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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
Neil Pereira, Seminarian

MASS TIMES:

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.
Monday & Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 10:00 a.m.
Thursday Rosary: 2:00 p.m.

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 4:15 p.m.

DAY TIME OFFICE HOURS:

Monday to Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Monday to Thursday: 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Saturday: 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

BAPTISM:

Please approach one of the parish priests, after Sunday mass only, for a Baptism Preparation Package. An interview with a parish priest is required. Parents of children to be baptized are expected to be members of our Parish Community.

MARRIAGE:

Couples, wishing to be married, must themselves contact the Pastor at least one full year in advance. A Marriage Preparation Course is required.

VISITATION OF THE SICK:

Anyone who cannot attend Mass with us in the Church, because of illness, handicap or age, or anyone who wishes to receive the Sacraments (Confession, Communion, Anointing of the Sick), please call the Parish Office. Please notify us of any hospitalizations so that we may visit.

PARISH SCHOOLS:

Holy Family	Elementary S.	905-857-1300
Pope John Paul II	Elementary S.	905-857-4241
St. John the Baptist	Elementary S.	905-951-8788
St. Nicholas	Elementary S.	905-857-7582
St. Michael	Secondary S.	905-951-8935
RF Hall	Secondary S.	905-584-1670

NEW PARISHIONERS AND REGISTRATION:

If you are new to the Parish, or have not yet completed a Registration Form, do take one from the rack in front of the office window. Completed forms may be handed into the office or put into the collection basket.

WE INVITE YOU TO BECOME INVOLVED IN OUR PARISH MINISTRIES

PARISH MINISTRIES and COMMITTEES

Altar Servers	Deacon Robert Suthers	905-729-3974
Choirs:		
5:00 Saturday Choir	Jolene Sunseri	905-859-2719
10:00 Choir	Angela Hay	905-951-2920
12:00 Choir	Nicholas Cifelli	
Eucharistic Ministers	Denyse Hinca	905-857-2134
Justice Committee	Carmel Hilli	905-857-4328
Lectors	Michele Steko	416-587-3665
Pastoral Care Group	Molly Jakeman	905-857-1053
Property Committee	John Florian & Vince Limina	
R.C.I.A.	Catherine Ecker	905-857-1938
Share Life Co-Chairs:	Diana Ciarlandini	905-857-3287
	Frank D'Etore	905-951-9665

Shepherds' Trust	Mike Stapleton	1-877-875-0771 Ext.652
Stewardship Committee	Lydia Rogers	905-857-1938
Ushers	Gabrielle Suthers	905-729-3974

PRAYER GROUPS

Charismatic Prayer Group	Betty-Anne Folkard	905-951-7273
Rosary Group	Margaret Mazza	905-857-3475

ORGANIZATIONS

Catholic Women's League		
Knights of Columbus	Dennis Busca	905-857-3865



FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

February 14th, 2016

*“Be with me, Lord,
when I am in trouble.”*

Psalter Week 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, in order to obtain a Baptism Preparation Package. Parents are reminded that baptisms are not celebrated during Lent and will resume following Easter Sunday.

PREPARING FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION

A reminder to parents that once your son or daughter has completed the purple book, you are to come together on a Saturday afternoon, between 2:00 and 4:00 pm, so that your child may celebrate this sacrament of healing for the first time.

To assist with the number of children celebrating, you are encouraged to adhere to the following schedule:

Surnames	A - D	February 20 th
Surnames	E - L	February 27 th
Surnames	M - P	March 5 th
Surnames	Q - Z	March 12 th

STEWARDSHIP

Today's first reading describes the offering of first fruits the people of Israel were to present to the Lord in thanksgiving for their deliverance from Egypt and the gift of the promised land. Is my offering at today's Mass an appropriate response to the many blessings the Lord has given me?

VOCATIONS

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you? 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.

PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION

Catechetical Meeting for Candidates and Sponsors

Each candidate is to bring three brand new toiletry items (shower gel, razors, feminine products, tooth brushes, toothpaste, etc.) to the meeting. The items will be distributed to youth shelters and social agencies.

It is understood that the candidate and sponsor will attend the meeting. **IF** the sponsor cannot attend, the parent is to attend instead. The candidates are grouped according to the date of Confirmation:

Wed. Feb 17th, 7:30-9:00pm for May 4/5
Sun. Feb. 21st, 2:00-3:30pm for May 6/10
Wed. Feb. 24th, 7:30-9:00pm for May 11/12
Mon. Feb. 29th, 7:30-9:00pm for May 18/19
Wed. Mar. 2nd, 7:30-9:00pm for May 20/25
Sun. Mar. 6th, 2:00-3:30pm for May 26/30/31
Wed. Mar 9th, 7:30-9:00pm for June 1/2

Please make every effort to attend the assigned meeting. If there is a serious reason, such as illness, you may attend a different meeting. You **do not** need to notify the parish office.

VITAMIN 'F'

End of Life Issues

Please join us on Tuesday March 1st at 7:00 pm, when Dr. Moira McQueen, Executive Director of the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute will speak on *"Physician Assisted Dying and Catholic Responses"*. Dr. McQueen has been teaching at the Faculty of Theology of St. Michael's College since 1994. Pope Francis appointed her to the International Theological Commission in September 2014 for a five year term. After Dr. McQueen's presentation and a short intermission with refreshments, there will be time for a question and answer period. All are welcome to join us.

**The ability to delay
gratification,
to deny yourself,
is an essential life skill.**

*Rediscover Jesus
Matthew Kelly*

THE SEASON OF LENT

The Church reminds us that Lent has two major purposes. It recalls or prepares for baptism and emphasizes a spirit of penance. The emphasis on a spirit of penance assists us in preparing to renew our baptismal promises. For those who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil, the spirit of penance is to assist them in preparing for their baptism.

Throughout the season of Lent, we are called to listen more attentively to the Word of God and to set aside additional time for prayer. The traditional lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving are to assist us as we prepare to renew our baptismal promises.

We are called to abstain from eating meat on Fridays and to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The obligation to abstain from eating meat applies to all those over the age of 14. The obligation to fast applies to those between the ages of 18 and 59. (Canon 1252)

We may substitute other good actions for abstinence from meat. This would be particularly true for people who seldom eat meat. Good actions may include an act of charity, such as visiting the aged, helping those in need by sharing time or money, or other acts of piety such as participating in a prayer service (Stations of the Cross).

Lent is a time to fast from that which keeps us away from God or prevents us from living in the light of Christ. In our families, we can foster an attitude of fasting and feasting. For example, we can fast from complaining or being uncharitable and feast on thanking God and one another. For information on our parish Lenten project and suggestions on how to celebrate Lent, read the bulletin, or check us out on Facebook: **Holy Family Catholic Church Bolton.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR ELECT

On the first Sunday of Lent, we celebrate the Rite of Election with Deborah, Matthew, Sarah, Shianne and Hailey. They have begun a time of final preparation for the celebration of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. You are asked to pray daily as they prepare for initiation at the Easter Vigil.

SL ShareLife

Together we are continuing
to work wonders.

"Blessed are the merciful,
for they shall receive mercy." *Matthew 5:7*

Our Lord encourages us with a timely reminder about what our actions truly should be - to show mercy to others. Does showing mercy mean to take the time delivering food for the local food bank in our neighbourhood? Do we have time to help by serving on a weekend in the soup kitchen in our city, or praying for a family who is dealing with a personal crisis? Or maybe the refugee family who needs some volunteer help resettling their family to a new life here in Canada. In essence, ShareLife becomes that connective bridge between the pulpit and the street. When we are called to action in the Catholic community, we know of so many ways we can make a difference by working together in the lives of those in need. Annually, we share in helping over 114,000 individuals, thanks to the support received through our collective efforts. Please help us celebrate our ShareLife's 40th anniversary by supporting our annual Archdiocesan appeal during this Lenten season!

Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto

**ShareLife Sunday
March 13th, 2016**

**Please give generously.
You can work wonders!**

LIVING THE YEAR OF MERCY



During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, we are called to turn to God, ready to seek forgiveness and to offer praise for God's boundless gift of mercy showered upon each of us. Pope Francis invites each of us to be

instruments of God's mercy towards others. The Corporeal and Spiritual Works of Mercy are one way we can begin to extend God's mercy towards others.

We are invited to expand our understanding of the works of mercy and choose one act of mercy each week. Some suggestions are:

Comfort the Sorrowful: ask the Holy Spirit for guidance and strength to be attentive to the needs of those who are lonely, neglected, or grieving.

Bear Wrongs Patiently: pray for the strength to resist the desire or temptation to get even with someone who has hurt us. Perhaps we can resist the temptation to have the "last word" in an argument.



Want to give up "not singing at Mass" for Lent? Then come and join the 10:00 am Choir! Our enthusiastic bunch is looking for new voices - male and female - for Lent and Easter. We practice Tuesday evenings, at 7:30 pm. For more info, please see Nicholas the organist, following the 10:00 am Mass, or contact the parish office, 905-857-1938.



Fridays at 7:00pm

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

EDGE will resume February 19th.

EDGE Camp registration
is now open!

edgencamp.campbrainregistration.com



Saturdays 5:00pm Mass

Life Teen is open to all
high school students.

Life Teen will resume February 20th.

COME & SEE WEEKEND

The Office of Vocations is hosting a Come & see Weekend at St. Augustine's Seminary from Friday February 26th (7:00pm) to Sunday February 28th (1:30pm). This weekend will provide a time to pray, to learn what seminary formation is about and time to interact and socialize with the seminarians and priests of the Seminary. This weekend offers opportunities for communal prayer, mass, adoration and confession. For more information, please call 416-968-0997, or email vocations@archtoronto.org.

MEN'S CONFERENCE

Saturday March 19th, 2016

Join Cardinal Thomas Collins, Matt Fradd and Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers for Serviam Ministries first annual **Band of Christian Brothers Men's Conference**, at Canada Christian College in Toronto. The day will strengthen and challenge men to grow in faith and virtue, while also addressing the struggles that men face. Special father/son rates are available. For information and tickets visit: info@ServiamMinistries.com, or call 1-888-522-2070, or come to the parish office.



**Mass
Intentions**

Monday February 15th, 7:00 pm

†Carmelo Oresano & Vita Oresano

Requested by their family

Tuesday February 16th, 10:00 am

†Wilfred Guhl

Requested by Katherine Delaney

Wednesday February 17th, 7:00 pm

†Dan Notari

Requested by Barry & Donna-Marie Jacks

†Boleslaw Skrzydlewski

Requested by Wally & Lydia Skrzydlewski

Thursday February 18th, 10:00 am

†Julie Tallon

Requested by Freda McFadden

Friday February 19th, 10:00 am

†Antonio Suriano

Requested by his family

7:30 Stations of the Cross

Saturday February 20th

5:00 pm

Sunday February 21st

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

SANCTUARY LAMPS

(February 10th - February 16th)

Engelbert Sr., Frank & Jozefa Markovic

Shirley Wakeman

Letitia Grant

Giuseppina Santoro

† † †

Think well.

Speak well.

Do well.

**These three things,
through the mercy of God,
will make a man
go to heaven.**

St. Camillus

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