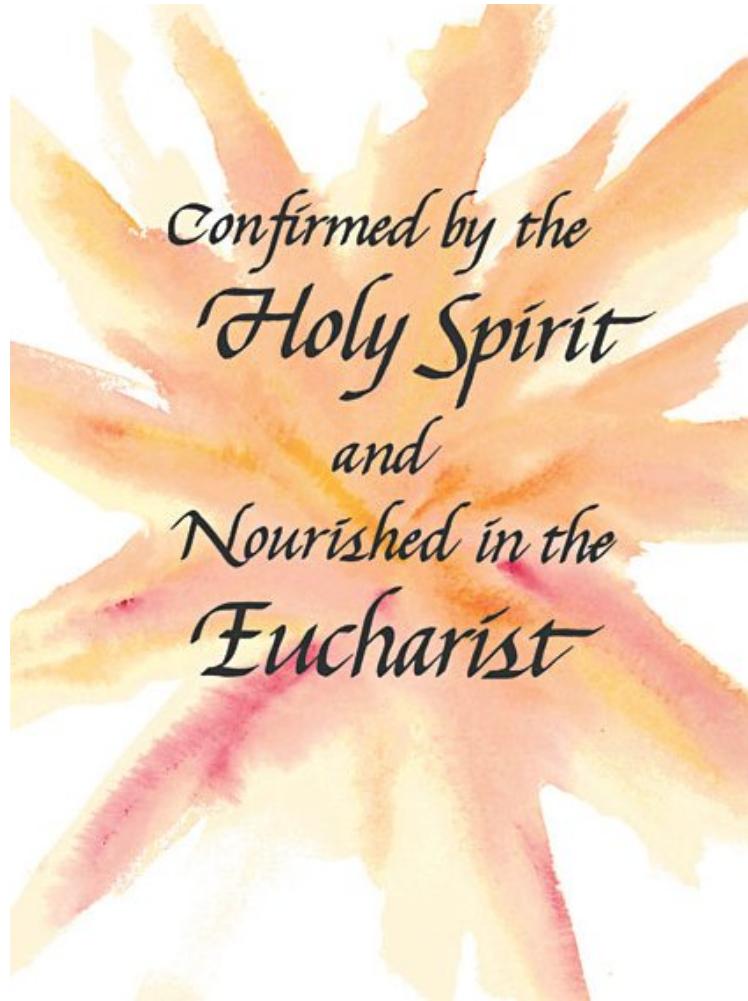


the little servants of Christ The King prayer community
Sudbury, Ontario

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

April 2020



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

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VISION

The little servants of Christ the King prayer community is a spiritual group within the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie. It is incorporated and designated as a registered charity under the income tax act. Our goal is to advance and teach the Message of Jesus Christ as announced and practiced by the Catholic Church with an emphasis on having a personal relationship with Jesus and expressing the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Our time and resources are dedicated to the work of **EVANGELIZATION**.

In everything we do, everyone is invited from the different Sectors of our Diocese (English, French, and Native). Although, all our activities are conducted in English, we do everything possible to reach out to all.

Outside our weekly meetings, we use the Diocesan office, regular mail, E-mail (for approximately 350 members), phone calls, Facebook, YouTube, and our website for all our outreach.

The prayer community is divided into **THREE STREAMS**:

STREAM 1. Building our faith through Weekly prayer meetings and the celebration of the Holy Eucharist (Mass).

STREAM 2. Promoting Our Chapel of Perpetual Adoration of the Holy Eucharist.

STREAM 3. Teaching through special days of reflection.

- a.** Lenten Mission of 5 weeks.
- b.** Annual Pentecost, Trinity and Corpus Christi Retreats.
- c.** Life in the Spirit and Future Growth seminars.
- d.** Special Fall Retreats.

We are a group that rely wholly on the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the patronage of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Mother of Perpetual Help.

QUOTE: “FOR NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE TO GOD” - Luke 1:37

Message of Hope from the Spiritual Director

My dearest and beloved in Christ Jesus,

We are all aware of what humanity and our world is currently facing: COVID-19.

What we're facing is a big challenge to the whole of the human race; it is no respecter of position, gender, age, faith or religion, colour or nationality. We all have to put up a good fight against it; not with fear but with faith and attentiveness. As Romans 8:31 would say, "***If God is for us, who can be against us?***"

This is a time when our faith will be tested, and our patience may run dry. This is a time when we will be tempted to criticize and undermine the efforts of our political and religious leaders, rather than doing what we are called to do to keep this virus away from our families, homes, cities and countries. Let us not give the devil the impression that he is on the throne and that he is winning. Our tools and fighting instruments should be the gifts of the Holy Ghost: ***Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord.***

I would be very slow to say that history is repeating itself by comparing what we are going through with the time of Noah (***Genesis chapter 6-9***). However, we can act fast by turning our homes and houses into "***Noah's Arks***". God is using our political and religious leaders to play the role of Noah; we must listen to them.

During the days of slavery in Egypt, the children of God were instructed to stay at home and marked their homes with the "***blood of the lamb***" (***Exodus 12:13-28***), while the angel of death passed through the streets of Egypt. Isn't that what God is saying to us through the voices of our political and religious leaders?

The coronavirus has turned itself into an "***angel of death***" walking and working in our streets and public places. We must stay at home, mark our homes with the blood of the lamb, and turn our household into "***a domestic church***" (***Ecclesia domestica***) with our parents as our spiritual leaders (1 Corinthians 16:19; Colossians 4:15).

The coronavirus has put up "***a cunning cold war***" against humanity; we must stand up to it, "put on the full armour of God, so that we can take our stand against the devil's schemes. In addition to this, take up your shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one." (Ephesians 6:11, 16)

As we put in place the necessary precautions as recommended by our governments and health authorities, let us continue to look up to God, the Creator of heaven and earth, our helper and guide. He shall send forth His Spirit and the face of the earth shall be renewed. He shall let His face shine upon the earth and we shall once again be saved, Amen!

Remain Blessed and keep Safe!

Fr. Patrick Okenyi,sma

Spiritual Director of the little servants of Christ The King prayer community.

SPECIAL BOOK REPORT**PART 9****BOOK UNDER REVIEW IS:****“IN SINU JESUS”****ISBN # 978-1-62138-219-5****Dear Friends of Christ:****“Nothing is more loving than self control”**

When you come to Adoration, hold yourself before My Eucharistic Face like a minor before the sun. Thus will you capture the radiance of My Countenance and the fire that blazes in My Heart; thus will you become both light and fire for souls plunged into darkness and hearts grown cold. My church has grown accustomed to living in mediocrity and lukewarmness. This is not My doing, for I am, in truth, a consuming fire. It is, rather, the slow but relentless work of the evil one who would see all that I created plunged into darkness and frozen in evil.

I am light and I am fire, and those who come to Me in the Sacrament of My love will become light and fire in Me. Do you not see this happening? Is this not your own experience? Love Me, then, and let love compel you to run to Me in the Sacrament of My love for you.

More good can be done in a single hour of Adoration. Time spent in My presence is not time lost. It is the multiplication of time and the magnification of your limited strength into an energy that comes from Me, an energy by which I will do great things through you.

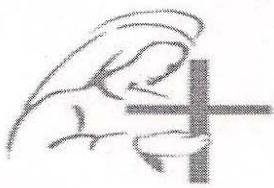
All that does not proceed from Me is lost. All that does not proceed from Me will be swept away on the day of temptation. All that does not come from Me is of no value in the kingdom of heaven. Seek then, not to do much, but to love Me above all other things. One who loves Me will seek My Face, and find My Heart, and be set ablaze with the love that radiates from My Sacramental presence.

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. Fear is the great obstacle in interior prayer. Prayer, and Eucharistic Adoration in particular, is a dangerous transaction because it threatens the state of mediocrity into which one has settled. In Adoration I act upon the soul directly: the soul is exposed to Me in her poverty, her nakedness, and all her sins.

Adoration gives Me the space in which to work in a soul. It is the great corrective for those who, by their personality and character, are in constant movement and ever restless. Be still and know that I am God. Open to Me the door of your heart and I will enter therein. I will show you My Face and reveal to you the thoughts of My Heart. I will converse with you face-to-face, as a man converses with his dearest friend. There are those who go through life keeping Me at a distance because they fear what I might do should they allow Me to come close to them.

These souls do not yet know Me, for if they knew Me, they would know that I am love, and that all that I do is love. Eucharistic Adoration is the remedy for the fear that keeps souls at a distance from Me. Why? Because it obliges one to stop, to quiet oneself with one's impulses, thoughts, desires, and projects, to abide close to Me, and to learn from Me that I am meek and humble of Heart. In Adoration, one who labours for Me will find rest and refreshment for his soul. A little reading during Adoration is not a bad thing; it can dispose the soul to listening to Me directly when I speak to the heart.

Part 10 coming in May.



"To continuously seek holiness, and help the poor"

Mary Mother of the Poor

Charitable Organization

February 25, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

On February 4, 2020 our loving God decided to end Fr. Fernando Suarez' earthly journey so he may be with him in His heavenly Kingdom. Fr. Fernando Suarez, the founder of Mary Mother of the Poor Foundation and the Order of the Missionaries of Mary Mother of the Poor, our Lord's humble instrument for healing people of their infirmities, our spiritual leader, the constant helper of the poor, the catalyst and agent of charitable projects, the inspiration for all who wish to serve the Lord through the less fortunate and marginalized, our chosen family member, our very dear friend, and brother for life of Fr. Jeff Shannon, MMMP. He left us three days short of his 53rd birthday when he collapsed during a championship match at a Tennis Tournament for Priests he organized yearly in the Philippines. Fr. Fernando was surrounded by his brother priests and blessed and anointed by Fr. Jeff before his heart succumbed to the massive attack that struck his heart. We, together with all whom the Lord blessed to encounter Fr. Fernando in his lifetime, have ambivalent feelings of grief and sadness but happy that he is in a much better world enjoying infinite bliss. We are all Easter people so please join us in praying for the eternal repose of his soul.

Fr. Fernando left us a legacy of loving God by loving our neighbor. Thank you for your constant support of our ministry for through your generosity doors of hope and love were opened – 20 seminarians, two mass weddings (82 couples in 2020), building of chapels (10 were built), the sacraments of Baptism, Confession, & Holy Communion administered by Fr. Jeff to the children in Ilin & Ambulong islands, feeding program, scholarship program, building wells (48 wells so far), youth evangelization, livelihood program, medical & dental missions. We praise the Lord for the transformative power of your generous hearts.

Let us pray for Fr. Jeff Shannon, co-founder of both the Mary Mother of the Poor Foundation and the Order of the Missionaries of Mary Mother of the Poor, who by the grace of God, will single-handedly and very capably lead the spiritual, administrative, and charitable projects at hand. It may seem like a daunting task but through our collective prayers and support and God's most valuable help THE MISSION WILL CONTINUE all in accordance to God's divine plan. Thank you for your positive response...we're counting on you! In gratitude you and all your intentions are included in the daily Mass and prayers of Fr. Jeff Shannon, all priests, deacons, seminarians, religious, and monks of Missionaries of Mary Mother of the Poor.

Linda Sazon
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EASTER PRAYER DEVOTIONS



PRAYER OF PRAISE

God of Promise and God of Hope, through Your great mercy, You have granted us new birth through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We praise Your wonderful name!

God of Love and God of Peace, through Your great sacrifice, You have promised us eternal life in Christ our Saviour. We praise Your wonderful name!

God of Glory and God of Might, through Your great power, You have granted us new strength to endure all things through faith in Christ our Risen King. We praise Your wonderful name! Amen.

LORD OF LIFE

We pray for all who bring Your word of life as a light to those in darkness; for those who bring Your word of peace to those enslaved by fear; for those who bring Your word of love to those in need of comfort; and, for those without hope who need Your loving guidance.

Lord of Love and Lord of Peace, Lord of Resurrection, look upon us with Your grace as we rejoice in our salvation on this Blessed Day. Amen.

LORD GOD OUR FATHER, through our Saviour, Jesus Christ, You have assured us of eternal life, and in Baptism have made us one with Him: I beseech You to deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in Your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

DEAR LORD, may the glory and the promise of this joyous day bring peace and happiness to those we hold dear. May Christ, our Risen Saviour, always be by my side, bless me, love me, and be my loving guide. Amen.

AN EASTER PRAYER

May the Risen Lord be with you always, bestowing the gift of peace and His Holy Spirit. And may Mary, the Mother of the Lord, obtain for you from Jesus, her Son, lively faith, steadfast hope, and abundant love. Amen.



SIGNIFICANCE OF EASTER

Fr. Antony Kadavil

Easter is the greatest and the most important feast in the Church. It marks the birthday of our eternal hope. We celebrate it with pride and jubilation for three reasons:

1) The resurrection of Christ is the basis of our Christian Faith.

The Resurrection is the greatest of the miracles – it proves that Jesus is God. That is why St. Paul writes: “*If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain; and your Faith is in vain... And if Christ has not been raised, then your Faith is a delusion and you are still lost in your sins... But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep*” (1 Cor 15:14, 17, 20). If Jesus Christ did not rise from the dead, then the Church is a fraud, and Faith is a sham. But if He really did rise from the dead, His message is true! Without the Resurrection, Jesus would have remained forever a good person who had met a tragic end. People would remember some of his teachings, and a handful of people might try to live according to them. All the basic doctrines of Christianity are founded on the truth of the Resurrection. “*Jesus is Lord; He is risen*” (Rom 10:9) was the central theme of the kerygma (or “preaching”), of the Apostles. In fact, the seventeenth-century philosopher, John Locke, some of whose ideas were incorporated into the Declaration of Independence, wrote, “Our Savior’s Resurrection is truly of great importance in Christianity, so great that His being or not being the Messiah stands or falls with it.”

2) Easter is the guarantee of our own resurrection.

Jesus assured Martha at the tomb of Lazarus: “*I am the Resurrection and the life; whoever believes in Me will live even though he dies*” (Jn 11:25-26). Christ will raise us up on the last day, but it is also true, in a sense, that we have already risen with Christ. By virtue of the Holy Spirit, our Christian life is already a participation in the death and Resurrection of Christ (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #1002, #1003).

3) Easter is a feast which gives us hope and encouragement.

In this world of pain, sorrows and tears, Easter reminds us that life is worth living. It is our belief in the Real Presence of the Risen Jesus in our souls, in His Church, in the Blessed Sacrament and in Heaven that gives meaning to our personal, as well as to our common, prayers. Our trust in the all-pervading presence of the Risen Lord gives us strength to fight against temptations and freedom from unnecessary worries and fears. The prayer of St. Patrick, the Apostle of Ireland, reads: “Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ within me, never to part.”

We are to be a Resurrection people

Easter, the feast of the Resurrection, gives us the joyful message that we are a “Resurrection people.” This means that we are not supposed to lie buried in the tomb of our sins, evil habits and dangerous addictions. It gives us the Good News that no tomb can hold us down anymore - not the tomb of despair, discouragement or doubt, nor that of death. Instead, we are expected to live a joyful and peaceful life, constantly experiencing the real presence of the Risen Lord in all the events of our lives.

“This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.”
(Psalm 118:24)



In Memory of

Zita Anita Tramontini

Our most heartfelt condolences and prayers are extended to the family and friends of Zita Anita Tramontini, who passed away peacefully on Wednesday, March 18, 2020. Zita was a faithful Christian who lived her life devoted to God and her Church; and she was a long time member of the little servants of Christ The King prayer community. A beautiful soul, full of love and faith, has now ascended to heaven.

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."

(2 Timothy 4:7)



THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS FOR 2020 APRIL

Freedom from Addiction

We pray that those suffering from addiction
may be helped and accompanied.



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When life gets tough, follow the **TOF** solution:

- **T**rust the Lord
- **O**bey the Word (His leading and instructions)
- **F**ollow His direction in all things

Don't let the circumstances dictate how you see God.
Conform them to God: He is working out His perfect will.
Do not doubt His presence. He is there.
All you have to do is follow.
Strength for the day is mine all the way.

SUBMISSION TO THE LORD AND HIS WILL FOR US

In September of 1981, Sister Ann Shields gave a talk about yielding to God's power, in Steubenville, Ohio. As a result of numerous requests for copies of that talk, she wrote a book entitled "Yielding To The Power Of God". The following is excerpted from the book:

God never asks us to do something that He has not already given us the ability to do. The Living Bible translates 2 Corinthians 8:12 this way: "God wants you to give what you have, not what you haven't". Paul was encouraging the Corinthian believers to be generous in their financial sharing with the needy Christians in Jerusalem but the principle holds true for anything God asks from us. He will provide the grace we need to trust Him and deliver ourselves into His hands. There is great grace available to us to help us face our sin and to make a firm and clear decision against compromise with sin.

Sometimes we fear surrendering ourselves to God because we think God

is going to ask something of us that we can't or don't want to give Him.

Are you afraid of something that God might ask of you? If you experience fear and doubt, just place yourself before God and ask for the grace. God will give it. The Lord has said in Luke 6:38, "Give and it shall be given you. Good measure pressed down, shaken together, running over, will they pour into the fold of your garment. For the measure you measure with will be measured back to you." If we give all, God gives all. If we give Him the right to purify us, the freedom to root out our sin and change us completely, then He will give Himself unreservedly to us. And then we know true power.

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A Prayer of Surrender

Lord Jesus, You have been incredibly generous with me. In dying for me, You have secured forgiveness for my sins and have opened the gates of heaven to me.

You have poured out upon me new life in Your Holy Spirit. You have showered me with gifts and graces and many other blessings.

I want to respond generously, too. I want to surrender my life to You. I want the light of Your truth to penetrate any darkness in my life. I'm ready to face my sin and see my motives. If there is

anything that keeps me apart from You or hinders me from fully living Your life, I want it purified.

I want You to enter in and take possession of this life that is already Yours. I want You to rule over me completely. I want to be holy so that Your power might flow through me, so that men and women everywhere might come to know how much You love them and that they too, might give their lives to You.

Hear my prayer, and let my cry
come unto You. Amen

April Birthdays



- 1 - Rosemary Kaboni
- 2 - Thérèse Cécile Richer
- 3 - Pamela Charrier
- 4 - Gerry Frappier
- 6 - Janina Petrenas
Elaine Valade
- 7 - Bill Goddard
- 10 - Kelly Ann Monaghan
- 12 - Martin Soulliere
- 13 - Luigi Pegoraro
- 14 - Justin Legault
- 15 - Dorice Gaudreau
- 16 - Jenny Clement
Paula Labonté
- 20 - Donna Landriault
- 21 - Fernand Goulet
Doreen Moulton
- 25 - Robert Wittmer
- 26 - Gisèle Servant
- 27 - Linda Giusto
Véronique Nigwize
- 29 - Zsuzsanna Kerekes
Edna Vachon
- 30 - Glenn Felhaber

*Happy Birthday
and
God's Blessings*



IN MEMORIAM



- Clarence Edward Wilson – April 14, 1994
- Erma Bazzo – April 13, 2003
- Rev. Mr. Alfred Marshall – April 27, 2003
- Mary Elvira (Fulin) Dunn – April 8, 2008
- Frances Mary Gartley – April 29, 2009
- Chrissie Nemis – April 1, 2011
- Hector Lemieux – April 15, 2011
- Norma Humphrey – April 10, 2012
- Emile Dupuis – April 29, 2012
- Cora Marcoux – April 24, 2013
- Msgr. Raymond Farrell – April 10, 2014
- Al Perry – April 3, 2015
- John Thompson – April 7, 2016
- Marie Cook – April 8, 2017

*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.*

Prayer Before the Crucifix

Look down upon me, good and gentle Jesus while before Your face I humbly kneel and, with burning soul, pray and beseech You to fix deep in my heart lively sentiments of faith, hope, and charity; true contrition for my sins, and a firm purpose of amendment.

While I contemplate, with great love and tender pity, Your five most precious wounds, pondering over them within me and calling to mind the words which David, Your prophet, said to You, my Jesus: "They have pierced My hands and My feet, they have numbered all My bones."

Amen.

God is Faithful

Father Fernando M. Suarez, MMMP, in his book entitled *Healing, Now and Forever*, wrote an inspiring true story of a boy and his family living in Armenia. In 1988, a father, Samuel, and mother, Danielle, had just sent their young son, Armand, off to school. However, before telling the son to have a good day at school, Samuel had said...

"Have a good day at school, and remember, no matter what, I'll always be there for you." They hugged and the boy ran off to school.

Hours later, a powerful earthquake rocked the area. In the midst of the pandemonium, Samuel and Danielle tried to discover what happened to their son but they couldn't get any information. The radio announced that there were thousands of casualties. Samuel then grabbed his coat and headed for the schoolyard. When he reached the area, what he saw brought tears to his eyes. Armand's school was a pile of debris. Other parents were standing around crying.

Samuel found the place where Armand's classroom used to be and began pulling a broken beam off the pile of rubble. He then grabbed a rock and put it to the side, and then grabbed another one. One of the parents looking on asked, "What are you doing?" "Digging for my son," Samuel answered. The man then said, "You're just going to make things worse!" The building is unstable, and tried to pull Samuel away from his work.

Samuel just kept working. As time wore on, one by one, the other parents left. Then a worker tried to pull Samuel away from the rubble. Samuel looked at him and

said, "Won't you help me?" The worker left and Samuel kept digging.

All through the night and into the next day, Samuel continued digging. Parents placed flowers and pictures of their children on the ruins. But, Samuel just kept working. He picked up a beam and pushed it out of the way when he heard a faint cry. 'HELP! HELP!' Samuel listened but didn't hear anything again. Then he heard a muffled voice "Papa?"

Samuel began to dig furiously. Finally he could see his son. "Come on out, son!" he said with relief. "No," Armand said. "Let the other kids come out first because I know you'll get me." Child after child emerged until, finally, little Armand appeared. Samuel took him in his arms and Armand said, "I told the other kids not to worry because you told me that you'd always be there for me!" Fourteen children were saved that day because one father was faithful.

And Father Fernando commented on this true story by adding, "How much more faithful is our heavenly Father! Whether trapped by fallen debris or ensnared by life's hardships and struggles, we are never cut off from God's faithfulness. He is true to His character. He is reliable and trustworthy and can always be counted on".

Yes, we too must remember that Christ called us to live supernaturally. He has empowered us to do so. Walking by faith even when we face darkness is the secret of living victoriously. Even today, Jesus must remain our constant companion. Moreover, He is Sovereign and is certainly able to turn your darkness into light.

EASTER SUNDAY PRAYER

Lord God, You loved this world so much, that You gave Your one and only Son, that we might be called Your children too.

Lord, help us to live in the gladness and grace of Easter Sunday, everyday. Let us have hearts of thankfulness for Your sacrifice.

Let us have eyes that look upon Your grace and rejoice in our salvation. Help us to walk in that mighty grace and tell Your good news to the world. All for Your glory do we pray, Lord, Amen.

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