

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

March 2019



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

St. Joseph: a Man of Silence, of Simple Living, of Dreams, and of Surrender.

The Bible does not reveal many details about Joseph's role as earthly father to Jesus. We know from Matthew's gospel that Joseph was a direct descendant of David; that he was born in Bethlehem; that his own father was Jacob (Mt. 1:16); that others recognized Joseph as the legal father of Jesus (Jn 1:45); that he was a carpenter (Mt. 13:55). He was betrothed to the Virgin Mary. He was a just and honourable man (Mt. 1:19). He was poor (Lk 2:24). It is noteworthy that not a single word was uttered by Joseph in the gospels. Indeed, Joseph is the silent man in the Incarnation story, a just and humble man.

Of Joseph, we would know nothing but for the traditions and the visions of Ste. Anne Catherine Emmerich who shed a light on his life. He was the third son of a family of six boys. He was recognized as a gifted scholar, but was unpretentious, quiet, and serious. He spent a lot of time with the Essenes. They were a Jewish sect, dedicated to voluntary poverty and asceticism. He humbly helped his master and learned his first skills towards carpentry. He became a master carpenter himself. He was devout and prayed fervently for the coming of the Messiah. Later in life, all unmarried men of the line of David were summoned to the Temple. They were handed a branch and commanded to inscribe their name on it. They held it during prayer and sacrifice. Branches were collected and laid before the Holy of Holies, and they were told that whoever's branch blossomed, was destined to be espoused to the maiden Mary. A white lily blossomed on top of Joseph's branch. He was recognized as the appointed of God. Joseph submitted to the Will of God.

We know that the Lord favoured him with four dreams. In the first dream, the night he was made aware that his betrothed Mary was pregnant, Joseph had decided to quietly dismiss her. He wanted to shield her from disgrace.

But, the Lord who is in control, compassionately overruled in Joseph's fear and concerns, and sent His angel in a dream: "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife" (Mt. 1:1-25). Joseph aroused from sleep, obeyed and had no hesitation to take Mary as his wife, and submitting to God by accepting his role as the earthly father to Jesus. We can see his great reverence and devotion to God when he decided to remain chaste until she had given birth to Jesus (Mt. 1:25). For the second time, God spoke to Joseph in a dream through an angelic messenger. "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt and stay there until I bring you word" (Mt. 2:13). One must reflect on the hardship and difficulties encountered by such news, but again, Joseph obeyed and submitted to the demand. For the third time, Joseph had a dream and the angel of the Lord spoke to him: "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, and go the land of Israel" (Mt. 2:20). Obediently, the Holy Family arrived in Judea, where Joseph had decided to build his trade to support his family. However, a fourth time, Joseph "is warned by God in a dream, that he should settle into the region of Galilee that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets. He shall be called a Nazarene" (Mt. 2:22-23). Not one time did Joseph hesitate to obey the demands of God. Joseph was humble and obedient, always in tune with God's voice, always listening and following through as directed.

One can just imagine what the world would have been, if Joseph and Mary had not surrendered to the will of God. How thankful we are!



**Most Chaste Heart
of
ST JOSEPH**

5 Week Lenten Mission – 2019

Theme: The Joy of Rediscovering Jesus

Theme Song: Amazing Grace.

Saturday March 9 The Joy the disciples had as Jesus showed Himself. (John 21:1-8)

Saturday March 16 The Joy the First Disciples had when they found The Messiah. (John 1:35-51)

Saturday March 23 The Joy of meeting Jesus on the way. {Zacchaeus} (Luke 19:1-10)

Saturday March 30 The Joy of Meeting Jesus at the side of the well. (John 4:1-41)

Saturday April 6 The Joy of Recognizing Jesus at the Breaking of the Bread. (Luke 24:13-35)

**Location: Our Lady Of Hope Church
591 Brennan Road, Sudbury**

Schedule For Each Saturday

8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Sacrament Of Reconciliation
Msgr. André; Fr. Joseph; Fr. Raymond

8:35 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Rosary - The Joyful Mysteries.

9:00a.m. to 10:00a.m. Song - Introduction & Presentation
Guest Speaker: **Father Patrick Okenyi, sma**

10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Coffee and sharing.

10:30 a.m. to 11:40 a.m. Celebration Of Eucharist (Saturday Liturgy)
Celebrants: Bishop Marcel or
Father Gerald Lajeunesse

11:45 a.m. Home

Everyone Welcome!

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LENT, A Time to Reflect: Love Inspires Action

The season of Lent is full of reminders of the love and goodness of our God. He deserves to be glorified and honoured as a Father. So many of the readings from the March missalette, "Living with Christ" will nourish our faith, be "lights to our feet," and prompt us to action. He wants us to be holy as He is Holy (Lev: 19:1-2). He wants us to produce "fruit" to disclose the cultivation of the tree" (Sirach 27:6). He has opened and demonstrated the way, the truth, and the life for us, and we must respond in love. Love manifests itself in action.

The liturgy of this month will address this truth. It will imprint on our hearts the great love God has for us: that in Him we can find forgiveness, protection, care, mercy, and grace; that no other nation has gods so close to it, as the Lord our God is to us; that we are creatures and not God; that we are dust and will return to dust. We have every reason to know He loves us. We only need to see Jesus on the cross, twisting with pain, blood dripping down with every possible drop left in His heart to save us; His undeserving creatures. Only by understanding how much He loves us, will we be able to be imitators of His love. Yes, that kind of love does inspire us to take action. Read again John 3:16: "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son." We, as redeemed creatures, are called to be loving toward others, as God in Christ has been toward us. One day, we will have to give an account for our actions, "Come, you that are blessed by My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you" (Mt. 25:34).

The traditional spiritual disciplines of Lent open us **to act our love**: prayers, fasting, and almsgiving; reconciliation with our brothers before making our offerings (Mt 5: 24); loving our enemies and praying for those who persecute us (Mt. 5:44); forgiving just as He forgave all our debts (Mt. 18:33); hearing and not hardening our hearts (Ps. 95:8); being perfect just as our Father is perfect (Mt. 5: 48); listening to the Father directly from heaven commanding to listen to Jesus, His Beloved Son (Lk 9:28-36) All of this, we will read in the March missalette. Yes, we will be invited again

to listen and act on the readings. Their message is intended to prepare us for the greatest of all love known to mankind: the giving of Jesus in His Incarnation, in His agony, His scourging, His way to the cross, His death, and Resurrection. We have no reasons to doubt His saving powers. Left to ourselves, yes it would be impossible, "but for God all things are possible" (Mk 10:27). This was the reason He was sent: to raise up workers to take His sacrificial love to the world. To top it all, we have been given the Spirit to abide in us; we are being transformed in the likeness of Christ; we are called to be towards others as God in Christ has been to us; to be kind to one another even as God in Christ forgave us (Eph 4:32).

We may think that Lent is primarily for prayers, fasting, and almsgiving. This is totally right if done in the spirit of preparing for the greatest of events: Easter and our new life in Christ brought about by His sacrifice. In prayers, we are warned against a showy display of our piety; we are encouraged to pray to the Father who is in secret. (Mt. 6:6-7). We must rise and go to the Father and tell Him, "Father, I have sinned against You" (Lk 15:18-19). In fasting, we are to please God by loosening the bonds of injustice; letting the oppressed go free; meeting the needs of the afflicted; sharing our bread with the hungry; giving shelter to the homeless; covering the naked. Only then will the Lord take delight in your fasting (Isaiah 58: 6-11). In almsgiving, we are reminded not to let the left hand know what the right hand is doing; and to bring the best God has given us; to give to the Lord's expectations: "bring the first of the fruit of the ground...and bow down before the Lord, your God" (Dt. 26:4-10). Remember, "It is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all" (Heb.10:10). His love inspires action on our part. Now, let us set our hearts on the paschal mysteries. Love without action is sterile. We are called to act with justice, to love tenderly, to serve one another, to walk humbly with God (Mi 6:8). Let us be thankful and become true participants.

Rediscover Jesus

by Matthew Kelly

It was the biggest meeting of Paul's life and it had gone well. He couldn't wait to tell his wife and his boss. As he rushed out of the Brooklyn office building with the rest of the team, they noticed a vacant cab – a rare sight during rush hour.

Eager to get to the airport to catch their flight home, they bolted towards the cab yelling to get the driver's attention. But as they made their way across the sidewalk, they inadvertently knocked over a small produce stand. The rest of the team seemed oblivious until Paul stopped and turned around to go back.

From beside the taxi the others called out to Paul, "Come on, you'll miss your flight." "Go ahead without me," Paul replied as he made his way back across the street toward the sidewalk covered in produce. At that moment, he realized that the woman who had been behind the produce stand was blind. She was just standing there crying softly with tears running down her face.

"It's OK, it's OK," Paul said to her as he got down on his hands and knees and began picking up the fruit and vegetables. There were a hundred people passing in each direction, but nobody else stopped to help. They just scurried off to wherever they were going.

When the fruit was all back up on the stand, Paul began neatly organizing it, setting aside anything that was spoiled. Now he turned to the woman and asked, "Are you OK?" She nodded through her tears. Then, reaching for his wallet, he took out some bills and passed them to the woman saying, "This money should cover the damages."

With that, Paul turned and began to walk away. "Mister", the woman called after him. Paul paused and turned around. "Are you Jesus?" "Oh, no," he replied. The woman nodded and continued, "I only ask because I prayed for Jesus to help me as I heard fruit falling all over the sidewalk.

Paul turned to leave again, only now his eyes began to fill with tears.

For a long time he wandered around looking for a taxi. After finally finding one, he sat in bumper-to-bumper traffic all the way to the airport. He had missed his flight, and because it was Friday night, all the other flights were full.

Paul spent the night in a hotel by the airport. This gave him time to think. He couldn't get one question out of his head: When was the last time someone confused you for Jesus?

EPILOGUE:

At a time when so many of us are spiritually disillusioned and searching for ways to live, work, and play that nurture the soul rather than destroy it, we invite you to rediscover the beautiful possibilities God places before us daily.

Come and join with us by making this Lenten Mission. Rediscover Jesus. Some retreats finds us at just the right time and our lives are changed forever.



COME AND BE WITH US EACH SATURDAY



Community Bulletin

“Birth is a gift to enjoy life on earth, and death is a privilege to be free from suffering, and a reunion with the Father.”

Author Unknown



Our most sincere condolences and prayers are extended to the family and friends of Ethel Mary (O'Hare) Hickey, who passed away peacefully on Sunday, February 3rd, 2019. She was a devoted Roman Catholic, filled with faith and a love of God. Ethel was a member of the little servants of Christ The King prayer community and the Catholic Women's League. Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection, and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die. And whoever lives by believing in me, will never die.” (John 11:25-26)



We would like to offer our prayers and heartfelt condolences to Beppina Taglialegne, a long time member of our prayer community; and her family, on the passing of her daughter, Marisa (Taglialegne) Farrell. It was on Wednesday, January 30th, 2019 at the age of 57 that our loving Lord called Marisa home. A beautiful soul, full of love and faith, has now ascended to heaven. May God grant her eternal rest.

“The Lord is close to the brokenhearted, and saves those who are crushed in spirit.” - Psalm 34:18

THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS FOR 2019 MARCH

Recognition of the Right of Christian Communities

That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.



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The Power of Prayer

In November of 1983 my father died. He had been sick for several years, in and out of the hospital for the last four years of his life. One afternoon when my cousin had come to see him at the hospital, she said that she would pray that he get well enough to go home again. I had been praying for that too, but when she said that I realized that what I was praying for was not correct. I changed my prayer that day. I asked God that my father find peace with his death, and that he be prepared for it, and most of all that at the moment of his death someone who loved him be with him. Well, the day of his death my mother and I both spent the afternoon and early evening by his side, and we were holding him when he died, and yes, he was at peace and was ready for his death in every way.

That night when Mom and I were able to sit quietly sharing our thoughts, I realized that God had answered my prayer in a most spectacular way. I was with him, not what I expected when I prayed. That's also when I realized that God not only heard my prayer, but answered it! That's the first time in my life that I felt that God was right there, in my life, and He heard me. That changed my life and my faith journey in so many ways. God heard me, a nobody, a dot in His creation, but He listened to my prayer, one of the billions that are prayed every day, but He heard me and arranged my life so that I could be at my father's side at the moment of his going to meet Him. Wow!

It was God's will that it happen the way it did. My faith increased a hundredfold that day, and I began to understand that there is power in prayer; power that comes from the promise that Jesus made concerning prayer, as He so beautifully shows: (Luke 11:9-10) ***“Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; and he who seeks finds; and***

to him who knocks, it shall be opened.” His promise is a solemn one by which He pledges His divine word. Miracles are not excluded.

In John 16:23 Jesus tells us, ***“I tell you most solemnly, anything you ask for from the Father He will grant in My name.”***

The reason our prayers are answered is not because of our worthiness and merit, but because of the infinite mercy of God. And so you must have faith and trust in God's goodness and mercy.

Jesus Himself often went off by Himself to pray. In Luke 5:16 we read, ***“Jesus Himself would often slip away to the wilderness and pray.”*** On the Mount of Olives Jesus knelt down and prayed, ***“Father, if You are willing, take this cup away from Me. Nevertheless, let Your will be done, not Mine.”*** Jesus told the people several parables in which He stressed the goodness and mercy of God in answering prayer and that perseverance pays off.

In Luke 18:1-8, He spoke of a judge who, although unjust, was willing to help a poor widow because she appealed to him with all the fervour of her heart, over and over and over again. How much more will the just God hear us, His own children!

In Luke 11:5-13, Jesus spoke of a man who went to his neighbour at night to beg for some bread for a friend, who had just arrived from a long journey. Because he continued to knock, his neighbour was finally convinced to get up and grant his request even in the middle of the night. Such is the effect of perseverance in prayer.

Recently I had a prayer answered and what I consider to be a miracle. When I went for a regular mammogram they found two lumps in my left breast. I was asked to go for a second mammogram and ultrasound, and the two lumps showed up again, so a biopsy was scheduled.

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The Power of Prayer

I turned to all my friends in the compassion ministry and service group to pray for me, and they did. When I went for the biopsy they did an ultrasound again and did not find the two lumps. I had another mammogram and again the lumps were not found. The biopsy was cancelled and I was given a clean bill of health. Praise God! The power of prayer revealed once again. I will be going for another mammogram in six months, but I have claimed this healing, and I thank God for healing me, but I will do as the doctor suggests, trusting in the Lord all the way!

We must belong to God. We must yield control of our life to Jesus Christ.

“There is one God and one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus.” (1Timothy 2:5)

I believe this, and I try to live this every day. If you want to be sure God is listening to your prayers, consider if you have ever asked Jesus Christ into your life. You can do it right now by submitting to Him with a simple but powerful prayer.

“Lord Jesus, I want You to listen and answer my prayers, I need You. Thank You for dying on the cross for my sins. I open the door of my life and receive You as my Saviour and Lord. Thank You for forgiving my sins and giving me eternal life. Take control of my life. Make me the kind of person You want me to be.”

Amen.

*Prayers go up...
Blessings come down.*



Fr Patrick's Thank You

Dearly Beloved,

Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, and greetings from my friends, my family and my SMA brothers in Nigeria.

I'm back to my parish and to the Prayer Group after my vacation in Africa (Nigeria), and I will like to use this medium to say a very big thank you to all those who kept me in their daily prayers. Also, on behalf of all the recipients (SMA Priests in Nigeria, Benin Republic and Niger Republic) of the mass intentions collected from the Prayer Group, I say thank you and may God's grace meet you at your different points of need. The mass requests and intentions were received and appreciated, and the masses said.

I would like to remind you, dear brethren, that you can at any time send more mass intentions to SMA priests working in difficult areas in Africa.

Please, contact me or any of the leaders of the Prayer Group if you have masses for Priests in Africa.

Thanks and remain blessed
Your Servant in Christ,

Fr Pat. Okenyi, sma

The Beatitudes: an Examination of Conscience



Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

What are my priorities?
Do I focus too much on the things of this earth?
Do I share my gifts, talents, time, and treasure to help build the kingdom of God here on earth?

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Do I take the time for prayer, calling out to God in my need?
Do I, in turn, try to assist those who are suffering?

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Do I ever look down on others because they may not look or act like me?
Do I treat other people fairly – at work, at school, at home?
Do I think that I have all the answers?
Are my close relationships nurtured by mutual respect?

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

When I see or hear stories of people suffering injustice, what is my response?
Do the places where I allocate my money reflect a thirst for justice?

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

When I am wronged, am I willing to forgive?
Am I currently holding any grudges against anyone?

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Do I respect the gift of my body, created in God's image?
When I hear a dirty or racist joke, do I turn away?

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Do I work for peace in my community, neighbourhood and family?

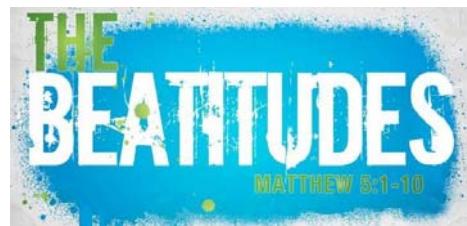
Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

If a conversation about religion begins in the workplace or a social event, am I willing to add my own concerns, based on my Catholic faith, to that conversation?

Am I willing to take a stand that is unpopular, but is based on Gospel values?

Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.

Am I willing to forgive others when they speak about me harshly?
Is my life on this earth focused on the life to come? +



Follow Christ into the desert

Into the solitude of a deeper life of prayer and a more serious effort of penance

St. Mark tells us that our Lord was driven by the Spirit into the desert. He went alone into the place where evil lurked and temptation whispered, and despair clutched at His garment. And we, too, have to follow Christ into the solitude of a deeper life of prayer and a more serious effort of penance. This will not always be an easy business for there is no promise that the effort to practice our religion will introduce us into a world of sweetness and light. We are supposed to follow Christ, and if we follow Him into the desert of prayer and penance let us not imagine it will be anything at times but a desert.

And, in that desert, there will be cold, dry winds at night which chill the heart and resolution and there will be the sun by day full of false promises lighting up the path to the easy way out; and there will be the voice of the world, of sweet reason and of the devil whispering to us that it has all been a mistake.

But God is faithful, and will not suffer us to be tried beyond what we can bear. If we can take our suffering, both the suffering we impose upon ourselves, and the acceptance of what we cannot change; if we can take our suffering, our loneliness, our bewilderment, our grief and confusion and offer it to Him, then our cross will become His cross, and in that cross we will find Him. And, having found Him we will have found our heart's desire.

'Then turning to His disciples He said privately, "Blessed are the eyes which see what you see! For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it".'

To find our Lord we must stoop and bear our cross, but out of that acceptance of our cross comes the peace and strength of knowing we are on the right road, no matter how hard that road may be. And on the road, comforting, supporting and rescuing will be the Lord, that same Lord of whom a medieval writer said: 'and so good Jesus, Thou didst make laughter for us amidst tears, and music for us in Thine own lament'. †

The Purpose Of Trials and Crosses

The reason, St. John says, that so few people advance in prayer is that they run away from trials and darkness. God allows us to be tried in small things, and finding we are unwilling to bear what is sent us, He leaves us where we are. And if God leaves us where we are then we are a long, long way from uniting our will with the will of God. Iron, says the Saint, cannot be subservient to the intelligence of the artificer, unless he uses fire and a hammer, which do harm to the iron if it is compared to what it was in its former state. Similarly, if God is to make us over into the likeness of His beloved Son we are going to need a good deal of reshaping.



We must, then, be ready to accept trials and difficulties if we are to advance in the life of prayer. Of course, it is easy to accept what we are not at the moment suffering. Nonetheless, quietly and firmly we must resolve for the love of Christ crucified to will the cross as it shows itself in our life. And the cross in our life will not come marked with a ticket saying: 'This is the cross of Christ'. Nor, furthermore, will it come with the assurance that it is a fruitful and efficacious cross. The cross will come and press hard just where we are weakest. The cross of Christ comes not to enhance our self-esteem, but to abase it. When the cross presses hard we lose all sense that it is worthwhile, we are certain we have lost our way, and that no one understands us.

No one could want to be in such a state, even if rationally he might believe it was for his own good. Yet when the going is rough we should remember that our Lord told us that the gate is narrow, and the road is hard. But it is the gate and the road that leads to a good beyond anything we could have hoped for or dreamed of. †

by Father Jonathan Robinson

Our Eternal Salvation: The Greatest, Most Lavish, and Undeserved Gift

Without God's triumphant intervention on Calvary, the Word of God is clear: our best efforts could never have been sufficient to re-establish our relationship with God. The tempter, under the disguise of a serpent, had appealed to the desires of our first parents. He first enticed Eve with half-truths, "You shall not die;" he attacked God's character, "God knows your eyes would open;" he created doubt about God's love, "Did God really say...;" he denied the truth of God's words, "You shall surely not die;" he accused God of jealousy, "You will become like Him." Yet, God's admonition not to eat the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil was for the good of man. Genesis 2:16 was to protect man from a certain death: "for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die" (Gen. 2:17). But, Adam and Eve were tempted to be "as god," and acted independently instead of absolutely submitting themselves to the command of God. The result was swift and abrupt: the consequences have extended to all of us "by one man sin entered into the world, and death extended to all; death passed upon all men" (Rom. 5:12).

Fear entered the world; eyes were opened to see good and evil; sin made its first appearance: accusations, anger, jealousy, arrogance, pride, murder, violence, rebellion... Death had entered the world. Creation, which had been placed under man's dominion, was also cursed (Gen. 3:19), and humanity lost intimacy with God (verse 23). The strong and intimate relationship of trust between God and man, had been broken. Although sudden, it was not irreversible because, the Blessed Trinity in His infinite love and mercy did not leave man to perish in his sin. The precious promise of a Deliverer would redeem us from the power and slavery of sin and death through the eternal plan (Gen. 3:14-15). It was through the only begotten Son of God,

through His own obedience, death, and resurrection (1 Cor. 15:22; Rom. 5:19), that a way was offered to those who chose to believe. "He has dressed me with the clothing of salvation and draped me in a robe of righteousness." (Isaiah 61:10) Salvation was our greatest gift, but was delivered at an enormous price. "The Unfallen Man...had to taste Death, and not for Himself but for everyman, emptying the cup to its bitter dregs. It was Christ, the Incarnate God, the God-Man, submitting Himself vicariously to the deepest humiliation, and paying the utmost penalty: Death – all Death. His going to Death was His final conflict with Satan for man, and on his behalf. The unutterable mystery of Christ bearing the penalty due to our sin, bearing death, bearing the penalty of broken Law, the accumulated guilt of humanity, and the holy wrath of the Righteous Judge upon them" (Albert Edersheim p. 846). And so, His precious Blood was shed, He died, was buried, rose again. The victory over death and sin was perfected and Eternal Salvation assured.

Never again we would be separated from the love of God. A love so wide and long, so high and deep, it surpassed all of our knowledge (Eph. 3:17-19). His Hand has an eternal grip on ours; He will never forsake us; He will not let any of us slip through his fingers. "Trust Him at all times, O People; pour out your heart to Him, for God is our refuge" (Ps. 62:8). What a Sovereign Saviour! There is no greater love. What an undeserved gift: He has become our strength, our rock, our fortress, our deliverer, our rock of refuge, our shield, our saving horn, our stronghold. (Psalm 18:18-19). And He continues to lift us up when we are weary. All through the night, His love is forever; my life is in His hands.

March Birthdays



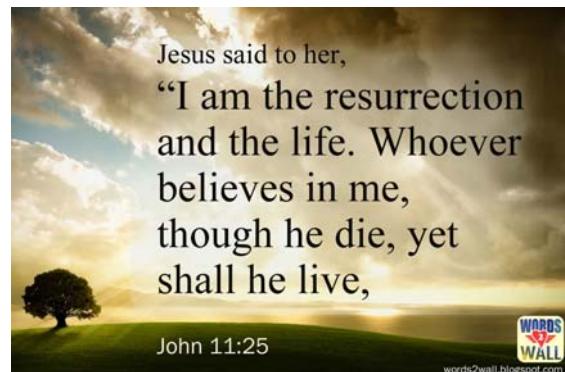
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- 3 - Frances Antonini
Diane Bertrand
Anita Greenway
- 4 - Lucia Biondi
Anne Lemster
- 5 - Claudette Pamela Felhaber
- 6 - Pat Green
- 7 - Suzanne Rancourt
- 8 - Gertrude Lemieux
- 9 - Jean Marie Vianney
- 10 - Theresa Baronette
Father Gabriel
- 11 - Sharon Campbell
- 12 - Wladimir Almenar
Sue Botts
- 13 - Germaine Blais
Adrienne McIntyre
- 14 - Noella Farenzena
- 17 - Chantal Lucarelli
- 19 - Vincent Gauthier
- 21 - Eileen Stonley
- 23 - Agathe Lapalme
- 24 - Roger Labonté
Bernadette San Cartier
- 25 - Liza Rizzardi
- 28 - Zenaida Odense
- 29 - Gerry Bertrand
Julie Bertrand
Marc Grandmaison
- 31 - Demetrius Giroux
Noel Reid

*Happy Birthday
and
God's Blessings*



- Raymond Joseph Birch – March 30, 1992
- Dan MacIntyre – March 19, 1995
- Catherine McIsaac – March 15, 1996
- Fr. Peter Hussey – March 24, 2001
- Fern Richard – March 28, 1998
- Jean-Paul Beaudry – March 22, 1998
- Jackie Giommi – March 20, 2005
- Fr. Gerry Grant, C.Ss.R. – March 10, 2004
- Rose Anne Dozzi – March 6, 2008
- Sister Leona Marchand (Sister St. Leo)
– March 2, 2009
- Leona Remeikis Juska – March 5, 2009
- Connie Thompson – March 31, 2011
- Anthony (Tony) Hall – March 10, 2014
- Giovanni Taglialegne – March 20, 2015
- Rita Bonin – March 25, 2015
- Rose Coltrinari – March 27, 2015
- Chase Read – March 14, 2016
- Ted Silva – March 9, 2016
- Chrissie MacDonald – March 14, 2017
- Sylvie Regimbal – March 19, 2017
- Catherine MacLeod – March 20, 2018

*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.*



Thursday February 28th We Were Truly Blessed



Left to Right: Msgr. André Tremblay; Fr. Raymond Akor; Fr. Emmanuel Zinsu; Fr. Patrick Okenyi, SMA; Fr. Gerald Lajeunesse

>>> Time For a Chuckle <<<

The baptism of a drunk

A drunk stumbles across a baptismal service on a Sunday afternoon down by the river. He proceeds to walk down into the water and stand next to the preacher. The minister asks the drunk, "Mister, are you ready to find Jesus?" The drunk says, "Yes, I am."

The minister then immerses the man under the water and pulls him right back up. The preacher asked, "Have you found Jesus?" The drunk said, "No, I didn't!" The preacher then dunks him under for quite a bit longer, brings him up and says, "Now, brother, have you found Jesus?" The man replied, "No, I did not." The preacher in disgust holds the man under for at least 30 seconds this time then brings him out of the water and says in a harsh tone, "My God, have you found Jesus yet?" The drunk wipes his eyes and says to the preacher, "Are you sure this is where he fell in?"

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may be holy.
 Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy.
 Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy.
 Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy.
 Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I always may be holy.

AMEN

– St. Augustine –

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