

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday Feb 23, 7:00pm

Sp Int Michael Kondzior req by the Family.

Tuesday Feb 24, 9:00am

+Carmelita Ring req by the Legion of Mary.

Wednesday Feb 25, 7:00pm

+Catherine Cusack req by Rose & Maurice Cusack.

+Encarnacion Peralta req by Emy Peralta.

+Lucia Tardivo req by Paola Polzl.

+Stephanie Tardivo req by Paola Polzl.

+Catherine req by Yesu Naveen.

+Sr. Mary Thelma req by Gavin Fernandes.

Sp Int Sabeena Srirangan req by her Mother.

Thanksgiving Kondzior Family.

Thursday Feb 26, 9:00am

+Cheryl Cordick req by Mom & Dad.

Friday Feb 27, 7:00pm

+Edmund & Lysda Vernetta req by Sheila Tobin.

+Francis Gordon req by Joan Fernandes.

+Deceased Members of De Castro & Cada Families.

Sp Int for Sabu and Anu's Family.

Saturday Feb 28, 9:00am

+Elizabeth Tominey req by Liz McKenzie.

Saturday Feb 28, 5:00pm

+Lorenzo Pasquariello.

Sp Int Nancy Fernandes.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us on Fridays at 6:30pm as we pray the Stations of the Cross before Mass during Lent. If you are looking for more information on the Stations of Cross, visit: holymfamilywhitby.ca/stations-of-the-cross/

2026 TAX RECEIPTS

2026 Parish Tax Receipts have been processed and you should receive it by mail in the next couple weeks. Thank you for your continued support of our parish!

SCRIPTURAL ROSARY

Join The Legion of Mary on the First Saturday of each month after the 9:00am Mass to recite the Scriptural Rosary! The rosary is a devotion in honor Our Blessed Virgin Mary. By reciting the twelve prayers that form a rosary, we meditate on the mystery associated with that decade. **The first Saturday for 2026** are: *Mar 7, Apr 4, May 2, June 6, July 4, Aug 1, Sept 5, Oct 3, Nov 7 & Dec 5.*

THE CROSS CHANGES EVERYTHING

A Lenten Homily Series with Fr. László and Fr. Alex

We continue our Lenten Homily Series - The Cross Changes Everything at all Weekend Masses as we journey from repentance to renewal, from mercy to mission, from Calvary to Resurrection. Through Scripture, Catholic teaching, and pastoral reflection, this series will explore how the Cross reveals the truth about sin, the depth of God's mercy, & the hope that changes everything.

Each week we will reflect on a different step of the Lenten path:

This Weekend - Naming Sin: What We Carry, **Next Weekend** - Repentance: Letting Go, **March 7/8** - Mercy: Meeting Forgiveness, **March 14/15** - Conversion: Living Differently and **March 21/22** - Resurrection: Hope Beyond the Cross

The Cross is not the end of the story. It is the beginning of new life. Come and discover how Christ's sacrifice reshapes your past, strengthens your present, and opens your future.

STATIONS of the CROSS for FAMILIES - NEXT SUNDAY 3pm!

The Family Ministry & HFkids invites you to journey with us as we pray the Stations of the Cross using family-focused prayers & reflections with the Children's Choir leading us in worship. **Sunday March 1st at 3:00pm & Sunday March 29th at 3:00pm.** Father will guide the children around the church, stopping at each station to prayerfully reflect on Jesus' suffering, Death, & Resurrection. Afterward, families are welcome to gather for a brief time of fellowship. This is a very meaningful and prayerful way to begin and end your Lenten journey as a family! If your child would like to be part of the children choir for this event, there will be a practice this Monday at 6:30pm. Please contact Sue at [holymfamily.sue@gmail.com](mailto:holyfamily.sue@gmail.com)

HFkids CAMP & TEEN PROGRAM REGISTRATION OPEN!

This year we are planning to offer **TWO WEEKS** of HFkids Camp. HFkids camp is for kids in grades 1-6 (as of fall 2026). You can choose to register for only one week of camp or for both camps! The weeks will be different from each other.

HFkids Camp Week 1 July 13 – 17

HFkids Camp Week 2 August 4 - 7

TEEN EVENING PROGRAM!

Evening Teen Program is for youth in Grades 7 - 12 (as of fall 2026).

Teen Evening Camp July 20 – 24.

Registration forms are available at the Welcome Desk and on the website!

Note - Space is limited so register early!



FR. LASZLO'S LENTEN BOOK

Fr. Laszlo's new Lenten book invites readers to encounter true conversion through Christ, not self-improvement. Walking with Christ to the Cross guides readers through Lent with Scripture, the saints, and the Church's wisdom. \$20. Also available: Way of the Cross, a prayerful, reflective journey. \$5. Both books will be for sale this weekend at the back of the church, buy both and receive a free extra copy of Way of the Cross.

OUR NEW ATRIUM IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR RENT

We are pleased to announce that our new Atrium and Meeting Place is now open and available for rent. This welcoming space is suitable for:

- Retreat gatherings
- Family celebrations
- Small receptions
- Anniversary celebrations
- Small receptions
- Birthday celebrations
- Baby showers
- Workshops and classes
- Community events

The Atrium offers a comfortable and welcoming setting for both parish and family events. For availability, rental guidelines, and fees, please contact the parish office at holymfamily@rogers.com or 905-665-6470

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MILLIONS OF MONICAS STARTS THIS THURSDAY - 10:30AM OR 6:30PM!



We're Praying for Our Children's Return to the Catholic Faith...

Are you a mother, grandmother, aunt, or godmother grieving the loss of faith in a beloved child? You are not alone. Join with other women for a **PEACEFUL HOUR OF PRAYER**, inspired by St. Monica, whose steadfast, tear-filled prayers led to the conversion of **her son, St. Augustine**. Become one of the **Millions of Monicas (M.O.M)** around the world who are faithfully entrusting their children to God through persistent, hope-filled prayer. There is no cost to attend. Simply come with an open heart. JOIN US ON the 4th Thursday of every month, **starting Thursday February 26th**. Two Prayer Gathering times for you to choose: 10:30am OR 6:30pm.



SIGN UP at the back of the church, scan the QR code or visit holyfamilywhitby.ca/parent & click on **MILLIONS OF MONICAS**.

PARISH MEMORIAL WALL – A NEW INITIATIVE

We are planning to create a Memorial Wall. A sacred space where we can name and honour our loved ones who have passed. The memorial wall will serve as a permanent tribute to the lives and legacies of our family members, friends, and parishioners who now rest in Christ's peace. The wall will be located in the new south Narthex across from the Parish Office and will be constructed using marble engravable plaques, with a beautiful backlit wooden cross. Each plaque will measure 4 by 6 inches and may include the name of your loved one along with their year of birth and passing for example "*John Smith 1943 - 2023*." Families may also choose to honour a family name without dates, for example

"The Smith Family". Space on the wall is limited. Each plaque is available for a cost of \$300 and will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

If you are interested, please contact Committee Member, Marlene St. John at mstjohn@sympatico.ca or use the QR code to sign up.



EVYTH 1945 - 2012	DARRE 1942 - 2012	EMET 1918 - 2012
MONICA 1943 - 2018	SCOTT 1942 - 2018	LAURA 1970 - 2012
ADAM 1943 - 2018	MARK 1943 - 1990	MARK 1943 - 1990
JOHN 1943 - 2018	NICKIE 1943 - 2012	STEVEN 1942 - 1995
ALLEN 1943 - 2018	BAKER 1943 - 2012	ISA 1943 - 1995
ERIK 1943 - 2012	PATRICIA 1943 - 2012	THOMAS 1943 - 1995
	RYAN 1943 - 2012	KAREN 1943 - 1995

RECOGNITION WALL

As we celebrate the completion of our construction project, we give thanks for the generosity that made it possible. The parish proposes a Gratitude and Benefactor Appreciation Wall, located opposite the parish office beside the Memorial Wall. Since the space is limited and the donors are in the thousands, we decided to recognize cumulative donations of \$3,000 or more. I know that not everyone is in a position to give at this level, and I want to be deeply sensitive to that. I sincerely apologize if the design of this wall makes anyone feel overlooked or less valued. The viability of our project depended on the collective sacrifice of every member, not just the large donors. The widow's mite was greater in the eyes of Jesus because of the sacrifice it represented, not the monetary value. This wall is not designed to create a hierarchy of value, but to honour the major, foundational gifts that allowed us to complete this project. However, we are grateful for every gift, and you are all partners in this project. For those who are not listed on the Recognition Wall, please know that your contribution is deeply appreciated, celebrated, and equally necessary for our mission. If you have donated less than \$3000, but still wish to be included, please contact the parish office staff who do their best to work with your request.

It is never too late to make an offering and be part of this important work for our parish community. We hope to finalize the plaque by Easter. The Finance Committee.

HOLY FAMILY BUILDING EXPANSION & RENOVATION UPDATE

Our building project is nearing completion. Most components have been finished, and any remaining exterior work that could not be completed due to weather will be addressed by Renokrew (General Contractor) in the spring.

A Building Operations and Maintenance Committee has been formed to oversee the new facilities. Qualified professionals have been engaged to implement the Fire Plan and provide annual sprinkler system certification.

Some challenges remain. The elevator requires repairs and recertification by TSSA, which has been complex due to its age and sourcing replacement parts. We are working closely with architect Larkin, Renokrew, and the elevator subcontractor to resolve this. The new fire doors also require ongoing adjustments to ensure proper function, and solutions are being investigated.

We continue organizing internal storage and emptying the two sea containers in the parking lot, with the goal of removing them by spring.

As we settle into the new space, we may experience minor adjustments. We are supported by a one-year warranty from the General Contractor during this transition.

We remain deeply grateful for your continued support throughout this important project.

Capital Campaign Update, February 15, 2026

Approved Budget: \$7.9M

Spent to Date: 7,922,583.50

Loan: 3,436,062.98



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