, cough syrup, child medications, headache tablets

### Toiletries

Combs, brushes, shampoo & conditioner, soap, feminine hygiene products, razors, adult diapers, body lotion.

### School Supplies

Pencils, sharpeners, coloured pencils, rulers, scissors, craft materials, line notebooks.

### Children's Playthings

Skipping ropes, marbles, yo-yo's, colouring books, playdoh, kites, hair accessories, nail polish.

As always, thank you for your support and generosity! God bless!!

## 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 [vocations@vocations.ca](mailto:vocations@vocations.ca)

## ROOTED

Holy Family Parish welcomes all parishioners in Grades 3-5 to join this interactive, fun, and faith-based ministry. Next Rooted is Saturday January 10<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 am.



### Fridays at 7:00pm

The Edge is open to students in grades 6, 7 & 8.

The EDGE resumes January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015



### Saturdays 5:00pm Mass

Life Teen is open to all high school students.

Life Teen resumes January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015



### Monday, December 29<sup>th</sup>

7:00pm †Catherine McGarvey

Requested by McGarvey Family

†Elizabeth Gant

Requested by Stapleton Family

### Tuesday, December 30<sup>th</sup>

10:00am †For All Deceased Parishioners

### Wednesday December 31<sup>st</sup>

5:00pm

### Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup> New Year's Day

10:00am, 12:00 noon

### Friday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>

10:00am †Luis & Ines Donoso

Requested by Orbe Family

7:30pm Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament

### Saturday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>

5:00pm

### Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>

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

## SANCTUARY LAMPS

(December 24<sup>th</sup> - December 31<sup>st</sup>)

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