

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Monday, February 5, 7pm

+Joyce & Jeanette Coe req by Maurice Coe

Tuesday, February 6, 9 a.m.

+Marg Borg req by the Borg Family

Wednesday, February 7, 7 p.m.

+Margaret Wyrozub req by the George Family

+Marc Belcourt req by Larry & Betty Sacchett

+Maureen Keogan req by Alan & Carmelle Perron

+Philip & Agnes Surnoski & all Deceased

Family Members req by Flo Bankhead

Knights of Columbus Members Living & Deceased

CWL Members, Living & Deceased

Thursday, February 8, 9 a.m.

+Pat Moloney req by Tom, Theresa &

Catherine Partlow

Friday, February 9, 7 p.m.

+Danny Miller req by Laura & Bob Beaupre

+Lucy Surnoski req by the Herbacz Family

+Marc Belcourt req by the Partlow Family

+Thomas Brennan req by Joe Aungier

+Robert Natoli req by Marie Natoli & Family

+Maureen Keogan req by Mike & Janet Connors

Saturday, February 10

9 a.m. +Anna Campanelli req by Angie Campanelli

5 p.m. +Pat Moloney req by Sandra Dantes

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

PLEASE PRAY for all of the sick members of our parish especially: Linda Vidulich, Jim Cushnan, Reginald Wade, Grace Hancock, Shirley Barrett.



If you are in high school and want something to do on Monday evenings from 7-9 PM, then this is for you: join us for some snacks, sit-down, and song as we tackle the sometimes-complicated question of "who is the Holy Spirit?". It'll be a night dedicated to building our prayer life and understanding how the Holy Spirit moves in our lives!

If you are a person in grade 5, 6, 7, or 8, then please come join us on Thursdays from 6-8 PM! This week, we'll be looking at something that is quite important and a bit sad - but we will be aiming to understand how we can find joy and God's love in it: Following the victory of Jesus' rising from the dead, we will be talking about the hope of heaven after our earthly lives and how to deal with grief! Snacks and song will also be in store!

For more information about our youth ministries, Steubenville Conference, EDGE Camp (Aug 26-30), and Life Teen Camp (Aug 11-16), please send an email to Camille at hfwym91@gmail.com



NEW! If you are in need of prayer, we have a couple new options for you. We invite you to use our new **Prayer Request Box** located in the back of the church. Simply fill out the provided Prayer Request Card and leave it in the box. Another option is to send us your request using the parish app. Once your prayer request is received, the Holy Family Intercessory Prayer Group will pray for you. Whatever your needs are or whatever situation you may be faced with, trust in the Lord. All requests are sacred and you can be assured that your prayers will be kept strictly confidential.

HEALING MASS FRIDAY FEB 9TH

Come and experience the healing power of God during our Eucharistic Celebration this Friday, Feb 9th at 7pm and hear the healing message of Jesus. The celebrant will be Fr. Ben Croix.

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Visit myparishapp.com and download on your mobile device. Search for Whitby and select Holy Family Parish. Once downloaded you can receive daily quotes, inspirational messages from Father Laszlo as well as homily 'teasers'. Click on 'groups' and join one of the many groups and engage in meaningful conversations with other parishioners. You can also send a prayer request through the 'Prayers' feature and don't forget to check out our **feature of the week, 'Reflect Daily'**, there you will be able to read the Daily Gospel, ponder over a few simple questions and pray over Gods Word.

ITALIAN DINNER DANCE SATURDAY FEBRUARY 24TH

Join us for our Italian Dinner Dance. Includes a full course meal, dessert & open wine bar. 50/50 draw, door prizes, dancing and lots of fun! **Tickets, \$50.00/person are on sale now** at the back of the church and will go fast! Please Angie at [905 721-8878](tel:905-721-8878) for more information.

SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING DRIVE

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul truck will be in the parking lot on **Feb 10th & 11th** before & after all Masses. Members of St. Vincent will collect gently used clothing for the clothing store in Oshawa.

FAMILY OF FAITH TAX RECEIPTS

The Family of Faith campaign will issue 2017 tax receipts for Family of Faith donations by the end of February 2018. Most gifts to the campaign have been in the form of pledges, payable over five years. Tax receipts will be issued for the value of gift amounts actually received in 2017. Contributions sent by mail & postmarked on or before Dec. 31, 2017 are eligible for a 2017 tax receipt.

PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

We are hiring a **part time Social Media Coordinator**. The candidate should be tech savvy and experienced with all social media platforms including Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, website and apps with the objective to create a culture that encourages sharing and engagement on social media. The Social Media Coordinator will develop a digital strategy plan for the parish and will oversee all of our social media networks in order to establish consistency of our messaging as well as promote and update upcoming events. The candidate should also be experienced in graphic design as well as picture editing and podcasting. Please submit your resume & cover letter to Father László Nagy at holy.family@rogers.com or fax 905-665-6651 by Monday Feb 19th for consideration.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HOST OUR BLESSED MOTHER?

The **Legion of Mary** has a home visitation program. A statue of our Blessed Mother, called the **Pilgrim Virgin Statue**, will be brought to your home by Legionaries for a 9-day visit. The Legionaries will pray the Welcome prayers with you and your family and leave the statue with you. Hosting the Pilgrim Virgin Statue is an opportunity to bring your family and friends together to pray with you, and to approach Jesus through Our Lady. Devotion books are provided. For more information or to arrange a home visit please call Nancy at (905) 666-8471.

CWL MEETING FEB 7TH

Please join us for the CWL General Meeting on Wed, Feb 7th, at 7:30pm in the Church hall. New members are always welcome- feel free to come to a meeting and check us out. **See you Wednesday!**

FORMING AN INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP (PART 1)



The devil loses when the Spirit builds people up through praying and being prayed for.

We pray for those who need it, for those who can't pray for themselves, and for those who need our strength and support as the Body of Christ.

At its heart, a prayer of intercession is asking God, in His grace and mercy, to intervene in a particular situation. It is often prayed for others, but can include praying for one's own needs too. "Intercession is a prayer of petition which leads us to pray as Jesus did. He is the one intercessor with the Father on behalf of all men" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC) # 2634). It's about coming to Jesus

with our wants, needs, desires, hopes and fears. About asking Jesus into the messy everyday, and ask Him to be present with us, and so redeem our situations, to bring light to the darkness.

Intercessory power recognises the reality that God is alive and active in the world today. It trusts that through the power of the Holy Spirit, the works of God are still manifested today, in the here and now situations of ordinary life. It believes that those who seek find, and those who ask, shall receive.

Intercession does not work like magic. Prayer is never a matter of just asking for what I want, or even what I need, and expecting it to magically happen. Prayer is also a great matter of faith and trust: trust that God hears and that He cares, faith that what I see is not the full picture; trust that God is good and will work all things for good, faith that what I want and what I think I need are perhaps not what is good for me, or that I need to wait for them.

Intercessory prayer also requires humility, and a submitting of our will and desires to God. It's this submission—allowing ourselves to be a vessel that God uses—which is really powerful.

In Mass, we see the Prayers of the Faithful, or the "bidding prayers", as a prayer of intercession. In a very profound way during Mass we see the intercession of Jesus to the Father on behalf of us, the Church. In a more individual way, we can pray by just recalling people and situations to mind, asking God to be present, and to bring His grace and mercy.

Structured prayers like the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet are both very powerful ways of offering intercession for people. You can recall to mind people and situations as you start, or offer each bead for a particular person or situation.

To pray for a person who is right there in front of you can be another great way to offer intercessory prayer; in their presence to pray aloud in words of encouragement and blessing, asking God to heal, protect or bless them. It's a very tangible way to let them know that you are praying for them. Sometimes people will place their hands on the person they are praying for as a sign of their standing in solidarity with them.

Intercession also builds up community by binding people together who support and care for one another in their needs. The Christian journey is not one we can do alone; we need each other. Families should pray together and for each other, the parish community prays together and for each other, and friends can pray together and for each other. It's a great source of strength to know you are not alone.

There is also great power in praying for those you don't know, or even those you don't like. Prayerful intercession is not limited to those we know. All of humanity is important to God, and therefore should have a place in our heart.

We can also ask for the intercession of the angels and saints already in heaven; this is a huge gift. Their intercession is their most exalted service to God's plan. We can and should ask them to intercede for us and for the entire world (CCC 2683). An intercessor is one who takes up a "burden" that goes far beyond his or her own needs and intentions.

One of the most powerful ways we can pray as intercessors is together with others. I invite and encourage all of you to join our intercessory prayer team. Each week, this ministry gathers to pray for the sick, the suffering, the needs and other intentions of the Church. We invite you to come pray with us and also to write your own prayer requests and leave them in the Prayer Box so that we can pray for you.

With Prayer, Fr. László

JOIN OUR INTERCESSORY PRAYER TEAM TODAY!



If you feel in your heart that you are being called to pray of the needs of others then we encourage you to please come and join our **Intercessory Prayer Team**. Sign-up sheets will be available at the back of the church after all Masses. We invite you to attend the meeting on **Thursday February 15th at 7:00PM** to learn more about this powerful way of praying. As Jesus promised:

"If two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven" (Matthew 18:10)