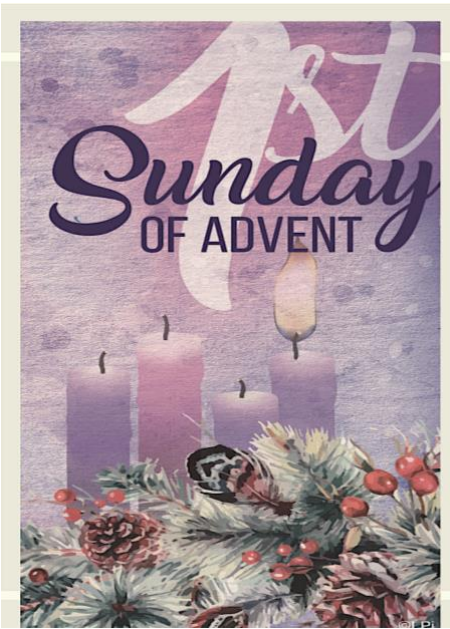


FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Monday November 30, 7 p.m.

+Joan Colacicco req by Paul & Anna Colacicco & Family.

+Savio Fernandes req by the Fernandes Family.

Tuesday December 1, 9 a.m.

+Joyce & Jeanette Coe req by Maurice Coe.

Wednesday December 2, 7 p.m.

Living and Deceased Members of the CWL.

Thursday December 3, 9 a.m.

+Len Tobin req by Sheila Tobin.

Friday December 4, 7 p.m.

+Jose Leonardo req by Dina Leal.

Holy Souls in Purgatory req by the Villavarayen Family.

Saturday December 5

9 am +Robert Mendonca

+Ryan Cooper req by Jenny Cisneros.

5 pm +Francis Prem Kumar req by Kavita,

Edward & Ethan.

+Richard Atkinson.

HOLY FAMILY GIFT STORE

The Gift Store will be open every Thursday morning from 9:30am to 11:30am starting November 12th or by appointment during the week by calling Helen at 905-721-8909. New Christmas gift items and cards are now in stock.

REGISTER FOR WEEKEND MASS

Reminder to please register online before attending Weekend Masses. For weekday Masses, please leave your pew down before you leave to help us know where to disinfect. We are always looking for new people to help disinfect the pews after all Masses, if you can help out meet us at the back of the church.



\$20,000

\$18,240



A deep and heartfelt thank you to all the many parishioners who have continued to support the parish this year!

The operation and maintenance of our parish is made possible through your generous and regular offertory giving. The Pre-Authorized Giving Plan (P.A.G.) helps ensure that we will continue to have the resources needed during these challenging times. It's been a rough year financially for our church, but we're trusting God to provide. Please pray about your giving this December, and join the 200+ families who are already using PAG and **help us reach our 2020 goal of \$20,000 monthly contribution.** Go to www.holyfamilywhitby.ca/tithe-give/ to sign up! PAG Forms can also be found in the pews. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

"In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive'" Acts 20:35

HOLY FAMILY TRADITIONAL FILIPINO SIMBANG GABI MASSES

We invite you to participate in the traditional Filipino "Simbang Gabi" Masses at Holy Family Parish from December 15 to 23 at 7:00pm. This is a devotional 9-day evening novena Mass to the Blessed Mother in anticipation for Christmas. This is an opportunity to spiritually prepare us for the birth of Jesus. Everyone is invited to participate. For details email Pol at pslagahit_04@yahoo.com.

PH500 - PHILIPPINES' QUINCENTENARY JUBILEE OF CHRISTIANITY

The Quincentenary Jubilee of Christianity in the Philippines (PH 500) will be celebrated in the Archdiocese of Toronto. Visit <https://www.ph500toronto.com/> for more details. Holy Family Parish Whitby will host one of the celebration Masses on December 23 at 7pm.

FREE ONLINE BIBLE STUDY ON PRAYER - IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

This study will benefit those new to prayer and the experienced alike! "Prayer: Finding Intimacy with God" Bible Study. Join other parishioners online this Thursday at 10:30am or 7:00pm, just call or email the parish office for the Zoom link. holy.family@rogers.com or 905-665-6470.

OR...Why not start the study on your own or with family & friends?

It's easy! Visit <https://www.holyfamilywhitby.ca/bible-study/> for the Bible Study video links, the participant and leader guides. It could be life changing! If you need help, our small group Kim can help you! Contact Kim at holyfamily.kim@gmail.com

NEED PRAYER?

We would love to pray for you! If you or a loved one are in need of prayer, please visit our website and click on PRAYER to make an online prayer requests or for additional prayer resources.

Eucharistic Adoration

Come and spend time in the presence of Jesus
Friday, December 4th - 12noon to 12 midnight.

**First Time Coming to Adoration?
Want to know more?**

To learn more, visit www.holyfamilywhitby.ca



LIVE THE LITURGY

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Be watchful! Be alert! The core message of Advent cannot be more direct or simple. As those who are postured in a spirit of readiness and anticipation, we must always be attentive and vigilant. We have to be ready not only for the anticipated arrival of our Lord, but watchful and attentive to the unexpected visit as well. While we know that the Christ is coming, we also do not know the exact time. Cultivating this expectant attitude is the purpose of this season. It is easy to grow slack, inattentive, and too self-assured. We can easily deaden ourselves to the wonder and surprise of God's presence. We get so absorbed in so many other distractions that it can seem like Christ's second coming, and even Christ's coming in time are of lesser importance. When it finally dawns on us that we have wandered far away from where we need to be, and lost our attentiveness and focus, we will wonder how this all happened. We may even try to put the onus on God and blame God for a lack of involvement or presence. We are the ones, who through our own choice, put the distance in our relationship and lost touch. Now it's time to come back and perk ourselves up a bit!



ADVENT RESOURCES!

Advent is a time when we stop, wait & reflect. To help you dive deeper this Advent season we've put together a selection of **Daily Reflections** that you can sign-up for right to your inbox, you will also find a collection of **Contemporary & Traditional Advent Music Videos**, online **Retreat Ideas** as well as tons of resources all in one convenient place. Visit hollyfamilywhitby.ca, click on **ADVENT**.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2020

You will need to please register to attend Christmas Eve & Christmas Eve Masses. Additional Christmas Eve Masses have been added. Visit www.hollyfamilywhitby.ca for information regarding Covid19 Protocols.

Christmas Eve Mass, Thursday, December 24th

4:00pm, 6:00 pm 8:00 pm, 10:00 pm and 12:00 Midnight (with Incense)

Christmas Day, Friday December 25th

8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am & 12:30pm

(NO morning Mass Dec 26th - Regular Mass schedule Dec. 26 to Dec 30)

New Year's Eve, Thursday December 31st 5:00pm

New Year's Day, Wednesday Jan. 1st 11:00am & 12:30pm

(NO morning Mass on Jan 2)

ATTENTION PARENTS!

TIME TRAVELLERS RETURNS ONLINE FOR ADVENT!

A weekly Time Travellers message video geared to kids in grades K-5 will be posted on the Time Travellers page of our website during the weeks of Advent! If you would like to be emailed the videos every Sunday morning, please sign-up to our New 'Time Travellers Email List' which can be found at WWW.hollyfamilywhitby.ca click on KIDS & YOUTH.

YOUTH MINISTRY DATES.

This year our younger youth programs will be a mixed program of both "In person" sessions "On Mission" sessions, where we will be finding ways that we can be the hands and feet of Jesus in our communities. During these difficult times God is calling us to go deeper and to **Seek** Him with all of our hearts as we discover who we are and *whose we are*.

NEXT YOUTH MINISTRY DATES: (Please contact Stephanie for details)

Life Teen Gr.9-12: Dec 10th - EDGE Gr.6-8 : Dec 9th - JR EDGE Gr.3-5 : Dec 16th.

SISTERS OF LIFE DONATION COLLECTION – NOV 29

Any items to treat the young moms and Baby Items too! Some suggestions: Journals or stationery, cute socks or slippers, fancy toiletries such as body wash, shampoo or soaps, face masks, make-up bags, cute water bottles, nail polish and GIFT CARDS. For more information please contact: Braedie Quinn at: amothersmission20@gmail.com or Stephanie.

Our Parish Mission: love God - love others - make disciples

REFLECT

FIRST READING

We hear today the prophet Isaiah's internal spiritual struggle as he questions God's ways and decries our human tendency to sin. What spiritual struggles do you need to confront as we enter into the season of Advent?

SECOND READING

In his opening words to the Corinthian Christians, Paul reminds the faithful of God's fidelity to those who believe in his Son. He then cites examples of the blessings they have received since coming to the faith. What are some blessings you have received in your faith journey?

GOSPEL READING

Jesus instructs his disciples to be vigilant for the end times. How can you make this spiritual discipline a focus of your Advent season this year?

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