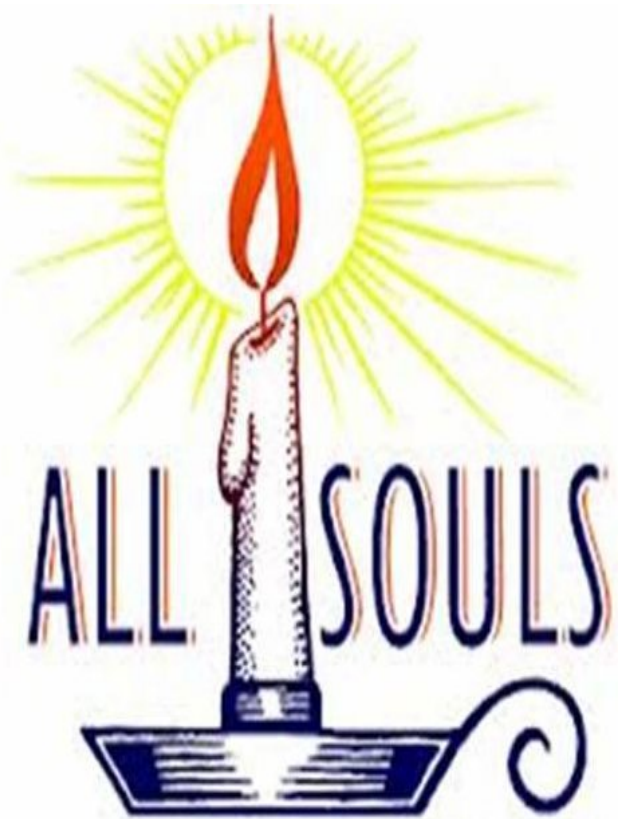
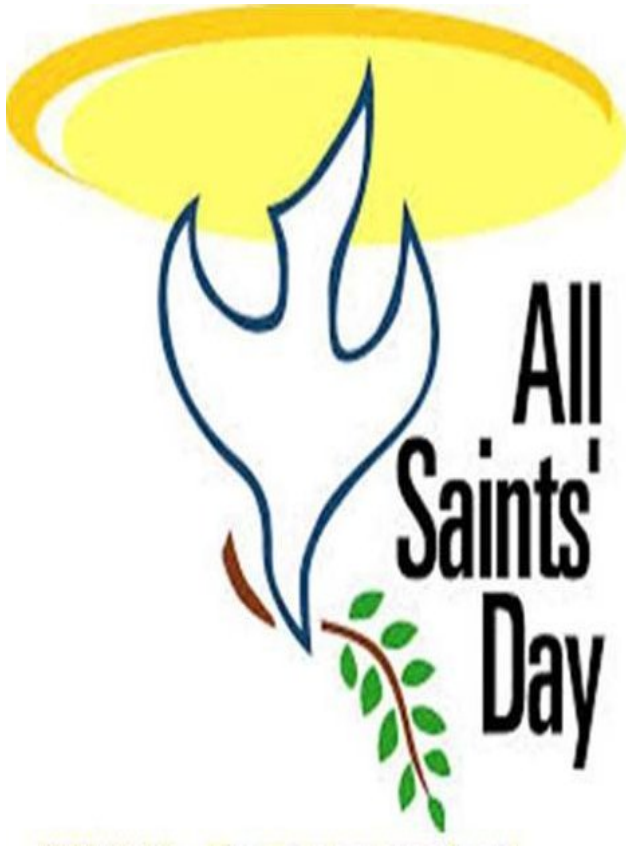


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Sudbury, Ontario

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November 2020



Ruth 2:20... *"May he be blessed by the Lord who is ever merciful to the living and to the dead," Naomi explained to her daughter-in-law; and she continued, "He is a relative of ours, one of our next of kin."*

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**

THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS FOR 2020 NOVEMBER

Artificial Intelligence

We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.



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WHAT

Happens When We Die?

MEETING GOD

"Death is the most important act of earthly existence. All life is made to explode, to go farther, to merge with life, with God."

- Robert Cardinal Sarah

In His infinite mercy, Jesus turned death upside down and made it the path to life. At the very moment of death - when our souls separate from our bodies - we will each receive our particular, unique judgment from God. Our whole life is a preparation for this moment. Now, we will not be arbitrarily assigned a passing or failing grade by a harsh master, we will receive from our merciful Saviour Himself the destiny we choose. And we will not stand before Christ with our report cards and resumes and trophies in tow. As St. John of the Cross put it simply: In the evening of life, we will be judged on our love."

Jesus the gentleman:

Philosopher Edward Feser describes judgement as being like wet clay in a furnace: a moment that locks into place our basic posture - either toward God, or not. Even though He constantly works at every turn for our good, and always gives each soul enough grace for salvation, Jesus is a gentleman. In His mercy and justice, He will not force heaven upon us if we don't want it. How we've let ourselves be formed in love, and what or whom we seek at the moment of our death, will be, in itself, our judgement.

Immediately after death, the soul goes either to heaven, hell, or purgatory.

"**It** is not death that will come to fetch me; it is the good God."

- St. Therese of Liseux

HEAVEN

Eternal bliss: Jesus died and rose to make heaven possible for us who were stuck in sin; that's why He came. To arrive in heaven is to be submerged in the unending embrace and praise of the Infinite Love who made us. It is to have all life's thirsts quenched, questions answered, and desires fulfilled. For when we see God as He is - Father, Son, and Spirit unveiled - we come to know ourselves as we truly are, as He sees us.

Made for you: While perpetually new and exciting, heaven is ever familiar. There we can authentically say, with a smile as wide as the horizon, "I belong here. I was made for this." It is a true reunion with God's earthly family. Free from any trace of rivalry or contention, all those in heaven are saints, transformed by glory to the degree that they loved God on earth.

It doesn't end there: At the end of time, when Christ comes again, the bodies of all the dead will rise (some to eternal life, and some to eternal death), and the entire cosmos will be transformed. But we will not morph into angels or "reincarnate" as new personalities. Instead, our own body and soul will be united again. Those who rise to life will become like the Risen Christ - still themselves, but glorified and perfected! (cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church #988 - 1004). Indeed, "we look forward to the resurrection of the dead..." (Nicene Creed). It is the happiness we're made for.

C.S. Lewis masterfully images it:

"You place in heaven will seem to be made for you, and you alone, because you were made for it ... stitch by stitch as a glove is made for a hand.

PURGATORY

Preparation for heaven: Now, if the door of a heart is open even a sliver to God, God's mercy will welcome him. Even death-bed converts, like the good thief on Calvary, have a place in paradise. But for one still attached to less serious sins at the time of death, the dazzling brilliance of heaven would be unbearable. The God who is Mercy thus gives us an intermediate state of preparation for heaven. Purgatory is not a punishment. Like the fire that refines silver or the surgery that fixes a heart problem, purgatory cleanses souls of everything that is not of God. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI explains, "Before (Christ's) gaze all falsehood melts away. This encounter with Him, as it burns us, transforms and frees us, allowing us to become truly ourselves"

Bittersweet longing: A soul's greatest longing is to be with God in heaven. St. Catherine of Genoa tells us that the souls in purgatory suffer deeply from the awareness that: "they have deliberately gone against His great goodness." The more they are attached to sin, the more it will hurt to remove it. However, as each impediment to love is burned away, the joy of the soul in purgatory increases. Everyone who goes to purgatory eventually goes to heaven.

"Let us empty purgatory with our prayers."

- St. Padre Pio

"As we enter heaven, we will see them, so many of them, coming towards us and thanking us. We will ask who they are, and they will say, 'A poor soul whom you prayed for in purgatory.'"

- Fulton Sheen

"O my Jesus, forgive us our sins; save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to heaven, especially those who are most in need of your mercy." The Fatima Prayer

HELL

The Reality of Hell: Today, the devil is often lumped into the same category as mermaids and fairies - the realm of make believe. But Scripture and Christian tradition are clear that Satan, an angel created good by God, definitively chose against God and now dwells with his minions in the place of perpetual death known as hell. Christ Himself often referred to Gehenna (a garbage dump where fires continually burned) as an image of hell - the destiny of those who ultimately choose against love. "For I was hungry and you gave Me no food, I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink, a stranger and you gave Me no welcome, naked and you gave Me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for Me - what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for Me - truly I say to you, I do not know you" (Mt 25: 42-45; Mt 25:12).

Like a fish out of water: A fish out of water isn't merely uncomfortable; it is cut off from its very life-source. Likewise, hell is complete separation from the love of God. Hell's greatest pain is isolation from the Creator and all other creatures from the communion for which we were made. It is a place devoid of truth, goodness, and beauty; a realm of chaos and unspeakable agony.

The choice against God: God desires no one's eternal unhappiness, let alone a person's destruction or non-existence. He desires our free return to His Love. In our final hour, however, if we refuse to receive His mercy, or refuse to repent of any mortal sins, then we ultimately refuse to live with God. To be damned to hell is to have knowingly said "no" to the arms that were always open to embrace us and the voice that had always called our name.

MORE ON PURGATORY

The 5 Things You Might Not Know

1. Can we help the souls in purgatory?

Yes! Souls in purgatory really are “poor” because they can do nothing to speed up their purification; they completely depend on the prayers and sacrifices of those on earth and the saints in heaven.

St. John Vianney had a vision in which he heard souls cry out: “Tell our loved ones, tell our children, tell all our relatives that we throw ourselves at their feet to implore the help of their prayers!”

2. Is praying for the dead in the Bible?

Yes! We read of Judas Maccabeus having temple offerings made on behalf of his brothers, who were guilty of wrongdoing before they died (cf. 2Macc 12:38-45). This conviction has been part of Christian practice for centuries.

3. How can I help the poor souls?

Offering Mass, the rosary, fasting, and any other prayers and sacrifices made on their behalf are powerful ways of helping our departed relatives and friends reach heaven more quickly. The Lord promised St. Gertrude the release of 1000 souls from purgatory every time this prayer is said. Eternal Father, I offer You the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, for those in my own home, and in my family. Amen.

4. Does the Blessed Mother help the poor souls?

Many saints have testified to Mary's intercession. St. Faustina had a vision in which her guardian angel took her to purgatory. She says, “I saw Our Lady visiting the souls in purgatory. The souls call her ‘The Star of the Sea’, She brings them refreshments.”

5. Can the souls in purgatory help us?

Many saints have testified, from experience, to the tremendous power of the poor souls' prayers for us. Although it is not an official teaching of the Church, it is supported by some Doctors of the Church, such as St. Robert Bellarmine and St. Alphonsus Ligouri.

“If it were but known how great is the power of the good souls in purgatory with the heart of God, and if we knew all the graces we can obtain through their intercession, they would not be so much forgotten.”

- St. John Vianney

*The articles of the last three pages were written by: Sr. Fidelity Grace, SV and Sr. Marie Veritas, SV
The Sister Of Life / Fall 2020 Issue called "Living for the One who waits for us in ETERNITY".*

November Birthdays



- 3 - Nicla Donnelly
- 4 - Patrice Campeau
- 6 - Gerry Shannon
- 10 - Rose Marie Dureau
Eddie Loyer
Debbie Monaghan
- 13 - Marie Persechino
- 14 - Gerry Bertrand
- 16 - Leo-Paul Groulx
Vikki Tinker
- 17 - Stella Hoeg
- 18 - Pauline Houle
- 19 - Concetta Matarazzo
- 25 - Avis Boyd
- 26 - Debra Poulin
- 29 - Henry Lupien
- 30 - Mary Mancini-Felhaber

*Happy Birthday
and
God's Blessings*



IN MEMORIAM

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

- Anita Lyons – November 4, 1984
- Fr. Clarence Murphy – November 17, 1984
- George Fleming – November 10, 1992
- Patricia Kolosky – November 5, 1993
- Darlene Sweezey – November 26, 1993
- Fr. Brian McKee – November 15, 2000
- Aliana Violiono – November 23, 2002
- Fr. Patrick Moore – November 20, 2004
- Helen Healey – November 28, 2004
- Eli Roy – November 16, 2006
- Larry Cyr – November 19, 2006
- Ron D'Entremont – November 6, 2007
- Mary Claire O'Brien – November 24, 2007
- Marie-Anna Cecchetto – November 7, 2008
- Helen Kelly – November 9, 2008
- Peter Van Sprundel – November 21, 2009
- Helen Laliberte – November 30, 2009
- Marcel Lariviere – November 5, 2010
- Lise Gravelle-Rouleau – November 1, 2011
- Alex Plausini – November 8, 2011
- Lillian Cormier – November 15, 2011
- Lucille Levesque Bergeron – November 26, 2011
- Sr. Jeanne Castonguay, csj – November 26, 2011
- Perry D'Aoust – November 16, 2012
- Vac Coufal – November 27, 2012
- Elizabeth (Betty) Martin – November 3, 2013
- Lucienne Labre – November 18, 2013
- Alice Milks – November 20, 2014
- Margaret Manitowabi – November 21, 2014
- David Mahaffy – November 10, 2015
- Jean Fulin – November 26, 2015
- Elizabeth MacMillan – November 23, 2016
- Jeannette Laforge – November 21, 2017
- Yvette (Kitsy) Rymes – November 21, 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.*

"God is our refuge and our strength, an ever-present help in distress."

– Psalm 46:1

Praying for the Holy Souls in Purgatory

By Father Peter Cameron, O.P.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that “death puts an end to human life as the time open to either accepting or rejecting the divine grace manifested in Christ” (1021; see 2 Tm 1:9-10). The Holy Souls are those “who die in God’s grace and friendship” but who are “still imperfectly purified... After death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven” (CCC 1030). Part of the joy of belonging to the Church is the privilege of helping the Holy Souls to enter heaven. The Church “commends almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead” (CCC 1032).

Saint Catherine of Genoa states in her treatise on purgatory that “if a soul were brought to see God when it had still a trifle of which to purge itself, a great injury would be done it”. Conversely, “a great happiness is granted to the Holy Souls that grows as they draw nearer God. For every glimpse which can be had of God exceeds any pain or joy a man can feel. The Holy Souls clearly see God to be on fire with extreme love for them. Strongly and unceasingly this love draws the soul with that uniting look, as though it had nothing else to do than this.” We offer our penances with the hope of giving the Holy Souls such a glimpse of God. Saint Augustine assures us: “It cannot be doubted that the prayers of the Church relieve the Holy Souls, and move God to treat them with more clemency than their sins deserve”.

EDITORIAL by Leonie Caldecott

As we grow older, November, month of the Holy Souls, comes around with ever greater weight attached to it. The liturgical season gets increasingly personal as the loss of our loved ones pricks our eyes like the smoke from the autumnal bonfires.

We are told that our own prayer and penance aid those souls. Perhaps we need to deepen the sense of what this really means for those of us who remain. No one suffers, no one is made ready for heaven in isolation. Our lives are intertwined. Our job is to bear this pain as well as we can, to offer it in union with the suffering and death of Christ. That is to say: with as much love and patience as we can muster. There is no depth of sadness that has not been plumbed by Christ as he descended into the most awe-full mystery of the human condition. And when he rises from death, so do we.

Bereavement is felt as a void, an absence; seeing “through a glass darkly”. But faith reflects the true situation: that our lives are full of Presence. Those we have lost are in fact looking through that glass from the other side, in full knowledge of what is at stake. Namely: are we ready for the incredible love that burns in the heart of God? As Pope Benedict put in in *Spe Salvi*: “Before his gaze all falsehood melts away. This encounter with him, as it burns us, transforms and frees us, allowing us to become truly ourselves.”

The name for this inescapable process is Purgatory. And we are privileged to participate in it, with our loved ones, even while we still stand on either side of that unspeakable divide called death. “Oh happy suffering soul, for it is safe, consumed yet quickened, by the glance of God” (The Dream of Getontius).

**NOTE: the first article was taken from
MAGNIFICAT Nov. 2018, Vol. 9, No.1 p. 35 and the second from p. 3.**

the little servants of Christ The King prayer community extend their deepest sympathy to Maureen and Tom Griffin on the passing of Maureen's mother, Dorothy Bernadette Belfry, on October 12, 2020.

"So you also are now in anguish. But I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you."

- John 16:22 -

In Loving Memory of

Jeannette Marieange Bennett



We extend our most sincere condolences and prayers to the family and friends of **Jeanette Marieange Bennett**, who passed away on Sunday, October 11, 2020. She was a member of the little servants of Christ The King prayer community. Jeannette attended many of our events. Rest in peace faithful servant.

We also extend our condolences to the family and friends of **Jeannette Marieange Bennett** on the passing of Jeannette's husband, **Raymond**, on May 16, 2020.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." - *Matthew 11:28-30*

We would like to acknowledge the passing of **Richard Dominique** on October 25th. He faithfully attended the Adoration Chapel at Our Lady of Hope Church for many years.

Prayer for All Souls



**Lord God,
you are the glory of believers
and the life of the just.
Your son redeemed us
by dying and
rising to life again.
Since our departed
brothers and sisters
believed in the mystery
of our resurrection,
let them share the joys
and blessings
of the life to come.
Amen**

St. Gertrude and the Holy Souls

(article taken from Catholic Traditions.org)

Saint Gertrude had a deep empathy for the Church suffering, the Holy Souls in Purgatory. At every Holy Communion she beseeched Jesus for His mercy to be bestowed on them. During one Holy Communion she experienced the descent into Purgatory with Our Lord. She heard Him say: "At Holy Communion I will permit thee to draw forth all to whom the fragrance of thy prayers penetrates." After Holy Communion Our Lord customarily delivered more Souls than she had dared to ask for.

One time when Gertrude was praying with great fervor for the Holy souls, she asked Our Lord how many Souls His mercy would release, He answered: "My love urges Me to release the Poor Souls. If a beneficent king leaves his guilty friend in prison for justice's sake, he awaits with longing for one of his nobles to plead for the prisoner and to offer something for his release. Then the king joyfully, sets him free. Similarly, I accept with highest pleasure what is offered to Me for the Poor Souls, for I long inexpressibly to have near Me those for whom I paid so great a price. By the prayers of thy loving soul, I am induced to free a prisoner from Purgatory as often as dost move thy tongue to utter a word of prayer!"

Our Saviour taught Gertrude for whom she should most ardently pray for. On the day when the community commemorated in common the death of their parents, Gertrude saw the happy souls ascend the darkness of Purgatory like sparks from a flame. She asked Our Lord if all these were relatives. He answered: "I am thy nearest relative, thy father and thy mother. Therefore, My special friends are thy nearest relatives, and these are among those whom I have liberated."

GERTRUDE was asked by someone, that when she offered to God all the gratuitous gifts with which He had favored her, to request that she might have a share in their merit. "As she prayed thus, she perceived this person standing before the Lord, Who was seated on His throne of glory, and held in His hand a robe magnificently adorned, which He presented to her, but still without clothing her in it. The Saint, being surprised at this, said to Him: 'When I made a similar offering to Thee, a few days since, Thou didst at once take the Soul of the poor woman for whom I prayed to the joys of Paradise; and why, most loving Lord, dost Thou not now clothe this person with the robe which thou hast shown her, and which she so ardently desires, through the merits of the graces Thou hast bestowed on me, though so unworthy of them?' Our Lord answered: 'When anything is offered to Me for the faithful departed, I immediately use it for them, according to My natural inclination to show mercy and pardon, either for the remission of their sins for their consolation, or for the increase of their eternal felicity, according to the condition of those for whom the offering is made.'

PRAYER TO FREE 1000 SOULS FROM THE PURGATORY: A PROMISE PRAYER:

"Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen."

Mass Intentions For Africa

Beloved, greetings in the Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ:

For the past seven years we have been collecting mass intentions and stipends for priests working in rural parishes in Africa. The masses are celebrated for our various intentions and the stipends are used to meet their daily needs in their ministries. Below I have listed the Masses collected at our prayer group in 2019, that were offered by Priests in Nigeria, Benin and the Republic of Niger:

Fr. Sam Ebute SMA (500 Masses); Fr. Joseph Usman (1,600 Masses); Fr. Isaiah Patrick (82 Mass Intentions); Fr. Christopher Oshaleye SMA and fellow brother priests, Frs. Noel and Emmanuel (100 Mass Intentions); Fr. Benedict Tinka SMA (54 Mass Intentions).

THE TOTAL MASSES OFFERED IN 2019 WERE: 2,336

The total funds provided to the above parishes were: \$2,000.00.

Between the first day of November and the middle of December, we will be collecting mass intentions for priests in Africa. You can drop off your intentions and the stipends in an envelope at St Patrick's parish on 39 Walford Road, Sudbury. You can also contact Adele Donnelly at the Prayer Group for drop off or for more clarification.

Remain blessing and remain in union of prayers.

Fr Patrick Okenyi, sma

Spiritual Director of the Prayer Group/Parish Priest of St Patrick's Parish



We Are in this Together; hard pressed but not Crushed...

As I sit in my office today to send out these words, I look back to where we are coming from and what we have been through since the beginning of the year 2020. It has not been easy for anyone, not even for those who have taken advantage of the pandemic to enrich themselves. This is already November and in one month's time we'll say goodbye to 2020. Despite of everything we have been through and we are still going through, we have so many reasons to be thankful. Our blessings remain always immeasurable; don't even try to itemise them.

One of the most common expressions since the beginning of the pandemic has been, *"We are in this together..."*. Isn't that wonderful that we share a common battle and we cannot really say that some are better than others?

I sit in my office today, allowing the new themes of the **Development and Peace Commission** (*Year of Recovering Together*) and that of **St Patrick's Parish** (*Year of Reaching Out...*) to keep replaying in my head while I say, *"God is good, All the time, and All the time, God is good!"*

My beloved brothers and sisters, we will soon be entering a new liturgical year, and a new calendar year. What are your expectations, and what would you be asking from God in preparation for the new year? Maybe the strength to recover together; maybe the strength and resources to be able to reach out; maybe a renewed hope that will chase away the dark night of despair.

We'll certainly continue to rely on God from whom shall come all our help, and in whom we live and move and have our being (*Acts 17:28*).

Beloved, always remember that We are in this together, **"hard pressed on every side but not crushed; perplexed but not in despair; persecuted but not abandoned; struck down but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body..."** (2 Cor 4:8-10).

Remain Blessed

*Fr. Patrick Okenyi, sma (Parish Priest of St Patrick's
and Spiritual Director of the Prayer Group)*



My Testimony to the HEALING POWER of the Goodness of God

- by Lorraine Sahadat

PART ONE: My Witness to the Healing Power of God

In times of adversity, our LIVING LORD never forsakes His children. He will have mercy on His afflicted. We are so precious to Him that we are engraved in the Palm of His Hands (Isaiah 49:13-16). Therefore, we must entrust to Him everything that concerns us and allow His Light to soak into us and drive out all darkness lodged within us, be it sin, doubt, worries, sadness, and even terminal cancer! He delights in us and wants us to know this. He wants our heart. I could never thank Him enough for ALL the blessings He so graciously and mercifully provided for me, and pray that He will give me the words to testify to His Goodness and declare His Love throughout **both** my Cancer journeys.

Almighty God has again healed me from another blood cancer that was as terminal as the first one He healed in 2016. Both cancers were primary blood cancer which medically is a rare occurrence. Usually, a cancer could be the cause of another cancer to reoccur elsewhere in the body and could become generalized. In my case, a B-cell Lymphoma diagnosed in 2016 could not be the cause for the growth of T-cell Prolymphocytic Leukemia, diagnosed in 2020. I am so humbled by His steadfast Love, and so grateful to serve such a Good, Powerful Awesome God. I am still lacking the words to express my gratitude to Him, for experiencing and witnessing His tangible Presence as I confidently put my trust in Him. May He be glorified in my body, a body I once defiled, before believing it to be bought by a price, justified, and continually being sanctified.

In May 2016, I was diagnosed with a Diffused large B cell Lymphoma. I was told that I had 3 months to live. It was a terminal, Stage 4 cancer. If my body did not respond to the chemo, I would be sent home to prepare for the outcome. What I found extremely strange was that from the onset, peace invaded my soul. I felt no fear, I shed no tears and on the contrary, I became quite assured that all would be well. With God on my side, I knew that focusing on Him, taking it one step at a time, putting myself in His hands was the best place to be in. I accepted His will, surrendered my whole self to God. I quickly recognized that I wanted at all cost, to seek His Presence. I read, I prayed, I sang, I cried, I begged, I paced the floor, I wanted to find Him. I knew in my innermost heart that I was going to heal. But Dr. Lopez, my oncologist, wanted only one thing: to treat the Lymphoma very aggressively. On May 16th, he sent me to the Radiology Department to extract and collect a number of biopsies from the diffused malignant lymph nodes in the abdomen. These samples were to determine the best treatment to kill aggressively the cancerous cells that were multiplying rapidly. At that time, a drainage bag had been attached to my right calf to gather the ascetic or water building from my sick lymph nodes.

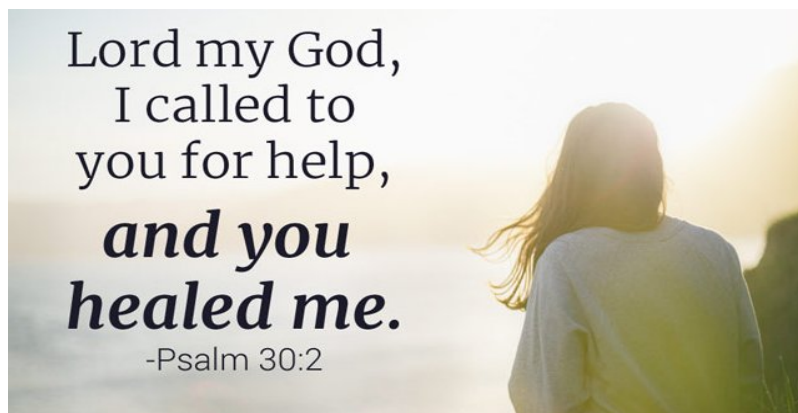
As he waited for the results of the analysis, Dr. Lopez introduced me very slowly to three types of chemo. He was making sure that I would respond well to the full aggressive treatment he would start early in June. On May 17th he sent me for an ultra sound in the cardio department to get a pic line inserted in the basilic vein that served to conduct the chemo to the Vena Cava which would carry it throughout my body. On the same day, I received a trial 30 minutes-chemo of Vincristine. I was so glad that it was not affecting my stomach. The same afternoon, I was sent to a sunny private room. It was even equipped with a small fridge, a rocking chair and a large recliner chair for John. No doubt, we both

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My Testimony to the HEALING POWER of the Goodness of God

thanked the Lord as it allowed me the luxury of privacy for reading any time of the night or day. My Bible became sacred.

On May 26th, I was started on chemo. I was very surprised when the nurse brought a bag of ice cubes for my finger nails. I was told that this procedure would numb the circulation at the end tips and prevent neuropathy. The ice would allow my finger nails to be saved from becoming black and falling off. When she came back fifteen minutes later, she was dressed as if I had Ebola. She had a yellow gown on, a mask, a shield, two pairs of gloves; one she put over the other pair to secure the gown tightly around her wrists. I asked about such precaution, and was told that the first of the three different bags, a red coloured chemo solution, was so potent that if one drop of it fell on her skin, it would pierce a hole and chemically burn her skin. This chemo she called Roxorubicin. At first all I retained from the word was its last syllable "SIN". This is when I believed the Lord was telling me to trust Him even with all my sins. I turned to my friend Danielle, who had previously and compassionately sent John home for a deserved rest. I asked her an obvious question, "Is the chemo really crimson red?" Affirmed, I again asked her to pray that the Lord transforms this red solution into His own Precious Blood, and that I would be literally healed, soul and body. I honestly believed this request was heard long time ago on Calvary Hill. For decades, I had so ardently sought forgiveness from guilt I had hidden through fearing God in my subconscious mind. This first chemo was finished in less than 15 minutes. The second bag called Vinchristine replaced the empty bag. I remembered that name because all I heard was the word CHRIST (VinCHRISTine). An hour later, it was replaced by a third bag called Cyclophosphamide. Altogether, the delivery of it all lasted three hours before being disconnected, I was surprised that I had not been hit by a train, or did not feel dizzy or nauseous, as the nurse had warned me of this possibility. I felt surprisingly very well. Nothing to prevent me from walking Danielle to the elevator after we both visited the patio to breathe the fresh air of Spring. It was the first time since admitted to the hospital that I had the luxury of breathing Spring into my lungs. Three days later, on May the 29th I was home to recuperate. I had been in the hospital since May 10th. It is surprising how we may take Mother Nature for granted. The Presence of the Lord was so evident in her tender green leaves. It was full of His Majesty. I felt such Joy and Happiness, and as peaceful as I entered our home. Joyce, John sister, greeted John and I with open arms and a wonderful meal was ready for us to share and partake.



End of part 1.

Part 2 will be in the December Newsletter

THOSE WHO WAIT UPON THE LORD



After starting a new diet I altered my drive to work to avoid passing my favorite bakery. I accidentally drove by the bakery this morning and as I approached, there in the window were a host of goodies.

I felt this was no accident, so I prayed ... "Lord, it's up to you, if you want me to have any of those delicious goodies, create a parking place for me directly in front of the bakery."

And sure enough, on the eighth time around the block, there it was! God is so Good!"

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