

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



MAY 2017

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| 1 - St. Joseph the Worker | 18 - St. John I |
| 2 - St. Athanasius | Regular meeting |
| 3 - St. Phillip & St. James, Apostles | 20 - St. Bernardine of Sienna |
| 4 - Blessed Marie-Leonie Paradis | 21 - 6 th Sunday of Easter |
| Regular meeting | 22 - St. Rita of Cascia |
| 6 - St. Francis de Laval | 24 - Blessed Louis-Zephirin Moreau |
| 7 - 4 th Sunday of Easter | 25 - St. Bede, St, Gregory VII |
| 8 - Blessed Catherine of St. Augustine | Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick |
| 11 - Regular meeting | 26 - St. Phillip Neri |
| 12 - St. Pancras | 27 - St. Augustine of Canterbury |
| 13 - Our Lady of Fatima | 28 - Ascension of The Lord |
| 14 - 5 th Sunday of Easter | 31 - Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary |

JUNE 2017

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| 1 - St. Justin | 3 - St. Charles Lwanga |
| 2 - St. Marcellinus & St. Peter | 4 - Pentecost Sunday |

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



GREETINGS FROM THE SMA FATHERS

Society of African Missions
Easter Season - 2017

Dear Friends and benefactors,

Greetings to you from the SMA Fathers (Society of African Missions) from Montreal. This newsletter arrives at a very bad moment for Africa, the land of our mission. The black continent is perhaps facing the worst challenge in its entire history: famine looming on the horizon, over population, falling prices of raw materials, lack of savings and desertification.

Africa adds 60 million to its population every two years. But, does the continent have the means to provide food, education and employment to these waves of rising new generations? Africa now has one billion living in its midst and the projected estimates are that will reach 2 billion in the year 2030. India, for example, with 1.2 billion people adds 9 million to its population every year. And though the Indian economy is progressing at a faster rate than its demography, India is looking for ways to still curtail this rate of increase. Should Africa then seek to imitate countries like India? All of us together must begin a think-tank on this subject.

It looks like the entire mankind has just reached a critical point. It is even said that the war in Syria was caused by the influx of 5 million farmers who came to settle in the capital, Damascus. Our confreres who work in Nigeria speak of the explosive cocktail on which they are sitting: Boko Haram would be a scape-goat. The real reasons behind that country's woes would be global warming, lack of resources due to overcrowding, no more infrastructure building and so no more work, etc.

The celebrations of the Holy Week turned our attention to the Cross radiant with light emanating from the risen Christ! **"They shall look on him whom they have pierced"** (John 19:37). **"Let us not allow signs of destruction and death to accompany the progress of the world"** (Pope Francis, homily of his inaugural mass on 19.03.2013).

Happy Easter to all of you! In this new season of life springing unto eternal life let us keep in mind that life wins over death and that light wins over darkness. May dawn the new heavens and the new earth, promised by God through Saint Paul. And may that hope bring you joy! We keep you in our prayers. Thank you ever so much for your invaluable support through these years. May the risen Lord bless you and keep you in his care.

Tiburtius Fernandez
Superior of the SMA
Canadian District



We pay tribute to a very special lady of this prayer group. This special lady has been a member of the little servants of Christ The King prayer community for over thirty-five years and has been instrumental in the success of almost all of our activities. This special lady is Marie Cook whose funeral service we celebrated on April 12th at St. Alexander Parish in Chelmsford.

Marie served as a member of our Service Group for many, many years. She worked in various ministries and has helped many hundreds of us. She opened her home willingly to anyone who was hurting and needed help. She gave many talks in the Life in the Spirit and Growth in the Spirit Seminars and served as a discussion leader in almost every series of seminars we sponsored. Marie helped plan and was actively involved in all our special weekends, retreats, days of Reflection and conferences.

It was primarily through Marie's support that the Prayer Community began sponsoring the Perpetual Adoration Chapel at Our Lady Of Hope Church. Marie served as a member of its coordinating team and later was responsible, along with Jack, for the scheduling of adorers for the 168 hours per week. There is so much that Marie has contributed to over the years that it is difficult to list them all.

But, there is one thing that Marie did each month. She produced a 12-page newsletter of our prayer community and the spiritual activities in the Sudbury Region and beyond in the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie. She would not print anything without permission from the author and it had to be true to the teachings of the Church. This newsletter was made available to all far and wide who requested it.

Marie was also the head of the Word Gift ministry within the prayer community. What is the Word Gift ministry, you ask?? The Lord anoints certain people in the prayer community to speak His words through scripture readings, special anointings and visions.. The Lord wants to get His message across to us and hence, these special anointings to special people of His choosing.

Marie was the head of this ministry and had this special anointing. The Lord truly anointed her to speak His words and to have special visions that He gave her which she shared with the whole community. These words and visions had to be true, had to be sincere and had to be discerned as from The Lord. We are sure that when she saw The Lord on Saturday, the 8th, they had quite a lengthy conversation on this matter.

Many of you who knew Marie, have been the recipient of her big heart, her tender care, her love and her great smile. Marie was a devoted Catholic, belonging to St. Alexander's Parish in Chelmsford. She was a proud member of the CWL and the parish choir. She will be greatly missed by all her brothers and sisters in The Lord in her parish and the prayer community.

In conclusion, we anticipate the following comments from The Lord as He greeted Marie:

1. Blessed are you, Marie, who came when I called,
I was there at the door to welcome you and all.
2. Blessed are you, Marie, who set up the chairs,
There was joy in My Kingdom in the small ways
you shared.
3. Blessed are you, Marie, who sought a new start,
The fire in My Spirit transformed your heart.
4. Blessed are you, Marie, who gave Me permission
To move in your life, to give you your mission
5. Blessed are you, Marie, who said "yes" to the task,
On serving My people whenever I asked.
6. Blessed are you, Marie, who came to the water,
I promised healing for my dear sons
and daughters.
7. Blessed are you, Marie, who sang and praised,
It's what the angels do, these are heavenly ways.
8. Blessed are you, Marie, who was quiet and still,
You heard My voice, to know My Will.
9. Blessed are you, Marie, who gave prophecy,
It was not you who was speaking, no, it was I.

**To our very dear friend and companion,
Marie, we all say:**

**"Rejoice and be glad, Marie,
for yours is the Kingdom of God"**

MAY – THE MONTH OF MARY



Our prayer community was placed under the protection of “Our Lady Of Perpetual Help” many years ago. The fact that our community has flourished for over 40 years is testimony to the faithfulness of our Blessed Mother and we thank Her for keeping Her mantle of protection over us and for interceding on our behalf before the throne of God.

“Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.”

Happy Mother’s Day to all mothers

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God of all creation, in Baptism you called each of us by name to be your children. We give you thanks and praise for this gift.

Bless the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie with men and women who will answer your call as priests, sisters, religious brothers and deacons.

Give those you have called to married life and those you have chosen to remain as single persons in the world, the grace that their lives require.

Form us all in the likeness of your Son so that we may love You more deeply and serve You more faithfully.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

A FRIEND:

“When we honestly ask ourselves which persons in our lives mean the most to us, we often find it is those who, instead of giving much advice, solutions or cures, have chosen rather to share our pain and touch our wounds with a gentle and tender hand.

The friend who can be silent with us in a moment of despair or confusion, who can stay with us in an hour of grief and bereavement, who can tolerate not knowing, not curing, not healing and face with us the reality of our powerlessness, that is the friend who cares.”

- Henry Nouwen

WHAT IS PRAYER?

Is it words that are memorized,
Forcefully said and dramatized,
Offered with pomp and with arrogant pride
In words unmatched to the feelings inside?
No - prayer is so often just words unspoken
Whispered in tears by a heart that is broken.
For God is already deeply aware
Of the burdens we find too heavy to bear.
And all we need do is to seek Him in prayer
And without a word He will help us to bear
Our trials and troubles, our sickness and sorrow
And show us the way to a bright tomorrow.
There's no need at all for
IMPRESSIVE PRAYER
For the minute we seek God
HE IS ALREADY THERE!

THE HOLY FATHER’S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MAY 2017

Christians In Africa

That Christians in Africa, in imitation of the Merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice and peace.

FROM THE CATECHISM

WHAT IS PRAYER?

“For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embrace both trial and joy.”

- St. Therese of Lisieux

PRAYER AS GOD’S GIFT

“Prayer is the raising of one’s mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God.” (St John Damascene)

But when we pray, do we speak from the height of our pride and will, or, “out of the depths of a humble and contrite heart?” (Psalm 130:1)

He who humbles himself will be exalted (Luke 18:9-14).

Humility is the foundation of prayer. Only when we humbly acknowledge that “we do not know how to pray as we ought,” (Romans 8:26) are we ready to receive freely the gift of prayer. “Man is a beggar before God” (St. Augustine)

- Para 2559

“If you knew the gift of God (John 4:10). The wonder of prayer is revealed beside the well where we come seeking water. There, Christ comes to meet every human being. It is he who first seeks us and asks us for a drink. Jesus thirsts; his asking arises from the depths of God’s desire for us. Whether we realize it or not, prayer is the encounter of God’s thirst with ours. God thirsts that we may thirst for him.” (St Augustine)

- Para 2560

PRAYER AS COVENANT

Where does prayer come from?

Whether prayer is expressed in words or gestures, it is the whole man who prays. But in naming the source of prayer, Scripture speaks sometimes of the soul or the spirit, but most often of the heart (more than a thousand times). According to Scripture, it is the **heart** that prays. If our heart is far from God, the words of prayer are in vain.

- Para 2562

Christian prayer is a covenant relationship between God and man in Christ. It is the action of God and of man, springing forth from both the Holy Spirit and ourselves, wholly directed to the Father, in union with the human will of the Son of God made man.

- Para 2564

PRAYER AS COMMUNION

In the New Covenant, prayer is the living relationship of the children of God with their Father who is good beyond measure, with his Son, Jesus Christ and with the Holy Spirit. The grace of the Kingdom is “the union of the entire holy and royal Trinity . . . with the whole human spirit” (St Gregory of Nazianzus). Thus, the life of prayer is the habit of being in the presence of the thrice-holy God and in communion with Him.

- Para 2565

*Most of the shadows of this
life are caused by standing
in our own sunshine*

Emerson



THE LORD IS RISEN

ALLELUIA!

EASTER REFLECTION

*As long as the sun comes over the hills, scatters the darkness,
and fills the world with light; as long as the fields get green again,
and the daisies and buttercups return; as long as the trees fill up
again with leaves, there is hope for us and for the world.*

*So, come my friends, let us walk over the greening fields,
for the snow has melted and life is awakening from its sleep
and wanders through the hills and valleys.*

*Come, let us follow the footsteps of spring in the farr-off fields.
Come, let us ascend the heights and gaze upon
the waving greenness of the plains below.*

*O come, let us rejoice in this Easter Season,
for death has folded up its tent and gone away.
Lord of everlasting life, help us to go forth and tell the
Good news to our brothers and sisters.*

*May our every word and action proclaim
the glory of Your Resurrection.
As sons and daughters of the New Creation,
Let us amaze the world with Your bright promise of immortality.
Amen.*

IN MEMORIAM

We remember and pray for these members of our prayer community who have gone home to the Lord:

Sister Dorothy Brown - May 1, 1991

Marie Lafreniere - May 9, 1993

Laurier Bonin - May 5, 1995

Leslie Stinson - May 2, 1996

Ben Moroney - May 9, 1999

Lorraine Brunet - May 12, 2008

Dr. Patricia McArthur - May 14, 2008

Louis Anzil - May 17, 2009

Mary Donnelly - May 22, 2009

Annette Trahan - May 1, 2013

Don Davidson – May 9, 2014

Mariette Sobchuk - May 4, 2015

Antonio “Tony” Pasquale - May 9, 2015

Raymonde Fex - May 9, 2016

*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*

DUST, DUST AND MORE DUST!

As I was dusting today I asked myself "why do you or anyone else keep dusting the same pictures or shelves week after week?" We all know fully well that soon enough the whole thing of dusting is as repetitive as the echo heard in a deep valley. No matter how many times we remove it we find that covering of dust always comes back to haunt us, especially when someone is coming to visit with their sparkling white gloves on.

The same can be said every time we come to reconciliation and leave with a clean slate. We know that we might commit the same sinful acts again but hopefully less frequently. We are blest with a forgiving God who wants nothing more than to remove the dust from our shelves and the knickknacks of our souls, as often as necessary. He never brings the drill sergeant's white gloves for inspection.

We, as well, can help reduce the dust by being less judgmental and more forgiving of others when we discover that they haven't been dusted in years.

I know I have my own corners and cupboards that haven't been dusted or cleaned in a long time and those are the areas that God, by means of the Holy Spirit, will urge me to deal with so he can cleanse and purify me, through the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, of all the dust in the hidden parts of my life. †



WORDS FROM THE LORD - MAY 2017

Editor's note: As you read, pray about, and reflect on the words spoken to us through the Prophetic Ministry, what is the Lord saying to **you** personally? Space for your response follows each prophecy.

April 6

My beloved ones, I stand in your midst and I feel honoured the way you want to draw closer to Me. I am here to tell you if you want to draw closer to Me, draw closer to your brothers and sisters because I dwell in you.

I am a God of love, a God of mercy and yes, a God of humility. And I desire that you become humble. Come in humility to Me and ask Me for the things that you are truly in need of. Do not judge one another but love one another. I love you so much. If you could only understand how much I love you, I gave My all for you, because I love you and I want you to spend eternity with Me.

Do you understand what I am saying? I am mercy and I desire that all of you accept My mercy in humility. Acknowledge yourself as sinners. You're all sinners. None of you can judge the other because you're all sinners. But you can look at each other in love and accept each other, and pray for each other and care for each other because you have never truly seen Me unless you see Me in your brothers and in your sisters. I am love and I desire that you learn to be loving, gentle, humble and obedient, to seek My will in all things. It will not be easy but My grace is sufficient for you. All you have to do is reach out and accept the grace that I hold out to you. You have to do that in humility, not in pride, but in humility. And I can do wonders in each and every one of you.

My beloved, I died for you and rose from the dead. I love you so, so much. Can you believe that? I'm a God of love, not of judgment, a God of love and mercy and forgiveness. So come to Me, come to Me in humility. My arms are wide open. I wait for you and I will keep on waiting for you until you come to Me and beg Me to accept you.

Oh how I love you when your heart becomes open to receive My love in humility. I bless you. I bless you and I love you with an everlasting love.

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Notes Of Thanks

Dear little servants of Christ The King:

On behalf of the Cook family, we offer our sincere thanks for all of the love and support shown to us during this difficult time.

Many thanks to the Service Group and members of Christ The King prayer group. Thank you to all those who brought food to our home and stopped by to visit.

Thank you for all those who made donations to the Cancer Centre on behalf of Marie and sent Mass cards.

Your kindness to Marie and family will never be forgotten.

- Jack Cook and family

little servants of Christ the King:

The five-week Lenten Mission was exceptional!

The spirit-filled work of the Service Group to organize and work so hard to bring about this blessed event was a gift.

It was a time of prayer-filled preparation for the holiest Liturgical time of the year..

Many blessings and thanks to you all.

Prayerfully,

- Catherine Cyr

May Birthday Greetings

- 1 - Lorraine McCoshen
- 5 - Pamela Beauvais
Carmen Pelland
- 6 - Magda Arsenault
- 7 - Suzanne Rancourt
- 8 - Keith Gauthier
- 9 - Daniel Faucon
Marie Vautour
- 11 - Léo Fortin
Viviane Kone
- 12 - Ron Botts
Marie Cook
Kevin Lalonde
Marinella Pegoraro
- 13 - Lois Muncaster
- 15 - Fernande Richard
- 17 - Marie Rose Charron
Diana Frappier
- 19 - Larry Joseph Arsenault
Kate Bailey
- 21 - David Mazerolle
- 22 - Donat Charron
Bruna Souliere
- 24 - Marie-Anna D'Amour
Marg Plausini
Kim Woodbury
- 25 - Terry Woodbury
- 27 - Paulette Bean
- 28 - Josephine DiGioseffo
- 30 - Marie Proulx

New Evangelization Prayer



*Heavenly Father,
through the Divine Heart of Jesus
and the Immaculate Heart of Mary,
we pray for the grace
to understand Your will.*

*You call us to embrace
the 'New Evangelization'
and to be labourers in Your vineyard.
We are mindful that without You
we labour in vain.*

*And so Father,
we give You permission
to mold us and use us
for the building up
of Your Holy Catholic Church.*

*Breathe into us Your Spirit,
so that we may be meek
and humble of heart
and yet courageous and filled
with all the gifts we need
to share Your Good News.*

*May Your will be done in each of us
and in our communities.
We ask this in the name of
Jesus Christ the Lord, in the power of
the Holy Spirit, for Your glory Father.
Amen.*

NEED WASHING?

Let's run through the rain.
If God let's us get wet, well
maybe we just needed washing,

- Unknown

A little girl had been shopping with her mom at a mall. She must have been 6 years old, this beautiful red-haired, freckled face of innocence.

It was pouring outside. The kind of rain that gushes over the top of rain gutters, so much in a hurry to hit the earth, it has no time to flow down the spout. We all stood there, under the awning, just outside the door of the mall. We waited, some patiently, others irritated because nature messed up their hurried day.

I am always mesmerized by rainfall. I got lost in the sound and sight of the heavens washing away the dirt and dust of the world. Memories of running, splashing so carefree as a child came pouring in as a welcome reprieve from the worries of my day.

Her little voice was so sweet as it broke the hypnotic trance we were all caught in.

She said, "Mom, let's run through the rain." "What?" Mom asked. "Let's run through the rain", she repeated. "No, honey, we'll wait until it slows down a bit," Mom replied. This young girl waited a minute and repeated, "Mom, let's run through the rain." Mom said, "We'll get soaked if we do." "No we won't, Mom. That's not what you said this morning," the young girl said as she tugged at her mother's arm. "This morning? When did I say we could run through the rain and not get wet?" "Don't you remember when you were talking to daddy about his cancer? You said 'If God can get us through this, He can get us through anything!'"

The entire crowd stopped dead silent... I swear you couldn't hear anything but the rain. We all stood there in silence. No one left.

Mom paused and thought for a moment about what she would say.

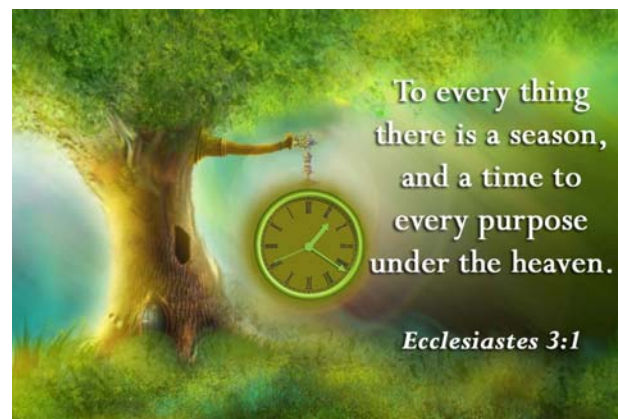
Now some would laugh it off and scold her for being silly. Some might even ignore what she said. But this was a moment of affirmation in a young child's life. A time when innocent trust can be nurtured so that it will bloom into faith.

"Honey, you are absolutely right. Let's run through the rain. If God let's us get wet, well, maybe we just need washing," Mom said. Then off they ran. We all stood watching, smiling and laughing as they darted past the cars, through the puddles; and, yes, they got soaked.

They were followed by a few who screamed and laughed like children all the way to their vehicles. And, yes I did. I ran. I got wet. I needed washing.

To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven.

***I HOPE YOU STILL TAKE
THE TIME TO RUN
THROUGH THE RAIN!***



JESUS IS MY LIFE **WHO IS JESUS TO ME?**

Jesus is the Bread of Life.

Jesus is the Victim Offered for our sins.

Jesus is the word – to be spoken.

Jesus is the truth – to be told.

Jesus is the way – to be walked.

Jesus is the light – to be lit.

Jesus is the life – to be lived.

Jesus is the love – to be loved.

Jesus is the joy – to be shared.

Jesus is the sacrifice – to be offered.

Jesus is the peace – to be offered.

Jesus is the Bread of Life – to be eaten.

Jesus is the hungry – to be fed.

Jesus is the thirsty – to be satiated.

Jesus is the naked – to be clothed.

Jesus is the homeless – to be taken in.

Jesus is the sick – to be healed.

Jesus is the lonely – to be loved.

Jesus is the unwanted – to be wanted.

Jesus is the Word made flesh.

Jesus is the drunkard – to listen to him.

Jesus is the little one – to embrace him.

Jesus is the mentally ill – to protect him.

Jesus is the blind – to lead him.

Jesus is the beggar – to give him a smile.

Jesus is the dumb – to speak to him.

Jesus is the leper – to wash his wounds.

Jesus is the prisoner – to be visited.

Jesus is the crippled – to walk with him.

Jesus is the old – to be served.

Jesus is the drug addict – to befriend him.

Jesus is the sacrifice at Holy Mass for the sins of the world.

Saint Mother Theresa+



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