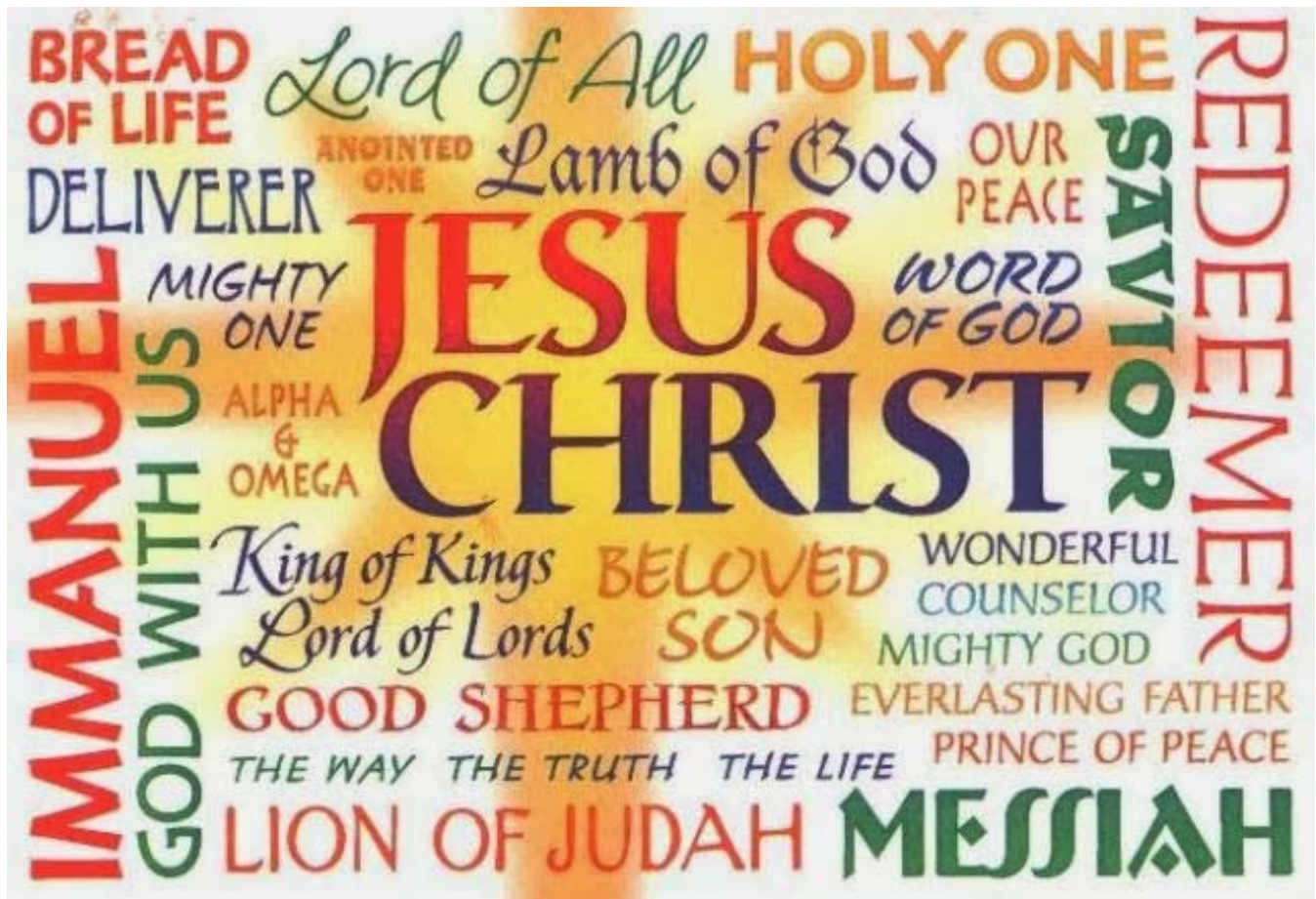


# the little servants of Christ The King prayer community Sudbury, Ontario

. . . . proclaiming the power of the Holy Spirit and a personal relationship with Jesus Christ

## January 2018



**Our Mission Statement:** *"If we live by the truth and in love, we shall grow in all ways into Christ, who is the head by whom the whole body is fitted and joined together, every joint adding its own strength, for each separate part to work according to its function. So the body grows until it has built itself up, in love."* - Ephesians 4:15-16



Christmas – 2017

Dear Friends and Benefactors,

Heeding the call of prophet Isaiah, we await the birth of our Redeemer in our midst (Isaiah 63:16). We call it the great feast of Christmas. The Redeemer – ‘Goël’ in Hebrew – is the family member who pays the ransom or makes the amends if someone in the family is caught in a difficult situation. Thus if a relative is crushed by debts and finds it impossible to buy back the plot of land that he had mortgaged, the redeemer steps in freely and without expecting anything in return, pays back the debt and gets his relative out of his predicament (Leviticus 25:23-28). Thus in a way he lays claim to his right to be a relative.

The term “Redeemer” is also found applied in the case of condonation of debts. The Greek word “aphesis” which means “the remission of debts” (and also “forgiveness of faults”) is commonly used in the papyrus and shows that the free cancellation of debts had well found its way into the society of the Middle East. Jesus has built his parable of the king who forgives his servant his debt of ten thousand talents upon his phenomenon (Matthew 18:23-25). In this case, the master who cancelled the debt of the servant is the goël

Prophet Isaiah uses this term to remind us that our Redeemer is God himself (Isaiah 44:24; 48:17; 49:26). He who, in the past, had freely intervened to liberate our ancestors from Egypt and again to put an end to our exile in Babylon, is coming once more in the person of his Son, always pronouncing the same words that he pronounced before Moses: “I am who am!”, that is, “I am your Father on whom you can count. I will cancel your loans, forgive your faults and give you strength and courage for the future.” “Your redemption is fast approaching”, says Saint Luke (Luke 21:28). And so may the season’s festivities be full of joy for one and all!

As for our community of the SMA Fathers, we have the joy this year of welcoming three confreres to Canada. Fr. Lawrence, from India, has been appointed Assistant Pastor at Saint John the Baptist parish in Plateau, Montréal; Fr. Solomon, from Ghana in Africa, has arrived for the diocese of Saint Boniface in Manitoba; Fr. Robert, from Nigeria in Africa, will lend a helping hand in Sudbury, in the diocese of Sault Sainte Marie, Ontario. We are happy to be able to contribute our mite to the building up of the people of God in Canada.

Thanks a million for your invaluable donations and masses to help us continue the mission that the Church has entrusted to us. You too, on your part, are a reflection of the goodness and the mercy of the Lord especially at this moment when Africa needs most our support and our comforting presence. May God bless you abundantly throughout the New Year! May he be present by your side and make fruitful all your endeavours!

We wish you a New Year of peace and progress!

*Tiburtius Fernandez SMA*  
(District Superior for Canada)



## The Monk and the Cripple

Going to town one day Abba Agathon met a cripple on the roadside, paralyzed in his legs, who asked him where he was going. Abba replied, "To town, to sell some things." The cripples man said, "do me a favour of carrying me there." So he carried him to town. The cripple said to him, "put me down where you sell your wares." He did so. When he had sold an article, the cripple asked, "what did you sell it for?" and he told him the price. The other said, "buy me a cake," and he bought it. When Abba Agathon had sold a second article, the sick man asked, "how much did you sell it for?" and he told him the price of it. Then the other said, "buy me this," and he bought it. When Abba, having sold all his wares, wanted to go, "he said to him, are you going back?" and he replied, "yes." Then said he, "do me a favour of carrying me back to the place where you found me."

Once more picking him up, he carried him back to that place. Then the cripple said, "Abba, you are filled with divine blessings, in heaven and on earth." Raising his eyes, Abba Agathon saw no man; it was an angel of the Lord. This simple story leads us to the heart of ministry. It makes us realize that we are men and women without power who live in the name of the Lord and often see Him when they least expect it.

Abba Agathon was a man without power or influence and therefore a man without cares and worries. When he met the cripple, the cripple told him what to do. He made himself available to the cripple and obeyed him. He did not lead but was led. When we begin to live out this powerlessness we discover what real ministry is. We begin to understand fully that the love of God and love of neighbour cannot be separated. People in ministry are powerless people who have nothing to boast of except their weaknesses.

## *Don't lock up the Holy Spirit in your heart*

The Holy Spirit seems to be a "luxury prisoner" in many Christians' hearts: someone who is welcomed to stay, but not allowed to act or move us forward, said Pope Francis.

We keep the Holy Spirit as a "luxury prisoner" in our hearts; we do not allow the Spirit to push us forward, to move us. The Spirit does everything, knows everything, reminds us what Jesus said, can explain all about Jesus. In Ephesus (Acts 19:1-8), Pope Francis pointed out that the disciples had "not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit."

Likewise, while Christians today have knowledge of the Holy Spirit as part of the Holy Trinity, they do not know what the Spirit's role is in the Church.

"The Holy Spirit is the one who moves the Church, the one who works in the Church and in our hearts," the Roman Pontiff said.

The Third person of the Trinity is "the protagonist of the Living Church," he said, while cautioning against simply reducing the Christian life to a code of "morals and ethics."

The Faith is something more. It is not just an ethical life; it is an encounter with Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit frees us from the orphan-like condition which the spirit of the world wants to put us in.

The Holy Spirit is the one who "moves us to praise God, to pray to the Lord" and who "teaches us to see the Father and call him Father."

There is one thing the Holy Spirit "can't do" the Pope said: 'The Holy Spirit cannot make us virtual Christians who are not virtuous.' Instead, "The Holy Spirit makes real Christians. The Spirit takes life and prophetically reads the signs of the times pushing us forward."

This is what we must do this week:  
**"THINK OF THE SPIRIT AND TALK TO HIM."**  
 "Vatican City, September, 2017.

## *Prayer John Paul II prayed every day*



Aleteia | Oct 22, 2017

It became a habit when he was 11 years old and struggling with his math class in January of 1980, John Paul II told a group from the Charismatic Renewal:

From the time I was little, I learned to pray to the Holy Spirit. When I was 11, I was feeling sad because I was having a lot of trouble with math. My dad showed me in a little book the hymn “Veni Creator Spiritus,” and he told me, “Pray this and you’ll see that He’ll help you to understand.” I’ve been praying this hymn every day for more than 40 years, and I’ve seen how much the Divine Spirit helps us.

Here is a typical English translation of the Latin text:

Come, Holy Spirit, Creator blest,  
and in our souls take up Thy rest;  
come with Thy grace and heavenly aid  
To fill the hearts which Thou hast made.

O comforter, to Thee we cry,  
O heavenly gift of God Most High,  
O fount of life and fire of love,  
and sweet anointing from above.

Thou in Thy sevenfold gifts are known;  
Thou, finger of God’s hand we own;  
Thou, promise of the Father, Thou  
Who dost the tongue with power imbue.

Kindle our sense from above,  
and make our hearts overflow with love;  
with patience firm and virtue high  
the weakness of our flesh supply.

Far from us drive the foe we dread,  
and grant us Thy peace instead;  
so shall we not, with Thee for guide,  
turn from the path of life aside.

Oh, may Thy grace on us bestow  
the Father and the Son to know;  
and Thee, through endless times confessed,  
of both the eternal Spirit blest.

Now to the Father and the Son,  
Who rose from death, be glory given,  
with Thou, O Holy Comforter,  
henceforth by all in earth and heaven. Amen.

## *A Thank You From Bishop Francois Gnonhossou, sma*



Dear friends,

I appreciate and I am grateful to you for your friendship and your generous gifts for the support of my mission. I especially thank you for your prayers that accompany me.

I would like to continue to share my Christmas and New Year's blessings with you, but because of the difficulties and financial requirements of the post office, I would suggest profiling modern means of communication for convenience.

Therefore, if you do not mind, I will send you my greetings next year by your email address if you would graciously send it to me. Do not forget to put the name (s) to which the mail belongs to.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Bishop François G. sma

[francoisgnonhossou@yahoo.ca](mailto:francoisgnonhossou@yahoo.ca)

Chers amis,

J'apprécie et je suis reconnaissant à votre amitié et vos dons manifestes pour le soutien de ma mission. Je vous remercie surtout pour vos prières qui m'accompagnent.

J'aimerais continuer à partager mes bénédictions de Noël et du Nouvel An avec vous, mais en raison des difficultés et exigence financière postale, je suggérerais de mettre en profil les moyens de communication moderne pour plus de commodité. Par conséquent, si vous le voulez bien, je vais dès l'année prochaine vous envoyer mes vœux par votre adresse e-mail. J'apprécierais donc avoir votre adresse courriel. N'oubliez pas de mettre le ou les noms à qui appartient le mail.

Union de prières en Jésus et Marie,  
Mgr. François G. sma

[francoisgnonhossou@yahoo.ca](mailto:francoisgnonhossou@yahoo.ca)

***During the past weeks, two long time members of the little servants of Christ The King prayer community were called home by the Lord***



Helen Cameron along with her husband, Alex (predeceased) were members of the little servants of Christ The King prayer community for many years. Helen was the mother of eleven children and many grandchildren and great grandchildren. She always had a smile and kind words for everyone and was a creative, positive and nurturing person – loved by all who knew her. She remains in our hearts and daily prayers.



Jeannette Laforge was a thirty-year member of the little servants of Christ The King prayer community. Five years ago, Jeannette moved to Ottawa to be closer to her children and grandchildren and to receive the special care she required. She is survived by her sister, Fernande Richard, an active member of the little servants of Christ The King prayer community. Deepest sympathy to all family members. Jeannette remains in our hearts and prayers.

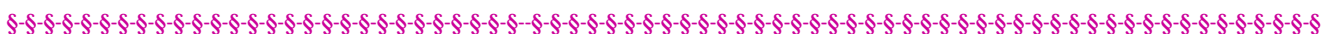
Deepest Sympathy is extended to Father Larry Rymes,  
pastor of Our Lady of Hope Parish  
on the passing of his mother, Yvette "Kitsy" Rymes, November 21, 2017.

We also extend our deepest sympathy to Philip Marsh on the passing of his grandmother, Margaret Marsh, who was called home to The Lord on December 20, 2017.

**Deepest sympathy is extended to Carole D'Angelo  
on the passing of her brother,  
Peter Koreli, on December 8, 2017.**



**The Knights of Columbus Father Brian McKee Council 1387 is involved in Our Lady of Hope Church and annually supports financially the little servants of Christ The King. If you are not currently a member of the Knights of Columbus and you wish to be, contact Tony Sottile at 705-673-2854 or see him at our Thursday evening prayer meeting.**





Saturday, February 17th to Saturday, March 17, 2018

Location: Our Lady Of Hope Church  
591 Brennan Road

Theme: **Walking In The Light**

Guest Speaker: Father Patrick Okenyi, sma

Celebration of The Eucharist and Homily:

February 17 – Fr Lajeunesse

February 24 – Fr. Lajeunesse

March 3 – Bishop Marcel

March 10 – Fr. Lajeunesse

March 17 – Bishop Marcel

Prayer For Lent

As I make my Lenten journey with You  
Send me Your Spirit; help me to give of myself  
And help me to turn away from sin.

Help me to fast and pray so that I may know You and  
Serve You in a better way.

Let me be renewed through my journey to share  
Your grace with the world. Amen.

## *January Birthdays*



- 1 - Doreen Tremblay
- 2 - Jack MacDonald
- 4 - Father Jean Gobeil
- 5 - Sylvia Folz
- 6 - Elsa Anzil
- 7 - Marlynn McBain
- 9 - Leona Michel
- 10 - Dora Gagnon
- 11 - Carol D'Angelo
- 12 - Luciano Giusto
- Liz Mantler
- 15 - Brian MacLeod
- 22 - Dora Favaro
- 23 - Claudia Bédard
- 24 - Ursula Wittmer
- 25 - Angelica Suorineni
- Pat Ticalo
- 28 - Agnes Suorineni

*Happy Birthday  
and  
God's Blessings*



- Ella Tait – January 11, 1985
- Catherine Griffin – January 1, 1986
- Gertrude Thomas – January 16, 1986
- John Delorey – January 2, 1989
- Gordon Boivin – January 4, 1991
- Gary Gainer – January 20, 1991
- Lillian Moyle – January 2, 1991
- Gerard Blanchard – January 20, 1993
- Margaret Simoncini – January 28, 1998
- Anton Roesli – January 16, 2000
- Yolande Nadon – January 13, 2000
- John Beauchamp – January 11, 2004
- Henry Gash – January 31, 2004
- Des McGowan – January 27, 2006
- Findlay MacLeod – January 22, 2007
- Mary Eileen Gallagher – January 1, 2008
- Mike Van Empel – January 23, 2009
- Vina Marie Sunday – January 1, 2010
- Wayne Harvey Spencer – January 5, 2010
- Lawrence (Larry) Arsenault  
– January 11, 2011
- John Lackmanec – January 22, 2011
- Ronald Byrnes – January 5, 2012
- Fr, Francis Reed – January 31, 2012
- Tony (Antoine) Sonier – January 12, 2013
- Jeanne Rivard – January 16, 2013
- Ron Richardson – January 29, 2013
- Angele Crepeau – January 16, 2014

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful  
departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.  
Amen*

# The Joys of Nazareth

In this article "Nazareth" refers to the hidden, ordinary life that most of us are called to live.

Society offers us many "joys." We are all too familiar with them, sometimes to our embarrassment as Christians. The media proposes to us the joys of material prosperity and the joy of being young, athletic and popular. We are invited to reach for the joy of the ever better, the ever exciting, the ever new experience.

## The Search

There is an unceasing search for the joy of the perfect relationship — the mirage of being perfectly understood. Others invest their energies in the joy of power over others or in enjoying various pleasures with reckless abandon. Many admire the one who rejoices in being "cool" and "always in control" of his destiny. We think, If only I could be so self-assured.

A Christian is called to live joyously, but he rejoices principally in the Lord who loves him and saves him. When we say to the Lord, You are my joy, my happiness lies in you alone, he smiles upon us with great tenderness. And he offers us some treasures straight from his heart, treasures which I call "the joys of Nazareth."

First, there is the joy of going unnoticed. You know, you pour yourself out preparing a lovely meal, weeding the garden, putting in extra time at work or at the parish — and no one notices. You hardly get a perfunctory "thanks." You find yourself taken for granted like the proverbial old shoe.

## An Old Shoe

Whoever notices an old shoe anyway? You put it on, it serves you quietly and without fanfare, and when you're finished with it, you toss it under the bed or into the closet. You never give it a second thought, let alone a fresh coat of polish! And your Father who sees all that is done in secret will reward you (Mt 6:4).

## Being Noticed

And then there's the joy of being noticed — at the wrong time! Just when you're at your very worst — losing your temper, putting a dent in the car, burning the bacon, saying something foolish — then everybody notices! Suddenly you become the centre of conversation, or at least of sideways glances. The spotlight is now on you. And so you stand there, naked, your weaknesses exposed, not only to yourself (bad enough) but to others (humiliating). Family life in particular is choked full of such fare. Rejoice, blessed one, you have just received the second joy of Nazareth!

Third, there is the joy of being bored. Nazareth is by nature a series of many monotonous moments: feeding the little ones, peeling the spuds, emptying the trash, swishing out the toilet bowl, fixing the car. All of these are daily fare, hardly scintillating in themselves. But monotony is also a treasure for those with eyes to see. Repetition offers our hearts and minds the freedom to pray. For example, the Jesus prayer: "Lord, Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on me, a sinner." This prayer allows us to enter as little children into the heart of God. Repetition is an occasion to purify our hearts of useless noise and to enter into silence.

## Boredom

Few seem aware of this, but it is true. And boredom offers us yet another gospel gem: the chance to act out of love alone, with no other apparent compensation.

Another joy of Nazareth is that of not having time to do what we would like. Just when you have set aside those precious few hours or minutes for yourself to read that book, enjoy your hobby, listen to music, pray, or just sit quietly, the roof, so to speak, caves in. There is a crisis, someone needs immediate attention, the plumbing bursts, the roast is sizzling into ashes, etc., etc.

The days go by and run into months and years of this. I have no time for myself any more. My own life is not even my own! But it is then that the Lord smiles upon us and the words of St. Paul can rise up from our hearts: I live now not with my own life, but with the life of Christ who lives in me. I cannot bring myself to give up God's gift (Gal 2:20-21).

The fifth joy of Nazareth is that of not being perfectly understood. Perhaps you have had the experience. Even those who love us most dearly and know us the best, often do not really grasp the deepest movements of our hearts. This can be a shock at first, a source of bitter disappointment as time goes on. But it can also be a joy if we use such painful moments to enter the bittersweet world of our solitude.

And what do we learn there in the heart of loneliness? We learn that we are made for God alone and that he alone knows us as we long to be known. And he alone loves us as we long to be loved.

## The Demands of Life

The sixth joy of Nazareth is that of being fragmented and dispersed by the demands of life. We are pushed and pulled this way and that, seldom getting anything done the way we had intended. In fact, life seems to be a great series of unfinished projects. For those who love order, this can be excruciating.

## A Greater Pattern

But gradually we come to see that our life is part of a greater pattern whose magnificent dimensions are beyond our ability to grasp. It is our Father who is the Source of this plan. He asks us to be content to be nourished by him moment by moment. The Bread he offers us is Jesus himself, who will teach us to trust and to be a child. In him, after all, all things hold together (Col 1:17).

The ultimate joy of Nazareth is, of course, you and me — us — together, not in the greeting card sense of such terms, but in the bare-boned reality of our call to live together as families of love in all our poverty and in all our glory.

## The Great Miracle

Union in love is, was and always will be the great Christian miracle, the one for which Jesus prayed so earnestly: so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you (Jn 15:11-12). Such love is the flowering of God's life within us, rooted in the good soil of hearts made great through embracing the ordinary. For, wonder of wonders, when we embrace the everyday "joys" of Nazareth, it is the Lord himself whom we embrace.

By Fr. David May Restoration January 2005

# THANK YOU

Dear members of the prayer group:

Thank you for the well wishes and prayers. May God bless you and yours this Christmas and in the coming year. Health and happiness. May His love shine and sparkle in you always. Norm has been very ill but we are hopeful that he will be able to go back to his prayer meeting in the near future. Please remember to pray.

Sincerely  
Norm & Helen Belanger, Sudbury

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**To the little servants of Christ The King prayer community:**

**May God grant to all of you His choices blessings at Christmas and throughout the coming year.**

**Love and prayers,  
Ines Fabbro, Sudbury**

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**To the little servants of Christ The King prayer community:**

**Wishing you and your families a joyous holiday season. Love.**

**Gianna Moschetta & family, Oakville.**

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**To the little servants of Christ The King prayer community:**

**Enclosed is a donation to cover the mailing of the newsletter of the little servants of Christ The King prayer community. May the light of Christ bring you joy this Christmas season. A Blessed Christmas and Holy New Year. God Bless.**

**Remo Floreani, Windsor.**

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**To the little servants of Christ The King prayer community:**

**Merry Christmas and a very happy, healthy, Holy New Year. Love and blessings.**

**Catherine Cyr, Fergus.**

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*Dear members of the Service Group and Christ The King prayer Community:*

*I love you, miss you, pray for you and don't want to miss anyone. So I will wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Abundant blessings upon each one of you and your families. Enclosed is a little something to help with the mailing cost of the newsletter. Thanks for sending it to me. I love it!*

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*Greetings to my special friends from Fergus, Ontario. Time is racing, already over two months since leaving Sudbury. I'm slowly adjusting and getting organized. Some pictures to hang, Christmas décor, cards, baking, etc. thoughts are with you all, especially Thursday evenings. However, I am blessed to have the opportunity for Adoration in various locations in the area. The churches are so beautiful and so many. While you were celebrating your Christmas luncheon, I was out tree hunting. On December 4<sup>th</sup> I attended an Advent Carol Service. It was an exceptional performance by professional singers and musicians. It was absolutely delightful. Several more events of this nature are coming up. Thoughts and prayers are with all of you this holiday season. May it be a special time of blessings that extend throughout the new year. Love you all. Blessings.*

*Catherine Cyr, Fergus.*

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## Do You Trust God?

At first, I saw God as my observer, my judge, keeping track of the things I did wrong, so as to know whether I merited heaven or hell when I die. He was out there, sort of like a president. I recognized His picture when I saw it, but I didn't really know Him.

But later on when I met Christ, it seemed as though life were rather like a bike, but it was a tandem bike and I noticed that Christ was in the back helping me pedal. I don't know just when it was he suggested we change places, but life has not been the same since I took the back seat to Jesus, my Lord. Christ makes life exciting. When I had control, I knew the way it was – rather boring, but predictable. It was the shortest distance between two points.

But when He took the lead, He knew delightful long trails, up mountains, and through rocky places and at breakneck speeds. It was all I could do to hang on! Even though it looked like madness, He said, **“Pedal!”** I was worried and anxious and asked, “Where are you taking me?” He laughed and didn't answer, and I started to learn to trust. I forgot my boring life and entered into adventure. And when I'd say, “I'm scared,” He'd lean back and touch my hand.

He took to people with gifts that I needed; gifts of healing, acceptance and joy. They gave me their gifts to take on my journey, our journey, my Lord's and mine. And we were off again. He said, “Give the gifts away; they're extra baggage, too much weight.” So I did, to the people we met, and I found that in giving I received, and still our burden was light.

I did not trust Him, at first, in control of my life. I thought He'd wreck it, but He knows bike secrets, knows how to make it bend to take sharp corners, jump to clear high rocks, fly to shorten scary passages. And I am learning to **SHUT UP and pedal** in the strangest places; and I'm beginning to enjoy the view and the cool breeze on my face with my delightful constant companion, Christ.

And when I'm sure I just can't do any more, He just smiles and says... **“Pedal.”**

### THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS FOR 2018

#### JANUARY

#### **Evangelization: Religious Minorities In Asia**

That Christians and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practise their faith in full freedom.

## MORNING WILL COME



Broken hearted ...  
How can I bear the pain?  
So many plans ... permanently interrupted.  
So many dreams ... shattered.  
Hopes ... dashed.  
All gone.  
Why?  
Why this?  
Why us? Why me?  
Helplessness ... hopelessness ...  
Life will never be the same again.  
Is it even worth living?  
Where are you, God?

I'm right here beside you, my child.  
Even though you may not feel my presence,  
I'm holding you close under the shadow of my wings.  
I will walk with you through this dark night.

Do not shrink from weeping.  
I gave you tears for emotional release.  
Don't try to hide your grief.  
Let it become for you a source of healing,  
A process of restoration,  
For I have planned it so.  
Those who mourn shall be blessed.  
I'll be holding on to you,  
Even when you feel you can't hold on to me.

Seek my face, child of mine.  
Receive my promise, impossible as it may seem now,  
That joy will come in the morning.  
It may take much time,  
But I will heal your broken heart.  
I know the night seems endless,  
But **MORNING WILL COME.**  
I have promised.

*Wise Men.....continue to seek Him*



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### **News from the Prayer Group Library**

We have new books to offer as well as a new system to follow. It is quite simple! No more signing books in or out just retrieve books that interest you and return them when you're done. There is no cost in doing so.

A couple of new books that come highly recommended:

- Brother Andre the Wonder Man of Mount Royal
- Streams in the desert daily devotional

We also have a copy of the catechism of the Catholic Church and many others.

There are also a variety of Bibles available to you.

Bring a friend and pick up a book and increase your knowledge and faith in Christ.

The books are located at the back of the church on a wooden double sided book shelf. There are 6 tiers to the unit loaded with a wealth of information that will help you get to know Him more! You can't miss it!