

## MASS INTENTIONS

### **Monday Dec 8, 7:00pm**

+Natividad Noel req by the Ramos Family.

### **Tuesday Dec 9, 7:00pm**

+Julianne Holloway req by the Doyle Family.

### **Wednesday Dec 10, 7:00pm**

+Leonarda Pellegriano req by the Family.

+Fernando Alves req by Francelina Alves.

Remembering Lou Abutin & Leticia Carreon req by Cyndy Elasiague.

Sp Int Conrad & Wilma D'Souza req by Nelson & Irene Tellis.

Sp Int Arthur & Siony Mercado req by Sheila Tobin.

Sp Int Fr. Garfield Rochard req by Brenda Pagazani.

Sp Int Claudia Herod req by Frank & Fatima Azevedo.

Sp Int Guillermo & Carmen Ramirez.

Sp Int Nigerian Boys Abducted req by Anita Pereira.

Living & Deceased Members of the Knight of Columbus.

### **Thursday Dec 11, 7:00pm**

Thanksgiving to St Joseph req by Joan Vanberkum.

### **Friday Dec 12, 9:00am**

+Shane Reymes & Arthur St John req by Marlene St John.

### **Saturday Dec 13, 5:00pm**

+Pasquale Rocchio req by Rose Mihelcio & Family.

## DECEMBER 12<sup>th</sup> MASS

**PLEASE NOTE:** The 7pm Mass on Friday, Dec. 12th, is by invitation only. We invite you to join us for Mass at 9am.

## CHRISTMAS GIFT ITEMS

➤ *Holy Family Gift Store is Open*  
**Sunday Missals** are now available at the Holy Family Gift Shop at the back of the church for \$10. There are also many beautiful Christmas Gift items and Christmas cards available. The Gift Store is open 15 minutes before & after all weekend Masses.

## NEW TO THE PARISH?

Welcome to Holy Family Parish! We would like to invite you and your family to register as parishioners & join our email list! Scan the QR code to visit our website where you will find links to join our parish email list, social media & the Registration Form.

<https://www.holyfamilywhitby.ca/get-connected/>



## GRAND OPENING WEEKEND - DECEMBER 12 - 14

We are thrilled that our new building will be opening in a few weeks. After years of planning, fundraising and construction, this is truly an incredible milestone for our parish.

The Grand Opening Weekend kicks off on **Friday, December 12th** with a Donor Appreciation Mass at 7:00 pm which will be presided by His Eminence, Frank Cardinal Leo and after which, His Eminence will bless our new building spaces. **The Donor Appreciation Mass is by invitation only.**

**On December 13 and 14th**, the new building will be open for touring after all Masses. All parishioners are invited to come and explore our new spaces and enjoy a celebratory piece of cake in the Gather Café.

**Thank you to everyone who contributed to, and continue to support, the "Living Our Faith, Building Our Future" campaign and enabled this vision to become a reality.**

## ADVENT CONFESSION THIS WEDNESDAY DEC 10<sup>TH</sup>

Join us this **Wednesday Dec. 10** after the **7pm** Mass for an Advent confession to prepare the way for Christ's coming. Additional priests will be available to hear confessions, offering you the chance to repent, clear spiritual obstacles, and renew your heart through an examination of conscience and reconciliation with God, embracing the season of waiting, conversion, and joyful hope. If it's been a while or you are simply looking for resources to help you prepare, visit: <https://www.holyfamilywhitby.ca/reconciliation/>

## PARISH-WIDE SPIRITUAL RENEWAL NOVENA

As our parish prepares for the Grand Opening of our new spaces, we are in the midst of a 9-day Novena for Spiritual Renewal, prayed after all Masses, weekday and weekend, through **December 11th**. A heartfelt thank-you to all who have already begun praying with us! If you haven't started yet, it's not too late—simply join in at any Mass this week or pray along from home as we ask God to renew our hearts, our families, and our parish community. **NEED A COPY?** The novena prayers were sent out by email earlier this week and will be available on our parish website for anyone who needs a copy to pray at home. Let us unite in prayer as we prepare for this joyful new chapter in the life of our parish. **Visit:** <https://www.holyfamilywhitby.ca/novena>

## MOM'S GROUP GATHERING THIS WEDNESDAY!



Our December Gathering is this **Wednesday, Dec 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm**, and we'd love for you to join us! This month our theme is **"A Prayerful Heart - Living in God's Presence"** discovering simple, meaningful ways to bring prayer into everyday moments of motherhood ♥.

Whether you're raising little ones, guiding teens, parenting adult children or anywhere in between, come and find encouragement, friendship, and a gentle spiritual boost as we enter this beautiful season of Advent.

**ALL MOMS ARE WELCOME!** Come & meet other parish moms! To Register simply Scan the QR code or visit: <https://www.holyfamilywhitby.ca/catholic-mom/>.



## CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASS - SIMBANG GABI

Come and join us for **SIMBANG GABI**, a beloved Filipino Catholic tradition of nine evening novena of Masses from December 16-24, preparing our hearts for Christmas through joyful prayer and community. Join us for evening Masses at 7pm at Holy Family followed by fellowship in the hall - bring your family for this warm celebration of faith and anticipation of Christ's birth!

## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### KIDS LENDING LIBRARY

Don't forget to visit our Kids Lending Library currently located in the basement hall in the Gather Café on Sundays after the 9:30 & 11:00 Masses! We have a great selection of quality Catholic Kids Books as well as chapter books and a few carefully selected adult books and resources.

You can view our catalogue of books on our website and send us requests to reserve one for you as well simply visit: [holyfamlywhitby.ca/library/](http://holyfamlywhitby.ca/library/)

### IN NEED OF PRAYER?

If you are need of prayer, please use our Prayer Request Box located in the back of the church or our Online Prayer Request form on our website. Our dedicated Intercessory Prayer Teams will pray for you! Visit our website for the online link at: [holyfamlywhitby.ca/prayer/](http://holyfamlywhitby.ca/prayer/)

### HOLY FAMILY DADS GROUP

Come and be part of a strong fraternity of men who want to grow in faith and become the leaders our families need. Join us on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:30pm at Holy Family. Whether you're a dad, grand-dad, or future dad, there's a place for you. Fatherhood is a gift from God, meant to bless our homes and strengthen our communities. Let's support one another in this mission. Register online at: [holyfamlydads.com](http://holyfamlydads.com)

### HELP CLEAN OUR CHURCH!

Our parish is a home for prayer, worship, and community, and we need your helping hands to keep it beautiful. With our new atrium and meeting rooms soon part of our parish home, volunteers are needed to help keep all our spaces clean and welcoming. No special skills needed, just a willing heart! If you can offer a little time each week to tidy, dust, or care for our sacred spaces, please let us know. contact Tess at 905-665-6470 ext. 201 or [holy.family@rogers.com](mailto:holy.family@rogers.com).

### THANK YOU - ADVENT WREATH MAKING EVENT!



Thank you to all the families who joined us for our Family Ministry - Advent Wreath Making Event last Sunday. It was a joy to see our parish hall filled with families coming together to begin the Advent season! We hope your wreath becomes a meaningful part of your family's prayer, as each candle reminds us of the gifts Christ brings: **Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love**. A special thank you to the many people who helped leading up to the event; cutting branches, prepping dinner & baking, as well as those who helped on Sunday - we could not have done it without you! Thank you to Fr. László & Fr. Alex for their support and the beautiful Blessing Liturgy. May your Advent be filled with light and blessing.

### INVITATION TO HELP LAUNCH MILLIONS OF MONICAS

#### ➤ Seeking Team Members for a New Prayer Gathering.

We are introducing **Millions of Monicas**, a simple monthly prayer gathering for mothers praying for their children, especially those struggling in their faith or who have stepped away from the Church. This is not a support group, but a structured time of prayer inspired by St. Monica. We are seeking mothers, grandmothers, step-mothers, godmothers, or anyone with a mother's heart who feel called to help lead, support, and assist with this new prayer initiative. **If you are interested in being part of the Launch Team, or for more information, please email Sue this week at:** [holyfamly.sue@gmail](mailto:holyfamly.sue@gmail)

#### Dear Parish Family,

We have reached the final stage of our construction project. Over the next few weeks, we will focus on correcting the remaining deficiencies. If all continues as planned, we will be able to use the new space for our church services and gatherings before Christmas.

Thank you to everyone who supported this work. Many of you made sacrificial financial contributions. Many offered prayers and steady encouragement. I am grateful for each of you. Your patience and your trust have carried this vision forward.

If you would still like to contribute, you are welcome to do so. Your support helps us finish strong and keeps us united on this journey. **On the weekend of Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> we have our fourth annual collection for our Capital Campaign. Thank you for your generosity.**

With gratitude, Fr. László

#### Capital Campaign Update, November 25, 2025

**Approved Budget: \$7.9M**

**Spent to Date: \$6,741,243**

**Loan to Date: \$2,684,983**