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PASTORAL TEAM:

Rev. Larry Léger, Pastor
Rev. David Gikonyo IMC, Associate Pastor
Robert Suthers, Deacon
Lydia Rogers, Secretary
Stephanie Benedetti, 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'Etto	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 ADVENT

November 29th, 2015

*"To you, O Lord, I lift my soul,
To you I lift my soul."*

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.

PREPARING FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2016 Parent Catechetical Meeting Preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation

All parents who have registered their child for first sharing in Holy Communion were to attend a meeting and receive the book, *We Prepare for Reconciliation*. If you did NOT attend the meeting, you must contact Catherine, parish catechist, as soon as possible. The parent and child meetings begin Sunday November 29th, 2015. To assist with preparations, please attend the meeting you selected.

SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATION DATES FOR 2016

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 are posted in the parish hall. **The list will remain posted until June 2016.** If your child's name has been misspelled, please notify Catherine Ecker, parish catechist, in writing and corrections will be made. (Catherine.ecker@holyfamilybolton.ca)

PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION Catechetical Meeting #1 Parent, Candidate & Sponsor

The meeting will begin with Mass at 7:00pm and conclude by 9:00pm. It is understood that the candidate, sponsor and parent will attend the meeting. If you have missed the assigned meeting, please attend the final meeting on Monday November 30th.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Welcoming a New Liturgical Year and St. Luke's Gospel

Today, Sunday November 29th, the Church enters a new liturgical year. The Church follows a three year cycle and we are now entering Year C. Throughout this year, the Gospel passage on Sunday is most often from St. Luke's Gospel. In the words of Archbishop Prendergast, SJ, "Luke's Gospel highlights God's designs as the reversal of human values and expectations. God demonstrated a preferential love for the poor, the afflicted and the outcast as the starting point for summoning all humanity to salvation. Luke underlines the importance of faith and of prayer, giving prominence to the Holy Spirit's role in the life of Jesus and his disciples . . . Luke shows that conversion implies a change in one's behavior, and he accentuates the presence and contribution of women among Jesus' disciples." *Living God's Word: Reflections on the Sunday readings for Year C, Novalis 2012, pp 14-15*

MARRIAGE PREPARATION CLASSES

Couples who are registered to be married at Holy Family in 2016, are invited to sign up for marriage classes. The classes will begin **Thursday, January 7th at 7:30 pm** and will continue for eight weeks. The cost is \$150.00/couple. For additional information, please call Lydia in the parish office, 905-857-1938.

STEWARDSHIP

"Be on guard," Jesus warns in today's Gospel, "lest your spirits become bloated with indulgence." Let us heed his warning and follow the advice of St. Paul, conducting ourselves in a way pleasing to God.

PRAYER FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT



Before your family meal, light the first candle on your Advent wreath. If you do not have an Advent wreath, you may light a taper before you pray:

*O God, as we light this candle,
remind us of the need to bring
the light of hope into the world.
Help us to stay awake to the needs
of others by seeing with our eyes
and hearts.
Give us courage to reach out in hope
to the lonely in our schools, parishes and
communities. Amen.*

For ideas on celebrating Advent follow us on Facebook:
Holy Family Catholic Church Bolton

ADVENT: A SEASON OF DEVOUT AND EXPECTANT DELIGHT!

This new season is marked by a change in liturgical colour from green to violet. The Church reminds us that "Advent has a twofold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the first coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight." *Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the General Roman Calendar, par. 39.* During Advent, we are reminded that we are to be ready to welcome Christ in our brothers and sisters and to prepare to celebrate the mystery of the Incarnation: God with us.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS "Fifth Sunday Rosary"

Beginning this Sunday, November 29th at 7:00pm,, we will meet to recite the rosary. This will happen every month that has a fifth Sunday. The next "Fifth Sunday Rosary" will be Sunday January 31st, at 7:00pm 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

PREPARING FOR THE YEAR OF MERCY

Celebrating the Mercy of God:
Our Call to Reconciliation

December 2nd, 9th, and 16th, 2015
7:30 – 9:00 pm



This three part reflection will invite us to deepen our understanding of Jesus' message of mercy and reconciliation. God calls each of us to be reconciled and to reflect the mercy of God. The sessions will focus on the gifts that flow from reconciliation: freedom, forgiveness and peace. Discussion and reflection will assist participants in recognizing God's healing and transforming work of reconciliation in their lives and offer a fresh approach to celebrating the sacrament of reconciliation. Participation at all three sessions is encouraged. To assist with preparation, please register through the parish office, 905-857-1938.

FAIR TRADE SALES



Fair trade coffee, tea and chocolate will be for sale next weekend and every first Sunday of the month. Help support sustainable agriculture in third world and emerging nations

May God bless us with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of God's creations, so that we may work for justice, freedom, and peace. Franciscan Benediction

**Jesus is coming.
Look Busy!**

MUSIC FOR CHRISTMAS

Get into the Christmas spirit! Join the 10:00am choir for the Advent and Christmas seasons. If you enjoy singing and can make a short term commitment, please come to our Tuesday evening practices, at 7:15 pm. All are welcome - men, women and children! For more information call Marion, 905-857-5191, or Nicholas, 416-725-7202.



"LIGHT UP FOR CHRIST" Tuesday, December 1st

All parishioners are invited to join in, as we begin our Advent journey together. We will meet in the church at 7:30 pm and proceed outside for carol singing and the lighting of the trees and the nativity scene, followed by hot chocolate and fellowship in the hall.



Please come out and join in!!



Fridays at 7:00pm

The Edge is open to all students in grades 5, 6 and 7.



Saturdays 5:00pm Mass

Life Teen is open to all high school students.

All high school teens are invited to join in our Life Teen retreat, December 4th - 6th.
Registration forms are available from the parish office.

ADVENT RETREAT

St. Francis Centre Caledon
Saturday, December 12th, 2015,
8:30 am – 5:00 - pm

This one day retreat, guided by the Franciscan Friars, will focus on the Mystery of the Annunciation. This is a wonderful opportunity to gather your spiritual strength to grow in the joy of the Lord. Lunch will be provided, followed by adoration, a meditated rosary, and personal free time, concluding with mass. The cost is \$40.00pp. For further information, call the Centre, 519-941-1747.



Mass Intentions

Monday November 30th, 7:00 pm

†Lino & Zita Cracco

Requested by Ralph & Lani Cracco

Tuesday December 1st, 10:00 am

†Renato Santarella

Requested by Bambina

Wednesday December 2nd, 7:00 pm

†Bill Whelan

Requested by Sandy & Larry O'Donnell

†John McGoldrick

Requested by Denyse & Sylvia Hinca

†Maria Ricciuti

Requested by her family

†Gino Lucas

Requested by Lisa Morrone

Thursday December 3rd, 10:00 am

†Fr. Henk vanden Berg

Requested by the CWL

Friday December 4th, 10:00 am

†Sabina & Nicola Laurella

Requested by Their Family

7:00 pm Adoration

Saturday December 5th

5:00 pm

Sunday December 6th

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

SANCTUARY LAMPS

(November 25th – December 1st)

Engelbert Sr., Frank & Jozefa Markovic

Shirley Wakeman

Letitia Grant

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too hard to stand,
kneel, just let go, and
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