

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions

Monday, January 29, 7pm

+Carmine Plastina req by the Plastina Family

Tuesday, January 30, 9 a.m.

Sp Int for Fr. Matthew req by a Parishioner

Wednesday, January 31, 7 p.m.

+Marc Belcourt req by Pat & Lise Belcourt

+Shahsultan Kassam Virji (Nannima) req by the Family

+Arsenio & Ofelia Ramos req by Jim

Padua & Family

+Pat Maloney req by Alan & Carmelle Perron

+Maureen Keogan req by John & Vera Hugel

Sp Int for Eleanor Herod req by Claudia Herod

Sp Int for Fr. Matthew req by Legion of Mary

Thursday, February 1, 9 a.m.

+Fabian Daley req by Guy & Diane Roach

Friday, February 2, 9 a.m.

+Marie Noujaim req by Legion of Mary

+Marc Belcourt req by Andy & Cindy Merey

+Maureen Keogan req by Tom, Theresa & Catherine Partlow

+Mr & Mrs R. La Torre req by Mr & Mrs Morra

Saturday, February 3

9 a.m. +Pat Maloney req by Kate Hudson

5 p.m. +Ewhenia Pichut req by the

Wheatley Family



ITALIAN DINNER DANCE SATURDAY FEBRUARY 24TH

Join us for our Italian Dinner Dance. **Ticket sales start on the January 27th** and always go fast! Lasagna, stuffed chicken legs with prosciutto/provolone cheese sausage and potatoes, green beans, & salad and for desert tiramisu. Coffee, tea, wine & water included. 50/50 draw and many door prizes Lots of dancing lots of fun \$50.00 per person. Please Angie at [905 721-8878](tel:9057218878) for more information.

SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING DRIVE

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Saturday/Sunday will take place on the weekend of Feb 10th & 11th. The truck will be in the parking lot before and after each Mass and members of St. Vincent will collect gently used clothing for our 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, through Sunday, December 31, 2017. Please note that contributions sent by mail that were postmarked on or before December 31, 2017 are eligible for a 2017 tax receipt.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

We are hiring a temporary part time **Social Media Coordinator** (approx. 7hours/week). 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 February 19th for consideration.



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Parish App Feature-of-the-Week



Prayers

- List of Traditional Prayers
- Set Prayer Reminders
- Submit Prayer Requests to the parish

Learn more or download our parish app at myparishapp.com

*Available on Apple and Android Phones.



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.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT FRIDAY

Join us for Adoration this Friday, Feb 2nd, from Noon until Midnight.

"If, in our time Christians must be distinguished by the 'art of prayer', how can we not feel a renewed need to spend time in spiritual conversation, in silent adoration, in heartfelt love before Christ present in the Most Holy Sacrament?" **Pope John Paul II**



"Spend as much time as possible in front of the Blessed Sacrament and He will fill you with His strength and His power." -Mother Teresa

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.

THROUGH PRAYER WE LEARN AND EMBRACE THE MIND OF GOD



It's not that prayer changes things; it changes me. Prayer is not the method we've been given for twisting the arm of God. It is not given to convince God to see things from our viewpoint. Prayer is a privilege given to *learn and embrace the mind of God*.

Behind the scenes of every revival has been a prayer movement. Not a panel discussion. Not dialogue, but prayer. Behind every move of God in a local church, you'll find someone, some group, some remnant praying. I am challenging, encouraging you to be a praying church, people of prayer therefore I am offering, forming the **Small Prayer Groups** and the **Intercessory Prayer Groups**.

We have walked through every crisis, fear and opportunity through prayer. Our parish has a lot of visible fruits already of our Discipleship, and New-Evangelization's seeds. We would not be where we are today if it were not for prayer. Any "success" we might have enjoyed has been the result of prayer. God has done exceedingly and abundantly beyond what we ever hoped or imagined.

The disciples did not ask Jesus to teach them how to lay on hands, heal the sick, raise the dead, walk on water or even deal with the Pharisees. They asked the Lord to teach them to pray. It was the prayer life of Jesus that impressed them above all else. God the Son praying to God the Father caught their attention—the Godhead in tune with itself so that the will of God in heaven would be done on earth.

The greatest failure of the three—Peter, James and John—is summarized in the words, "Could you not watch and pray with me one hour?" Prayer is a spiritual ingredient that this church and no Christian can do without.

I was reading Leonard Ravenhill's *Treasury of Prayer*, which is taken from the writings of E.M. Bounds. Read these words carefully,

"It may be said with emphasis that no lazy saint prays. Can there be a lazy saint? Can there be a prayer-less saint? Does not slack praying cut short sainthood's crown and kingdom? Can there be a cowardly soldier? Can there be a saintly hypocrite? Can there be virtuous vice? It is only when these impossibilities are brought into being that we then can find a prayerless saint. He who is too busy to pray will be too busy to live a holy life. Other duties become pressing and absorb in and crowd out prayer. Choked to death, would be the coroner's verdict in many cases of dead praying, if an inquest could be secured on this dire, spiritual calamity. One of Satan's wiliest tricks is to destroy the best by the good. Business and other duties are good, but we are so filled with these that they crowd out and destroy the best. Prayer holds the citadel for God, and if Satan can by any means weaken prayer, he is a gainer so far, and when prayer is dead the citadel is taken."

It's easier to do anything in the church than to pray. It's easier to serve, sing, teach, and volunteer than to pray. It's not that we should stop doing these to pray. We must pray and then do these things, or our serving lacks power.

It's easy for any and all of us to get drawn into secondary issues that can't be fixed apart from prayer and revival. God can do more in a moment than we can do in a lifetime. Let us resolve to be, more than ever, a praying people. Praying is not our duty, it is a necessity. It's not optional on our spiritual checklist. The truth is, I must pray and I must be prayed for.

When God's people pray, things happen. There are some things God will not do apart from prayer. Will you join me? Can we pray in unity that God will move in power and that the church will stop retreating and start doing battle on her knees?

With prayer,
Fr. Laszlo Nagy