



Praying: an act of faith...

Speaking to someone is an act of faith. In fact, whenever I talk to someone:

1. I believe this person, not anyone else, is in front of me and is not a virtual image;
2. I believe this person listens to me, or at least hears me;
3. Finally, I believe that the words I speak will have an effect.

This is what I believe when I speak to God. It's my triple act of faith.

I would not pray, even clumsily, if I did not believe that God exists. Neither would I pray if I didn't believe, in some way, that God listens to me. Mysteriously, my words connect with God who hears my prayers and lives within me. Finally I would not pray if I were not convinced or hopeful that my words could change something.

Our prayers are as individual as we are...

Jesus mentioned a *select few*, those who wanted to believe and cried out for his attention. My mother and professors always said that crying out was not polite! However, when we cannot continue on, when our distress is overwhelming, we can only cry out! When we pray to God, we pray with our entire beings. If I am joyful, I pray joyfully. If I am angry, I cry out in anger. If I am experiencing periods of doubt, I pray and express my doubt. If I am peaceful, I sing about my peaceful situation. We can't pretend to be someone else with God. The way to connect with God is to make our prayers as individual as we are.

The Butterfly Effect

We may be familiar with the *butterfly effect*, the mathematical proposal by Edward Lorenz. He began with this provocative question about predictability: "*Does the flap of a butterfly's wings in Brazil set off a tornado in Texas?*" This is quite a statement, but one that illustrates a reality in the physical world. I refer to the book: *The End of Chance*, (authors) Bogdanov, Igor and Grichka, and the quote: *All small things may bring about great effects.* (free translation)

This is what happens in the spiritual world. The smallest prayer is never lost. It remains within the heart of the soul who expressed it. It remains with God; it exists in our cosmos and is added to other voices. So - let's do it! Set the butterflies free! Let our prayers rise to the heavens! However small our requests, however awkward or poorly expressed, Jesus assures us that when we pray, our requests are never lost or dismissed.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER 16, 2016

<u>Please pray for:</u>	<u>Requested by:</u>
Lea Guilbeault & Ferruccio Berardo	Family
Carmela Galardo	Family
Gabrielle Lasalle Quinn	Carmen & Frank Moscato

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Family will be celebrating Father John Walsh's 50th anniversary of priesthood on Sunday, October 30th! To continue the celebration, the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a breakfast with all proceeds going to Holy Family after mass.

Tickets for the breakfast will be on sale at the back of the church at \$10 per person and \$25 per family.

We look forward to welcoming you to this great fundraiser and social gathering for our parish.

For those wishing to have a mass said for loved one or a friend, please see Sharon Murphy after mass.

Jingle bell fair, November 3rd from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., sponsored by the Auxiliary of St. Mary's Hospital, in the Auditorium, 3830 Lacombe Ave. Over 20 raffles, jewelry, crafts, purses and more!

Please visit our new and improved web site at: <http://www.holyfamilyparishmtl.com>
Feel free to provide your comments / suggestions to Joe Piazza at jpiazza@live.ca

Calling all parish photographers! As Holy Family is revamping its web site and Facebook page, we are looking for any great photos you may have of the parish and special events. Please feel free to e-mail Joe Piazza at jpiazza@live.ca with your favorite photos so that we can make our web and social media presence as exciting as possible.

Diocesan Marriage Preparation Program - 'From This Day Forward' Recommended for all couples planning their wedding within the next few months...and committing to loving and serving each other. Registration is on a first-come, first served, basis. Next session is November 4-5-6, 2016. Schedule: 7 p.m. on Friday, 9 a.m. Saturday and Sunday; Price: \$250 per couple; Phone: 514-925-4300, ext. 229

If you wish to add you email address to Holy Family's address list, please send it to jpiazza@live.ca

Last Sunday's collection was \$2100. Thank you!

Two kids talking:

Polly: "Does your grandmother read the Bible?"

Elaine: "Sure does. Day and night."

Polly: "But why does she read it so much?"

Elaine: "I guess she's cramming for her finals."