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# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015

*"I will praise you, Lord,  
in the assembly of your people."*

*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.

## CONFIRMATION MASSES Lectors, Ushers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

We shall celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation on nine occasions. Please sign up in the sacristy to serve at one or more of the liturgies.

## RETREATS FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

All young people preparing to celebrate Confirmation are asked to consult the list in the parish hall for retreat dates. Retreats run from 4:00 – 9:00 pm and are for candidates only (no sponsors or parents). Remember - retreats are cell phone (electronic free) zones! Any questions or concerns, please contact [Catherine.ecker@holyfamilybolton.ca](mailto:Catherine.ecker@holyfamilybolton.ca).

## PLEASE PRAY!

You are invited to remember in prayer all our young people who will participate in a retreat for Confirmation during the coming weeks. Please also pray for the retreat teams and all the families.

**Christ is risen!  
Risen indeed. Alleluia!!**

## BAPTISM FOR CHILDREN IN SCHOOL

Baptism is the first sacrament of initiation and it is the sacrament that prepares us to celebrate Confirmation and First Eucharist. If your child is not baptized, or if your child was baptized in another Christian church (Anglican, Lutheran, etc.) and you would like your child to be a member of the Catholic Church, please call the parish office at 905-857-1938 and leave a message for Catherine Ecker, our parish catechist, or, [Catherine.ecker@holyfamilybolton.ca](mailto:Catherine.ecker@holyfamilybolton.ca).

## BECOMING A FULL MEMBER OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

If you have never been baptized and find yourself attracted to the Catholic faith, Holy Family Parish extends an invitation to explore the possibility of becoming a member of the Roman Catholic Church. If you have been baptized in another Christian church, we offer the invitation to join in full communion with the Catholic Church. Or, perhaps you have already been baptized in the Catholic faith, but never celebrated the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist, your invitation is to complete your sacraments of initiation. Each of these invitations is to a new way of life, a way that draws one closer to God and to God's people. For more information on becoming a full member, please speak with one of the priests, or email: [Catherine.ecker@holyfamilybolton.ca](mailto:Catherine.ecker@holyfamilybolton.ca).

## STEWARDSHIP

In today's Gospel, Jesus says that God is glorified when a disciple, grafted in Christ, produces abundantly and bears much fruit. The disciple must then be a good steward of that abundance.

## PREPARING TO CELEBRATE CONFIRMATION IN 2016

### Important Information

In February 2015, Archbishop Cardinal Collins sent a letter to all pastors explaining that after consultation he has *"decided for the Archdiocese of Toronto to change the elementary school grade for the candidates for Confirmation from 8 to 7. This will take effect September 8, 2015 in terms of the sacramental preparation."*

The change instituted by Cardinal Collins will impact each parish in the Archdiocese. To facilitate effective communication, we shall be holding a meeting for all parents of young people currently enrolled in grades 6 and 7. The meeting will be held at Holy Family Parish on three different occasions. Each Parent is asked to attend one meeting.

The meetings will be held on:

Thursday June 11 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 – 8:30 pm
	<b>OR</b>
Wednesday June 17 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 – 8:30 pm
	<b>OR</b>
Sunday June 21 <sup>st</sup>	2:00 – 3:00 pm

Important information regarding the preparation process and dates for celebrating Confirmation in 2016 will be shared. Please make every effort to attend one of the meetings.

## FAITH NOURISHMENT Vitamin 'F' Tuesday May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015

You are invited to join us for conversation, fellowship, prayer and catechesis. Vitamin F is for all those who seek to deepen their relationship with God and the believing community. Our topic will be the Holy Spirit. We gather at 7:15 for refreshments and conclude by 9:00 pm.

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*Thomas Cardinal Collins,  
Archbishop of Toronto*

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## Humanitarian Relief Nepal Earthquake

The Archdiocese of Toronto is accepting financial contributions for humanitarian relief following the catastrophic effects of a serious earthquake. Relief workers from the official Catholic relief agency on the ground, Caritas Internationalis, say the victims most need temporary shelter, water, sanitation and hygiene supplies. Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

- On line through the Archdiocese of Toronto website: [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org);
- By phone through the Development Office, 416-934-3411;
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to **Holy Family Parish-Nepal Earthquake-Humanitarian Relief**

We offer our prayers for the victims of this natural disaster and those who have been displaced. Thank you for your ongoing efforts to help those in crisis in Nepal.

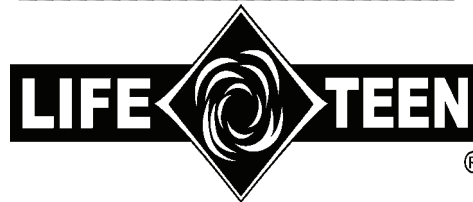
## ROOTED

Holy Family Parish welcomes all parishioners in Grades 3-5 to join this interactive, fun, and faith-based ministry. Next Rooted is Saturday May 9th, @ 10:00 am.



**Fridays at 7:00pm**

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



**Saturdays 5:00pm Mass**

Life Teen is open to all high school students.



Believe it or not, summer is fast approaching and we are looking forward to a fantastic summer camp season. A limited number of spots are still available and applications for counsellor-in-training positions are still welcome. Camper registration forms and application forms for CIT's are available at [www.hfym.ca](http://www.hfym.ca).

## NO SCENTS MAKES GOOD SENSE!

Many people are allergic to perfumes and heavy scents. All parishioners are encouraged not to wear perfume or scent to mass. All First Holy Communion families, Confirmation candidates, sponsors and family members are asked not to wear perfume or scent to mass.

## CHURCH PARKING

We welcome all visitors, friends and family to Holy Family Church, especially during Easter, First Holy Communion and Confirmation season!



However, we ask that parking etiquette and safety regulations be observed. **Please, do not park in the fire access routes, in the handicapped spaces, or on the grass.** Additional parking is available at both Holy Family School and the plaza across the street.



**Mass Intentions**

**Monday May 4<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm**

†Vincenza Marchione  
Requested by her family

**Tuesday May 5<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am**

†Teresa Trabona  
Requested by Karen & Julio DiCresce

**Wednesday May 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm**

For the Tarasca Family  
Requested by Mike & Maria Tarasca  
For Irma Congiusti, for her 74<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
Requested by Anna Mercurio

**Thursday May 7<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am**

†Ghegin & Gherdo Families  
Requested by Lucia Ghegin

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am**

†Rosa Peers  
Requested by Rosemary Shoemaker

**Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 pm

**Sunday May 10<sup>th</sup>**

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

## SANCTUARY LAMPS

(April 22<sup>nd</sup> - April 28<sup>th</sup>)

Engelbert Sr., Frank & Jozefa Markovic  
Shirley Wakeman  
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