

## ARE YOU BEING CALLED INTO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

If you, or someone you know, would like to join the RCIA, which will begin on Saturday October 22nd from 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. each week, please **speak to Fr. Charles** following Mass, by phone during the week, by appointment, or by calling the parish office at **905-655-3286**. Contrary to popular opinion influenced heavily by the media, many people are finding their way into the Catholic Church each year, sometimes with pastors and their entire congregations. Come join the Faith which has endured the ages and enjoyed the promises and glory of Christ.

## NEW HYMNALS COMING!

For a long time now our parish has had too few hymn books in the pews: only a smattering of Gather hymn books and the old Catholic Book of Worship II, which came out in 1980 - 31 years ago! They are dog-eared, worn out and make singing at any one Mass a bit of a juggle from one book to the other.

With the announced changes coming in Advent 2011 (Nov. 27), we will be getting and using a new hymnal called Gather Third Edition. This one book will replace both of our current hymnals and will enable us to use a single hymn book for all Masses, all liturgies and all seasons of the Church year.

We have ordered 275 new hymnals for parishioners and 25 hymnals for the various choirs in our parish. In order to defray this high cost to the parish of purchasing and providing new hymnals, I am asking parishioners to consider buying one for the parish at a total cost of \$20. per hymn book. The parish will provide you the opportunity to have the book you sponsor labelled on the inside front cover with either your name or your family's name, eg.

**This book is presented to St. Leo the Great Parish, Brooklin on behalf of the Harry and Holly Smith Family**  
or a dedication to someone who has died, eg.,

**This book is presented to St. Leo the Great Parish, Brooklin in memory of John and Jane Doe**

The new hymnal contains the changes to the parts of the Mass we use the most: the introduction and greeting, the Penitential Rite, the Gloria, Creed, etc. for handy reference. If you would like to purchase a hymn book or several, please take one of the hymn book envelopes from the table in the vestibule, fill out the inside information sheet, include your money or cheque, seal it and return it to the parish by placing it in the collection basket at Sunday Mass or by bringing it to the parish office during the week.

Recently I received an email notice (I can't remember from whom) mysteriously announcing the soon release of an internet movie (documentary) put out by Living Waters Ministry called "180". About a week later the film was released and I viewed it online. It deals with interviews with people on the street about their knowledge of the Holocaust and the kinds of things Hitler stood for and did and were done by the Nazi's. It then moves to the topic of abortion and asks the same people

interviewed about the Nazi crimes about the topic of abortion. I didn't have too much of a problem with this part of the film as it

was seeking to show how tolerance of Hitler's killing intent and fulfillment are the same as our societies' tolerance of the killing of innocent human life. As Hitler declared Jews non-humans and therefore argued that he could justifiably kill them, so our age and culture uses the same logic when it says of the fetus, "It's not a baby, therefore we can kill it."

The '180', the movie's title and aim, is to enable people to look at abortion and do a 180 degree turn in their moral life to see that abortion is wrong and the killing of innocent human life.

I had some problems with the train of logic that followed when they moved on to asking people about their own moral life. I checked out their website today (Monday) and found that they are trying the "180" approach on Catholics, Muslims, Hindu's and Jews, as well. Goodness knows, many Catholics don't practice their faith or even know what the teachings of the Church are, and many would be far from good or able witnesses for Catholic Faith and belief. Even faithful, church-going Catholics would be hard pressed to defend their faith before someone who has suddenly put a microphone to their mouth with direct, blunt questions.

I have looked at several of their witnessing videos as they speak to Catholics, and while they don't actually speak against the Catholic Church they do go through the same line of questioning, which obviously has become their "formula" for so called conversion of people's hearts: **Do you believe in God? Do you believe there is a heaven and a hell? Do you know the Ten Commandments?** Then they go through a few of their favourites; **Have you ever lied? Have you ever stolen? Have you ever committed adultery (in your mind)?**

Finally, they review with the person that through their own admission they are a liar, a thief and an adulterer, on top of everything else they may have done in the remaining commandments. **They ask, do you think if you were to die now as a liar, a thief and a murderer you would go to heaven or to hell?** The same answer is given in each witnessing episode by the interviewee- "No". Then they begin to witness to them about Jesus dying for their sins and that if they accept Christ as their personal Lord and Saviour then they can be saved. Shaky logic and perverse theology, if you ask me. Catholics are treated by these 'christians' as one among Muslims, Hindu's, drag queens, etc., but do you hear of them speaking to ignorant Evangelicals who don't know one solid piece of information about the Catholic Faith and what Catholics really believe? Of course not. They would "assume" that their own know the truth about Jesus.

Here's my point: calling someone a thief when we have stolen something does not make us a thief, though in the moment we might be considered a thief until such time as we make amends for what was stolen and seek forgiveness. While I may have knowingly stolen something from someone else or taken something that does not belong to me, that one act doesn't sum up who I am anymore than doing a good deed would make me a good person. Their logic is flawed. Young children can knowingly take something that belongs to someone else and they can lie to get out of trouble, but would I say to a child or their parent, "Your child is beautiful but is a liar and a thief, and if your child were to die right now it would not see the Kingdom of Heaven!" Anyone would be outraged with this kind of logic and rightly so.

As Catholics we have - from Christ Himself - the means of bringing the acts, omissions, thoughts and words that are sins for us to the cross of Jesus Christ in the sacrament of Reconciliation. There the lying, thieving, adulterous thoughts and even actions, the



covetousness, the murder (abortion) we do can and is forgiven if we are truly sorry for our sins. I would love to hear a Catholic say to one of their interviewers, "Yes, I have lied, but I am not a liar because Christ forgave my sins last week when I went to Him in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In fact, I'm not a liar, I am forgiven". They would likely turn off the cameras and begin to openly correct the Catholic for their false beliefs and misguided and misinformed consciences that would lead them to think Jesus forgave them last week in one of the sacraments of the Catholic Church. The "180 Movie" makers might have thought they were doing something great but it sadly falls short of what real conversion is all about and shows they have no idea what the Catholic Church really believes.

### IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK:

- First Reconciliation and First Communion Parents Meeting this Sunday, October 9 at 1:00 pm or Thursday, October 13 at 7:00 pm.

### MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, October 11 – 8:30 a.m. – Filippo Puglisi+  
Wednesday, October 12 – 7:00 p.m. – Julian Zubrisky+  
Thursday, October 13 – 8:30 a.m. –  
Friday, October 14 – 8:30 a.m. –  
Saturday, October 15 – 5:00 p.m. –  
Sunday, October 16 – 9:00 a.m. –  
- 11:00 a.m. – Tony Vonk+

### ANNUAL BAZAAR - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2011

The Annual Bazaar is on Saturday, October 15, 2011. Please remember an extra jar or two of your favourite preserves/jams/pickles for the Country Store table. The Penny Social, Bake Table, Classy Collectibles and Book Table could also use donations, however, please no clothing, baby furniture, stuffed toys, electronics or magazines. Just like new and gently-used is best. There is a basket in the Church vestibule for any Gourmet Basket donations. We need many items. Please be generous.

PLEASE NOTE: CLASSY COLLECTIBLES (FORMERLY GRANNY'S ATTIC) CONTRIBUTIONS WILL BE HANDLED AS FOLLOWS: ITEMS MAY BE DROPPED OFF IN THE CHURCH PARKING LOT ON TUES., OCT. 11, WED., OCT. 12, THURS., OCT. 13 AND FRI., OCT. 14 – 10 A.M. TO 12 P.M. AND 1:30 P.M. TO 3:00 P.M. IF THIS IS NOT CONVENIENT PLEASE CALL BARBARA FOR PICKUP (905) 404-2694.

Volunteers are still needed; please contact Michele (905) 655-8051 or email [mcicci@rogers.com](mailto:mcicci@rogers.com). Thank you for your support to this year's Raffle. Please be sure to return your money and stubs ASAP to the table in the church vestibule or leave them in an envelope in the collection plate.

**CHOIR MEMBERS** - The Choir at the 11 am Sunday Mass resumed rehearsals on THURSDAY, SEPT. 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. New members, high school age and older are welcome to join us. We are looking for both men and women. If you like singing and can commit to most rehearsals and Sundays, then check us out. You will not be "bound for life to the choir!" You can come to a few rehearsals and then decide if you want to make the commitment after that. *Positions Open:* Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass, Tune-in-Bucket Carriers, Shower Singers, In-the-Rain Singers. No others need apply. You can speak to the director, Bill Targett, or just show up at rehearsal.

THE C.W.L. REQUESTS THAT YOU PLEASE RETURN THE BABY BOTTLES TO THE BOX ON THE TABLE IN THE VESTIBULE AS PER INSTRUCTIONS ON THE TABLE.

YOU CAN HELP FEED THE HUNGRY WITH GOOD SHEPHERD CENTRE. PLEASE SEE THE FLYER ON THE CHURCH BULLETIN BOARD FOR DETAILED INFORMATION.

PLEASE SEE THE POSTER ON THE CHURCH BULLETIN BOARD RE EVENING OF INSPIRATION AND REFLECTION AT HOLY REDEEMER CATHOLIC CHURCH ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2011 STARTING AT 5:30 P.M.

ST. LEO'S KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS present the 1st Annual Gourmet Spaghetti Dinner – Sat. Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>, cocktails starting at 5:30 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm, \$15 Adults, \$8 kids 5-11, under 5 free. Dinner includes: SALAD, SPAGHETTI (MEAT BALLS), DESSERT, INCLUDES A CHOICE OF 1 GLASS OF WINE OR 1 GLASS OF BEER OR 1 POP/WATER contact: 905.430.5744 for ticket purchase.

### TRANSITIONS: YOUR JOURNEY OF TRANSFORMATION THROUGH GRIEF AND LOSS

This retreat will provide insight, hope and prayerful support for those who have experienced a wide-variety of losses including the death of a loved one, illness, loss of a job and the ending of a marriage or significant relationship. Registration is limited to 12 participants – register soon! Facilitator: Sarah Donnelly, BA, M.Div. Thursday, October 27, 5 pm – Sunday, October 30, 1 pm. Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, Niagara Falls. Live-in: \$475. To register or for more info. please call 1-905-356-4113.

Catholic Family Services of Durham is hosting its Second Annual "Walk with me so...they can be free" Walk-a-thon, on Saturday, October 15, 2011 at Memorial Park, Oshawa. This is a 5 km walk along Oshawa Creek Trail. Registration is \$10.00/person and \$20.00/family. Registration desk opens at 9:00 a.m. Walk starts at 10:00 a.m. BBQ, stage entertainment, magician show, craft and face painting tables in the park after the walk. All proceeds go to support our programming for victims of domestic violence. Sponsor forms are available at CFSO office, or you can access our website [www.cfsdurham.com](http://www.cfsdurham.com) and download the sponsor form. Hope to see you there!!

Life is a precious gift from GOD. The Holy Family Parish Pro-Life group meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month after the 7:30 PM mass. The group looks forward new members to discuss how to discourage abortion and promote the gift life.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH IS OFFERING A BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP - DO YOU NEED HELP COPING WITH THE DEATH OF A LOVED ONE? WE WILL BE MEETING ONCE A WEEK FOR EIGHT WEEKS STARTING MONDAY, OCT. 17<sup>th</sup> AT 7:00 P.M. WE WELCOME PEOPLE OF ALL FAITHS. FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL ROBIN AT (905) 985-7071.

St. Hedwig's Parish is holding its annual Fall Bazaar on Saturday, October 22, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Church Hall, 411 Olive Avenue. Booths featuring hand crafted items, plants, penny social, home baking and lunch room with take-out. All are welcome.