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# THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014

*"If today you hear God's voice, harden not your hearts."*



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. Baptisms will resume after Easter Sunday.

## CELEBRATING CONFIRMATION

All candidates for Confirmation are reminded to check the list which is posted in the hall for the date of their retreat. **IF** you do not have a retreat date, you must contact Catherine Ecker, parish catechist, [Catherine.ecker@hollyfamilybolton.ca](mailto:Catherine.ecker@hollyfamilybolton.ca).

## FINAL PREPARATION FOR FIRST COMMUNION

All families preparing a child to celebrate First Communion during Easter 2014, are reminded of the parent/child meetings. The meeting date is posted in the parish hall. Please attend the meeting indicated and plan to arrive 10 – 15 minutes before the gathering begins. We ask that only children preparing for First Communion attend this meeting.

## CELEBRATING FIRST RECONCILIATION

All families who have completed the book *We Prepare for Reconciliation* are reminded to bring their child to the parish any Saturday, between 2:00 and 4:00 pm, to celebrate the sacrament. The child is to bring the completed book. **IF** you have not celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Lent begins, we ask that you come on the appropriate date:

Surnames N – R	March 29 <sup>th</sup>	2:00 – 4:00 pm
Surnames S – Z	April 5 <sup>th</sup>	2:00 – 4:00 pm

## 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 learn 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 March, we shall pray with you and share in your joy on Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm, or on Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

## VITAMIN 'F'

Please join us on Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, at 7:15 pm. The topic will be reconciliation, confession, penance and celebrating God's mercy.

Together we can work wonders.



Working wonders in our communities ...

Last year, Mary Centre received a call to assist Robert, a client, when they learned that his sister Theresa, who lived with him, had collapsed and was rushed to the hospital. Due to a previous connection with Robert and Theresa, the agency was able to respond quickly. Mary Centre's respite facility at St. Bernard's is often fully booked a few months in advance, but other families were supportive and changed their plans to accommodate this situation. Robert stayed at Mary Centre for 3 weeks until Theresa was able to return home and take care of him. He continues to come to St. Bernard's at least once a month, where he has felt welcome and has made friends. Robert and Theresa take comfort in knowing that Mary Centre was there for them. Theresa shared, "To know Mary Centre is to know people who are kind, considerate and thoughtful; thank you for all you've done for my brother and me." Last year, over 1,800 people with special needs received assistance from ShareLife-supported agencies.

## NEXT SUNDAY IS SHARELIFE SUNDAY

March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Please give generously. You can work wonders!  
Our goal is **\$72,500**

## PREPARING FOR EASTER

On the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of Lent, we will celebrate a scrutiny with those who are preparing for baptism, at the Easter Vigil. The Church tells us that "The scrutinies are meant to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong and good." As we journey through Lent, we are in solidarity with the Elect and reflect on how the interior of our hearts and lives need to be healed, so that all that is good and upright may be strengthened. We continue to surround Savannah, Raya, Tabitha, Luke and Joey with our prayers.

God has also called Lynda, Owen, Matthew and Hannah to celebrate the Act of Reception into Full Communion, to be confirmed and join us at the Eucharistic table. Ryan and Emma will be received into Full Communion. Please remember in prayer, all families who are preparing to celebrate Baptism, confirmation and/or First Communion.

**Don't keep the faith,  
spread it around!!**

## GETTING READY FOR EASTER BY LIVING LENT

### Suggestions for the Third Week in Lent

The gospel today tells the story of Jesus' encounter at Jacob's well with the Samaritan woman. The Church proclaims this passage from St. John's gospel as part of our preparation for Easter when we will renew our baptismal promises.

During this week of Lent, you are invited to focus on water. Fresh clean water is not readily available to all people. You are invited to use a reusable water bottle and to have a five minute shower each day. To learn more about caring for all people of the earth and our resources, visit the website of Development and Peace. [www.devp.org/en](http://www.devp.org/en).

We are encouraged to continue the practice of fasting. You may fast from your regular Friday evening activity and come to the parish at 7:30 pm for the Stations of the Cross.



**Fridays at 7:00pm**

The Edge is open to students in grades 6, 7 & 8.  
Next EDGE Night is March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014



**Saturdays 5:00pm Mass**

Life Teen is open to all high school students.  
Next Life Night is March 29<sup>th</sup>, 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, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 10:00-11:30 am.



Summer is fast approaching and we are looking forward to a fantastic summer camp season. Applications for counsellor positions and registration forms for campers are available at [www.hfym.ca](http://www.hfym.ca). Registration begins Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 11:00 am sharp! See you there.

### SANCTUARY LAMPS

( March 19<sup>th</sup> – March 25<sup>th</sup> )

Engelbert Sr., Frank & Jozefa Markovic  
Shirley Wakeman  
Letitia Grant

## ADULT CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE Franciscan University, Steubenville June 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014

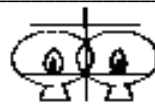
Those who may be interested in joining us for this dynamic and faith filled weekend, are invited to contact either Lydia in the parish office, 905-857-1938, or Vicky Sutton, 905-533-0244. Further details and itinerary are now available at [www.steubenvilleconferences.com/adult](http://www.steubenvilleconferences.com/adult).

### VOCATIONS

"But the one who drinks of the water that I will give will never be thirsty." Do you thirst to know where God is leading you? Could you be thirsty for an understanding of your purpose. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Hansoo Park, 416-968-0997, or email: [vocations@vocations.com](mailto:vocations@vocations.com).

### STEWARDSHIP

When Jesus asked the Samaritan woman for a drink of water, He opened the door for a life changing relationship with Him. Scripture says her testimony drew many others to Him as well. We, too, must be ready to respond whenever and wherever the Lord speaks to us and be prepared for it to change our lives!



### MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup>

7:00 pm †Mario Aldrey

Requested by the Esquivel Family

Tuesday March 25<sup>th</sup>

10:00 am †Deidre Wild

Requested by Kim McNamara

Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>

7:00 pm †Carmello Orestano

Requested by the Dimonte Family

†Jo Zammit

Requested by Concetta Spiteri & Family

†Rita Webb

Requested by Denyse Hincin

†Ida Morrone

Requested by Isa Morrone

†Giuseppe Pitasio

Requested by His Wife & Family

Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup>

10:00 am †Elizabeth Grace Grdosic

Requested by the DeBartolo Family

Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup>

10:00 am †For All Parishioners of Holy Family

7:30 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>

5:00 pm

Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>

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

**Smile, spring is officially here.  
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