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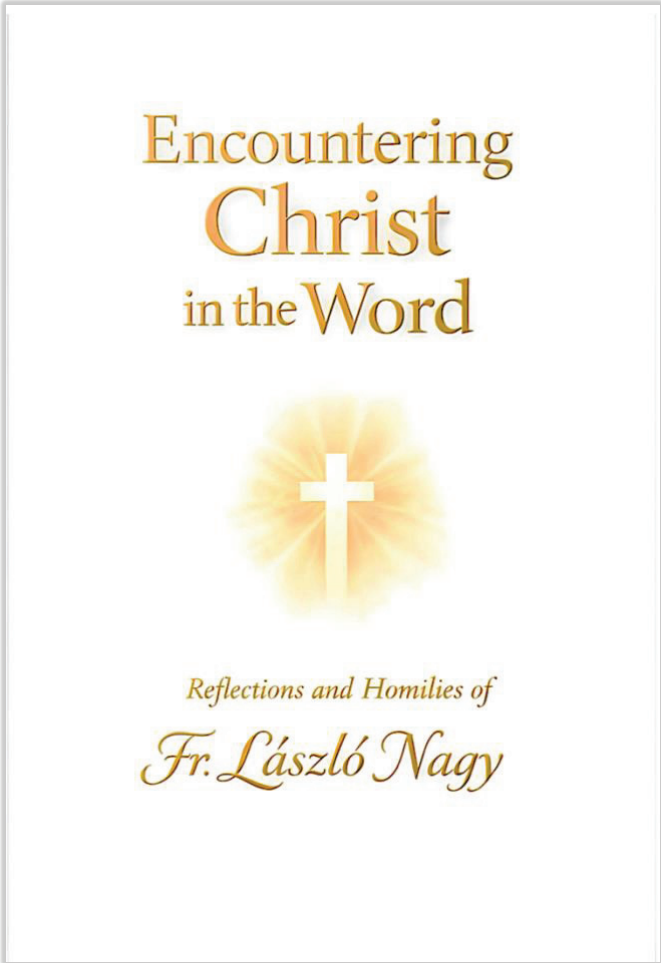
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APRIL 26, 2026

ENCOUNTERING CHRIST IN THE WORD

Homilies For Year A - Fr. László Nagy



Encountering
Christ
in the Word

*Reflections and Homilies of
Fr. László Nagy*

Over the years, many of you have asked after Mass, in the parish office, and even in passing conversations: “Father, do you have your homilies written down somewhere?” or “Could I have a copy to reflect on during the week?”

Those requests stayed with me. They became, in a quiet but persistent way, an encouragement, perhaps even a prompting, to gather these reflections into something more lasting. What began as weekly preaching, shaped by prayer, Scripture, and our shared parish journey, has now become a book.

I am grateful to share with you *Encountering Christ in the Word*, a collection of homilies for Year A. This is not simply a compilation of texts, but a record of a spiritual journey we have walked together - listening to the Word of God, wrestling with it, and allowing it to speak into the realities of our lives.

As I wrote in the preface: These homilies were never meant to remain on a page. They were first spoken into a living community, into real lives marked by faith, struggle, hope, and grace. Each one is an invitation, not just to understand the Gospel, but to encounter Christ personally in it.

The Word of God is not distant or abstract. It is living. It seeks us, challenges us, comforts us, and ultimately transforms us. My hope is that these reflections will help you return to the Scriptures with a deeper openness, recognizing that Christ continues to speak - here and now - into your life.

The minimalist design of the cover, simple, white, & marked with gold, reflects the heart of the book itself: clarity,

reverence, and a focus on what truly matters - an encounter with Christ in His Word.

This book is offered especially for you, our parish family, who have listened, prayed, and grown together week after week. It is my hope that it will serve as a companion in your personal prayer, a resource for reflection, and a reminder that God continues to speak beyond Sunday.

Copies will be available soon. Thank you for your encouragement, your faith, and your openness to the Word of God.

Fr. László Nagy

PRAYERS REQUEST

Please keep in your prayers the children of our parish who, after six months of preparation, will receive their First Communion on May 2nd.

St Mark & St Theresa at 10:00am, St Bernard & St Paul at 12:00pm and St Matthew and all Other Catholic, Public Schools & Home at 3:00pm

A DAY WITH MARY - ARCHDIOCESE EVENT

The Archdiocese of Toronto invites you to ‘**A Day with Mary**’, **May 31st at Villanova College in King City, York Region**. This family-friendly outdoor gathering featuring Mass, the Rosary, Marian devotion, music, food, & fellowship. Join His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo and Catholics across the Archdiocese in celebrating our love for the Blessed Mother. The event is free but you must register online to attend, for more information or to register, visit: archtoronto.org/mary. Choose to take advantage of pre-ordering lunch at time of registration, or bring your own picnic lunch. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE is May 15.**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday April 27, 7:00pm

+Lucy D'Souza req by Joyce D'Souza.

Tuesday April 28, 9:00am

+Sheldon Hannah req by Noel & Mary Hannah.

Wednesday April 29, 7:00pm

+Heidi Recoski req by Gerald & Anna Mary Cybulskie.

+Nieva C. Randrup req by Susan Rivera.

+Zoltan Weindorfer req by Bob Weindorfer.
+Maria Grima

+John Peter Lobo req by the Lobo Family.

+Jaime Calle-Cordero req by the Blanco Family.

Sp Int Janice McDonnell req by Bob Weindorfer.

Sp Int Fr. László.

Thursday April 30, 9:00am

+Mary Cormier req by Antonietta Orecchio.

Friday May 1, 7:00pm

+Vito Gennaro DeFilippis req by the DeFilippis Family.

+Lorraine Ann Carvey req by June Refearo.

+Gil E. Cortez req by Susan Rivera.

+Guido Vincenzi req by the Manera Family.

+Ondrej Palusak req by Martin & Karin Cech.

+Anna Rajova & Stefan Raj req by Anna Varley & Family.

+Martin & Arnolta Raposo and Alfred & Milalda Hannah req by Noel & Mary Hannah.

Saturday May 2, 9:00am

+Sebastianpillai req by the Family.

Saturday May 3, 5:00pm

+Cyril Turgeon req by Laura & Bob Beaupre.

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SUMMER FUN!

➤ SUMMER DAY CAMP

2 Separate Camps – Children grades 1 to 6 this fall - **July 13 – 17 & Aug 4 - 7**

➤ EVENING TEENS

Program for teens entering grades 7-12 this fall. Runs **July 20 – 24**

TO REGISTER FOR EITHER PROGRAM:

Scan the QR code, visit the website or Welcome Desk at the back of the church on the weekend.



33 DAYS TO MORNING GLORY – STARTS MONDAY!

Draw closer to Jesus through Mary. Join us for **33 Days to Morning Glory**, a simple, powerful journey of daily prayer & reflection, guiding us to entrust our hearts to Jesus through Mary. Amid busy schedules, this consecration offers a peaceful way to grow closer to Christ and deepen our love for Mary, sharing encouragement, conversation, & community along the way.

STARTS THIS MONDAY APRIL 27th at 7:30 PM, for 5 (weeks) Mondays.

KID'S SPACE: Supervised activities for school-aged children in the St. Nicholas Room. Please indicate if needed when registering.

TO REGISTER: Sign up at the Welcome Desk or scan the QR code!



MARCH FOR LIFE IN OTTAWA BUS - THURS MAY 14

Join with many thousands of Canadians to the National March for Life in **Ottawa on Thursday May 14**. The Theme for 2026 National March for Life is: "Follow Me!" Bus Tickets will be for sale next to the church office after all Masses. For more info, contact Gwen at 905- 259- 8504.

ST VINCENT BUNDLE UP COLLECTION MAY 16 & 17.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Up Collection will take place on the weekend of **May 16th/17th**. The truck will be in the church parking lot before and after each Mass with members of St. Vincent de Paul available to collect gently used clothing, footwear, bedding, drapery and towels for our store in Oshawa. Monetary donations will also be gratefully accepted with donations of \$25+ receiving a tax receipt. Thank you for your support!

ADORATION 12PM -12AM & HORIZONS HOLY HOUR

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration **MAY 1** - Come spend time with our Lord in the Eucharist this Friday, **MAY 1 from 12noon to 12midnight**, with Mass celebrated at 7:00 pm.

HORIZONS OF HOPE will also host a **Holy Hour from 1:00–2:00 pm** for our parish sick, suffering, and the faithful departed, join us in God's grace and peace, with refreshments to follow in the parish hall. All are Welcome.

PILGRIMAGE WITH FR. LÁSZLÓ IN MAY OF 2027.

You are warmly invited to join a special 14-day parish pilgrimage cruise through Greece, Turkey, Sicily, and Malta, **May 20–June 2, 2027**. Walk in the footsteps of the Apostles, celebrate daily Mass, and deepen your faith. This is more than a trip - it is a pilgrimage of faith, renewal & encounter. Details and registration are available at the back of the church - please prayerfully consider this opportunity and reserve early. Fr. László Nagy, Pastor

WHEN A FAMILY MEMBER CHOOSES MAiD...

➤ *How a Catholic Family Copes When a Relative Chooses MAiD.*


Horizons of Hope Ministry is offering the following Zoom presentation: **How a Catholic Family Copes When a Relative Chooses MAiD**. Featuring Guest Speaker, Sr Mary Rowell, CSJ on **Tues, May 5th, 7pm**. Sister Mary is a co-writer of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops program Horizons of Hope that deals with Palliative Care & End-of-Life issues through a Catholic lens. **To register for this Zoom presentation, email: hwhitbyhoh@gmail.com**

DURHAM CATHOLIC SPECIAL COLLECTION MAY 2 / 3

There will be a Special Collection Next Weekend in support of the Durham Catholic Children's Foundation supporting students & families in need across the Durham Catholic District School Board, helping to ensure every child can fully participate in school life.

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