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FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

January 8th, 2017

*"Lord, every nation on earth
will adore you."*

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, 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@holyfamilypbolton.ca).

PARENT & CHILD CATECHETICAL MEETING IN JANUARY, 2017

A special reminder that the parent and child meetings begin Sunday January 8th, 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:
catechist@holyfamilypbolton.ca.

STEWARDSHIP

Today, we remember the three wise men from the East who came to pay homage to the infant Jesus, bringing him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The gifts we bring – our time, service and some share of what we earn for the work we do – are equally precious in his sight.

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON CONTINUES

Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

The Church continues to celebrate the feast of Christmas until January 9th, when we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. 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. Today, we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. During the coming week, as part of our family time, we can talk about how our family is a sign of God's living presence.

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord Remembering Our Baptism

On Monday January 9th, we will celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, marking the end of the Christmas season. This feast is a wonderful time for us to recall our own baptism. At your family meal, you may consider taking a few moments before you begin, to pray a prayer of thanksgiving for all those who handed on the gift of faith to you and your family members. Remember to thank God for the gift of godparents, the priest or deacon who baptized and the parish where the baptism was celebrated. If you do not have your baptismal candles, consider lighting a candle for each family member.

The time of thanksgiving could conclude with this prayer:

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.

Today we give you thanks

for the gift of baptism.

Give us grace to live in your love and help our family to draw closer to you by faith, prayer and example.

*All glory is yours through Jesus your Son,
in the communion of the Holy Spirit,
now and forever. Amen.*

**Choose love
and peace will follow.
Choose peace
and love will follow.**

ORDINARY TIME

On Tuesday, January 10th, 2017, we enter the season of Ordinary Time. The white or gold vestments of Christmas are put aside and we embrace green vestments. Green reminds us of life.

This period of time is neither a season of preparation, such as Advent or Lent, nor a season of celebration, such as Christmas or Easter, rather a time for deepening our understanding of life as a disciple. The weeks of Ordinary Time and in particular, the Sundays, are devoted to the mystery of Christ in all its aspects.

During the winter span of Ordinary Time, except on the 2nd Sunday, when we hear the gospel of St. John, the gospel on Sundays will be from the gospel of St. Matthew. This span of Ordinary Time extends to the end of February.

This year, Ash Wednesday is March 1st, marking the beginning of the season of Lent and Easter Sunday is April 16th.

Each Sunday (Saturday evening) when we gather to give praise to God, we are nourished from the table of God's word and the table of the Eucharist. The nourishment we receive strengthens us to live as the Body of Christ for the life of the world.

A Prayer for Ordinary Time

*God of wisdom and love, source of all good,
send your Spirit to teach us your truth
and guide our actions in your way of peace.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son, who lives and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.
Amen,*

VITAMIN 'F' Faith Nourishment An Introduction to the Gospel of St. Matthew

We will gather for a time of conversation, catechesis and prayer on Tuesday January 10th, 2017. Refreshments are available at 7:15 and we conclude by 9:00 pm. Invite a friend or family member and treat yourself to some Vitamin F.

ST. MATTHEW'S GOSPEL

The gospel of St. Matthew is one of those foundational texts on which our faith rests. If you want to know this gospel more fully and wish to probe into the gospel more deeply, we are considering organizing a Matthew group.

We would read the whole gospel during the liturgical year, study its authorship, time of writing, its intended audience, social context and general thrusts of Matthew's message. We'll also spend time reflecting prayerfully and do lectio divina.

If interested, please speak with Fr. Larry, or call Carmel Hili, 905-857-4328. Day and time to be determined, depending on interest.

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.



The Knights of Columbus of Holy Family Parish are hosting a wine tasting event, featuring the wines of *Vintners Cellar* (must be over 19 yrs), on Saturday January 28th, 7:00 - 9:00 pm in the parish hall. The cost is \$25.00/pp. Please call John Ranieri for further details, 416-219-9898.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS "Fifth Sunday Rosary"

On Sunday January 29th, at 4:00 pm, we will meet to recite the rosary. This will happen every month that has a fifth Sunday. All parishioners are welcome to join us in prayer.

Through Mary, the miserable obtain mercy, the graceless find grace, and sinners receive pardon. St. Augustine

VOCATIONS

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

Annual Pasta Dinner
Saturday February 4th, 2017
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The EDGE resumes January 13th, 2017



Saturdays 5:00pm Mass
Life Night follows.
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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



Sometimes,
when we least expect it,
a small cross
proves a lovely crown.

Louisa May Alcott

BAND OF CHRISTIAN BROTHERS MEN'S CONFERENCE

On February 18th, join Fr. Larry Richards and Archbishop of Montréal, Christian Lépine for Serviam Ministries, 2nd 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, Adoration and Confession will take place. Special father/son rates available. For information and tickets, call 1-888-522-2070, or visit: info@ServiamMinistries.com.



Monday January 9th, 7:00 pm
†Dante Fabris
Requested by the Fabris Family
Tuesday January 10th, 10:00 am
†Ivanka & Anton Ponikvar
Requested by Michelle Ropret
Wednesday January 11th, 7:00 pm
†Waclaw & Wladyslaw Lukasik
Requested by Marianna Piorkowska
†Giulio Daniele
Requested by Sandra Cavasin & Family
Thursday January 12th, 10:00 am
Special Intention
Requested by Rosemary & Bob Shoemaker
Friday January 13th, 10:00 am
For An Increase in Vocations
7:30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday January 14th
5:00 pm
Sunday January 15th
8:30 am 10:00 am, 12:00 noon

SANCTUARY LAMPS
(January 4th - January 10th)
Frank DaCosta
Gus Rocca

"Legalistic remorse says,
'I broke God's rules.'
Repentance says,
'I broke God's heart.'"

Timothy Keller



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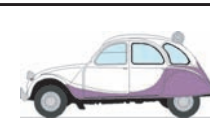
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