

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



PASTOR'S CORNER

Why do we need God? We are surrounded by people. We are often waiting in line: the grocery store, the bank, the highway. There are people at work and so many people in school. We are part of the crowd; we are the traffic; and yet we are alone...alone in this crowd. This is true even if a family is relatively big: two or three children along with mom and dad. Somebody is always talking. Somebody is always crying. There is a lot of noise, but Mom feels lonely at times, and so does Dad, even though they have each other. The little children feel lonely too, as they need to crawl into Mom and Dad's bed every now and then. The adolescents and older teens are convinced that no one understands them. They are probably right. This is why we do need God every day in order to confront this feeling of loneliness, because ultimately we reach a point in life when we realize that no human being can really help us in this matter. But as someone rightly pointed out, *“Meaningful human relationships rarely last if only one party makes an effort to maintain a vital connection.”* The same is true in our relationship with God. He loves each of us too much to let us be alone, for no one is too small, too ordinary, or too hidden for God to use. So it is our choice to acknowledge or to simply ignore this fact. But keep in mind that true freedom is not the ability to do what I want; freedom is the gift of being able to choose to do the good. Certainly, it is not always easy to choose this proverbial “narrow path” to the heart of God, but as someone once said, *“Even in our existential loneliness, the will of God will not take us to where the grace of God will not protect us.”*

P.S. If you are feeling so lonely right now, ask yourself: Will I grow by being closer to God? Or will I remain where I am, as I am? Remember that life, meaningful life, is about the Risen Christ, because we are not meant just to survive; we are to thrive every single day with the help of God's blessing and grace.



Fr. Slawek

MAY 18, 2025



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul
Holy Spirit Conference

Each person has his or her own unique gift. Being charitable or generous is a gift.

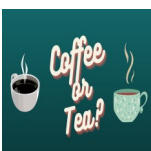
When YOU drop a loonie or a toonie into the POOR BOX each week, YOU support the efforts of the Society to serve the less fortunate in our community.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!



**ARE YOU MOVING?
OR
HAVE YOU MOVED ALREADY?**

Please contact the parish office so your records can be updated.



COFFEE & TEA & SNACKS SOCIAL

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Everyone welcome

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, May 20

9 a.m. Private Intentions..

Wednesday, May 21

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of David Emer req. by the Emer family.

Thursday, May 22

9 a.m.. Repose of the soul of Rev. Fredrick Foley.

Friday, May 23

9a.m. Intentions of Cheryl & Don Fly req. by Pearl Nornaho.

Saturday, May 24

4:30p.m Intentions of Eranditha |Amarasingha.

Sunday, May 25

9 a.m. Intentions for all Parishioners.

11 a.m. Repose of the soul of Silvestro DeLaurentis.



The Novena to the Holy Spirit.

Friday May 30 – Saturday June 7, 2025

In preparation for the feast of our parish on Pentecost Sunday – June 8th 2025, we invite all parishioners to participate in 9 days of prayer

Day 1 - Friday, May 30 – After the 9 a.m. Mass

Day 2 - Saturday, May 31 – 3:45 p.m.

Day 3 - Sunday, June 1 – After the 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. Masses

Day 4- Monday, June 2 – **ON YOUR OWN**

Day 5 -Tuesday, June 3 – After the 9 a.m. Mass

Day 6 - Wednesday, June 4 – After the 9 a.m. Mass

Day 7 - Thursday, June 5 – After the 9 a.m. Mass

Day 8 - Friday, June 6 – After the 9 a.m. Mass

Day 9 -Saturday, June 7 – 3:45 p.m.



Seeing With Heart - A Day of Reflection for Parents of LGBTQ Young Adults

**Saturday, June 7, 2025:
9:00am - 4:00pm**

**Manresa Jesuit Spiritual
Renewal Centre, 2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering**

This day of reflection will provide parents with an opportunity to share their stories, listen to presentations, reflect on the gifts and talents of their children, and participate in group discussions. The day ends with Mass.

We hope to provide a relaxed and supportive environment for parents to meet and interact with other parents, reflect and discuss concerns, learn about resources, strengthen their love, and grow closer to God.

Fr. Bernie Carroll, S.J. - Superior of the Pickering Jesuit Community. A suggested offering of \$65 per person. Lunch included.

For more information or to Register: Call **Mike Hyland - 647-296-2499**