

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

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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 2022 APRIL

For Health Care Workers

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.



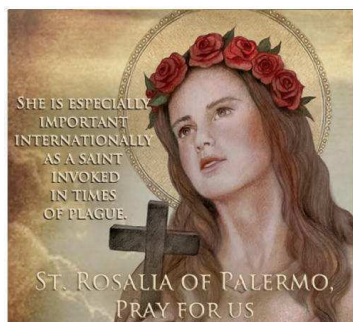
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Holy Helpers - Catholic Saints Pray for Us

A pandemic is not new in the life of the Church. In the middle of the 14th century, the plague was “The Greatest Catastrophe Ever,” ravaging Europe and killing 50 million people, or about 60% of the population (a vastly higher death rate than coronavirus), within a few years. Lacking the advances of today’s modern medicine, and layering dead bodies in pits, the people had no choice but to cling to their faith. It is time to call in **Holy Helpers – Catholic saints** – who invoked spiritual hope against the plague and other misfortunes.



St. Corona:

She’s being called on now in Northern Italy where her remains are. She was a teenager and was in a married

relationship. She and her brother-in-law, St. Victor, were martyred. As Roman soldiers gouged out St. Victor’s eyes, she cried out to encourage him to not give up. He kept the faith and boldly proclaimed it. He was martyred and then they captured her, and essentially, tied her to two bent-over palm trees, and they ripped her from limb-to-limb. She was definitely sought after from that period of time on because of how many miracles came from her intercession, as well as St. Victor, as it relates to epidemics and pandemics. St. Corona is a very, very powerful witness.



St. Roch (or Rocco):

Born of a noble family, tradition says St. Roch was miraculously

born with a red cross on his breast. He gave all of his fortune to the poor at age 20 after his parents died. In 1315, he assisted plague victims in several Italian cities, miraculously curing people with the sign of the cross. While helping the sick, he also contracted the disease. However, the saint survived after a dog helped him in the forest. The dog brought him food and licked his wounds. He was later mistaken for a spy and spent the rest of his life in prison. An angel appeared in St. Roch’s prison cell after his death. The angel said that those who invoked his intercession would be cured of the plague.



St. Rosalie: The Church knows little about St. Rosalie’s life. Her story begins 500 years after her death. In 1625, the city of Palermo in Sicily, Italy suffered a terrible plague. She appeared to a hunter,

telling him to find her remains in a cave. She asked him to bring her remains into the city. Citizens processed three times with her relics through Palermo. The plague then miraculously ended. She became the patroness of Palermo. A sanctuary stands where the hunter found her remains.



St. Michael the Archangel:

Have you heard this miraculous story about the Castel Sant’Angelo? The Castel Sant’Angelo is a large fortress near Vatican City with a

gigantic St. Michael the Archangel statue on

top. This statue signifies a magnificent story of God's love and care for his people through the angels. Around 590 A.D., Rome suffered a terrible plague causing many deaths. Pope St. Gregory the Great pleaded for the angels' help to fight this epidemic. The pontiff celebrated Masses and tirelessly processed through Rome with prayers and incense. St. Michael later appeared on top of the castle with his sword. In the book, *The Golden Legend: Readings on the Saints*, author Jacobus de Voragine writes: "The plague was still ravaging Rome, and St. Gregory ordered the procession to continue to make the circuit of the city with the marchers chanting litanies. An image of the Blessed Virgin Mary was carried in the procession, and lo and behold... The poisonous uncleanness of the air yielded to the image as if fleeing from it, and being unable to withstand its presence. The

passage of the picture brought about a wonderful serenity and purity in the air. We are also told that the voices of the angels were heard around the image, singing. Then the pope saw an angel of the Lord standing atop the castle of Crescentius, wiping a bloody sword and sheathing it. Gregory understood that that put an end to the plague, as, indeed, it happened. Thereafter, the castle was called the Castle of the Holy Angel." Pope St. Gregory the Great then built the St. Michael statue on top of the castle, representing his protection over Rome and the Church.

Let us turn to St. Corona, St. Roch, St. Rosalie and St. Michael the Archangel in defeating the coronavirus pandemic! Please defend us in these days of battle! Amen.

According to His Rhythm
Composed By Father Patrick Okenyi, sma



He Loves Me with a Mother's Love

Even though I call God my heavenly Father,
All I know of Him is a love of a mother.
He loves me with a mother's love, is what I usually say
For in my mother's womb I had comfort for more than a day.
When I cried as a baby my Father placed me on His chest,
But my mother would go beyond, and give me her breast.
The fear of my Father was the beginning of wisdom
But the love of my mother was a life in God's kingdom.
While my Father would frown at what I have done wrong
My mother would counsel me all the day long.
This is the love I get from God
A love that blooms and spares me the rod.

Make This Holy Week....Holy



Holy week is just that.... the holiest time in the year. Even though some of us may not be able to physically attend church, we can meditate on these holiest of days. So, don't waste the opportunity to saturate yourself in God's graces! Pray hard, love others, serve, give, and spend a great deal of time with Jesus in prayer! Here are some insights for you, into Holy Week and the Triduum.

Jesus experiences on the Cross the mysterious abandonment of the Father in order to be totally in solidarity with us. In His abandonment, however, He prays and entrusts Himself: **"Father, into your hands I commit my spirit"** (Luke 23:46). Hanging from the wood of the cross, beside disrespect and humiliation, He now confronts the last temptation: to come down from the Cross, to conquer evil by might, and to show the face of a powerful and invincible God. Jesus, however, even here at the height of His annihilation, reveals the true face of God, which is mercy. He forgives those who are crucifying him, He opens the gates of paradise to the repentant thief, and He touches the heart of the centurion. If the mystery of evil is unfathomable, then the

reality of Love poured out through Him is infinite, reaching even to the tomb and to hell. He takes upon Himself all our pain that He may redeem it, bringing light to darkness, life to death, love to hatred. God's way of acting may seem so far removed from our own, that He was annihilated for our sake, while it seems difficult for us to even forget ourselves a little. He comes to save us; we are called to choose His way: the way of service, of giving, of forgetfulness of ourselves.

Let us walk this path, pausing in these days to gaze upon the Crucifix; it is the "royal seat of God". During the week, gaze often upon the "royal seat of God," to learn about the humble love which saves and gives life, so that we may give up all selfishness, and the seeking of power and fame. By humbling Himself, Jesus invites us to walk on His path. Let us turn our faces to Him, ask for the grace to understand at least something of the mystery of his obliteration for our sake; and then, in silence, contemplate the mystery of this Week.

The Triduum is made up of the three days before Easter – Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday the Easter Vigil. It is a single prayer of final preparation where we enter into the redemption of humanity, and the salvation of the world made present in the Resurrection of our Lord. This is the holiest part of the year, and makes present the mystery of Jesus' passion and death, before He rises again.

Holy Thursday – The Mass of the Lord's Supper. This is the celebration of the first Eucharist in the upper room.

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Good Friday – Celebration of the Lord's Passion. Pray and meditate on the Stations of the Cross. Venerate in your home the Cross and read the entire Passion of Christ.

Easter Vigil – This is the high-point of the Church's year. During this celebration of Christ's death and Resurrection, we normally have the RCIA candidates and elect, receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist). Pray for the

candidates who will not be able to do this at this time this year.

Prayerfully enter into the Holy Week in preparation for Christ's rising from the dead. This is a Lent, Holy Week, and Easter that will be like no other. Christ have mercy on us all!



Help Wanted

Come work for the Lord. The work is hard, the hours are long and the pay is low. But the retirement benefits are out of this world.

Repent

St. John Paul II is known as the “Fatima Pope.” Our Lady of Fatima told the children that if people did not repent, a worse war would happen. It did – World War II. John Paul lived through it and its aftereffects, --the communist occupation of Poland. He studied the Fatima appearances and prophecies, and spared no effort to warn the church and world about its implications. He stated that the church is currently involved in the biggest showdown between the Gospel and the anti-Gospel, since the beginning of the Church, but very few people are aware of it. He himself was in many ways a prophet. He called upon us to heed the Fatima warnings and the signs of the times.

We are witnessing the showdown as we experience the collapse of morality, militant atheism, heresy, false teaching, etc. We are experiencing the signs of the times much like the tribulation Jesus spoke about in Mark Chapter 13, and the Book of the Apocalypse with natural calamities. This is called the apocalyptic genre of scripture, which can apply to the fall of Jerusalem in 70 AD, the current time, as well as the end times. We all have a deep sense of the unrest, both the physical world, as well as the moral world.

Credible modern prophets have foretold what we are experiencing. Fr. Joseph Esper, priest, writer and speaker who lives in Michigan, has spoken about this on EWTN. Recent Marian apparitions of Garabandal and Medjugorje while still under investigation, seem to have a lot of credibility, as do the recent locutions of Mary to now deceased Fr. Stephano Gobbi of the Marian Movement of Priests.

Contained in all of these prophecies and apparitions are strong references to a chastisement that is a “punishment” brought

about by sinful living, with the purpose of motivating people to purification, repentance and a return to faith and morality. God does not like to chastise, but he does it for our own good so that evil will stop flourishing.

(Hebrews Chapter 12) Is the coronavirus still another sign that God is sending us, along with the recent floods, fires, droughts, earthquakes, etc. to get our attention? Jesus told St. Faustina that we are currently in a time of mercy, but if people don’t repent, God will unfortunately have to apply his justice.

In light of all of this, we need to develop the gift of “fear of the Lord,” one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit given to us at our confirmation. Fear of the Lord is not to be taken in the common usage of ordinary human fear, which is the trepidation our weak humanity feels, when we are afraid of suffering something we do not want to happen. This kind of fear is not taught. It happens because we are weak. We do not have to learn what we should fear. Objects of fear bring their own terror with them. But of the fear of the Lord, this is what is written in scripture: “Come, my children, listen to me, and I will teach you the fear of the Lord.” This is something that can be taught. It does not arise from the fearfulness of our nature. It has to be acquired by obedience to the commandments, by holiness of life and by knowledge of the truth. It consists wholly in love, and perfect love of God brings our fear and respect of Him to its perfection. Deuteronomy states: “and now Israel, what does the Lord your God ask of you except to fear the Lord your God, and walk in all his ways, and love Him and keep His commandments with your whole heart and your whole soul, so that it may be well with you.”

To sum up—unbelievers worry, believers are concerned in the context of God's love for us. God is our safety net.

THOUGHTS FOR REFLECTION:

- People pay much more attention to fearful news in order to find out how it is going to play out. The media is always trying to up its ratings. They pounce on the fear of people to keep people tuned in. The Dalai Lama once said that the media is part of the problem. Are we wary of the media? Do I prefer Catholic and Christian media, over secular media?
- We have been gifted with the understanding of the content of Marian apparitions, prophecies and their warnings and promises. The seers of Medjugorje still under investigation said that during the chastisement believers will suffer, but in the context of hope. The apostles in the boat during the storm, suffered the effects of the storm, but Jesus chastised them for their lack of faith. They were safe the whole time, and so are we. Do I focus more on the storm than on Jesus?
- The seers of Medjugorje said that believers can lessen the effect of the chastisement by our prayer and penance. What am I doing as prayer and penance?
- Mary calls for reparation not only for our own sins, but for the sins of others. Do I simply complain and criticize bad politicians, militant atheists, abortionists, etc., or do I make reparations for their sins?
- An important condition of Fatima for peace is the practice of the first Saturdays of the month — Mass, Communion, the Rosary, 15 minutes of meditation on a mystery of the Rosary, and confession about eight days before or after the Saturday. People must do this to bring about peace. Do I practice this?
- Our churches were closed and the Sacraments suspended. Might this be God's way of telling me that I need to appreciate the Eucharist and the Sacraments, and not to have a mere casual approach to them?
- Jesus said, "What you have heard in secret, shout from the roof tops," and "Don't put your light under a bushel basket, but on the lampstand." Jesus desperately wants his message to be preached on the highways and the byways, so that we don't have to suffer a chastisement, or at least that it will be lessened.

Mary and Joseph, Pray for us!



In Memory of Danny Lowes

We would like to extend our sincere condolences to Jackie Lowes, wife of **Danny Lowes**.
Danny passed away in Sudbury on Wednesday, March 2, 2022.

A beautiful soul is never forgotten. Rest in Peace.

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



Heavenly Father, Your Son taught us “Blessed are the Peacemakers for they shall be called Children of God.”

In this time of great worry, we fervently pray that Your Holy Spirit sustain all the people of Ukraine to be vigilant and dedicated to peace and justice.

Grant their leaders wisdom and prudence. Yet, may they also have the strength and perseverance to defend their land from all adversity and foreign attacks.

Help us all to live according to Your Divine Will.

O God, our Father, in the days to come, we beseech You to comfort the suffering, heal the wounded, and accept the souls of the faithful departed into Your Heavenly Kingdom.

We ask also that the Most Holy Mother of God extend her blessed mantle of protection over our Ukraine.

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
- Joseph E. Laderoute – April 10, 2000
- Erma Bazzo – April 13, 2003
- Alfred Marshall – April 27, 2003
- Jack Joseph Mayer – April 11, 2005
- Rose Fabris – April 29, 2006
- Mary Elvira (Fulin) Dunn – April 8, 2008
- Frances Mary Gartley – April 29, 2009
- Maurice Joseph Farrell – April 19, 2010
- 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
- Msgr. Normand P.H. Clément
– April 5, 2020
- Michael Ptaszynski – April 20, 2020
- Marcel Soullier – April 28, 2021

*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.*



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“NOT MY WILL BUT YOURS BE DONE”



“Yet not my will but yours be done” (Luke 22:42) were the words of Jesus as He prayed to His Father in the garden of Gethsemane.

Our Lord’s life was one completely given over or surrendered for the sake of those He loved: a complete abandonment of His own will for the will of the Father. It was also a constant driving force in His life and ministry: and if we are to take seriously the humanity of Jesus then we can also say that it involved a ‘letting go’ of His own plans and desires. Where did it lead Him? To Jerusalem, to His suffering, rejection and death.

The disciples on the way to Emmaus had their plans and desires too; involving a Messiah who was to redeem Israel (Luke 24:21). These plans were seemingly torn apart when ‘their’ Messiah was crucified. Rather than letting go of their own will, they clung to a Messiah of their own making.

Their ‘mysterious’ travelling companion castigated them for this, telling them they were foolish and slow of heart to believe (Luke 24:25). When they were asked to explain their ‘news’, scripture states they “stood still, their faces downcast” (Luke 24:17). Their own will led them away from Jerusalem; perhaps to a point of going nowhere.

The Good News however is never static; and in the face of crumbling plans and crushed desires, it is not downcast but filled with hope and capable of changing hearts and lives. When the disciples encountered the Risen Jesus therefore, the Good News penetrated their hearts and

they let go of their own plans and desires. With some immediacy, they did an about-face and returned to the holy city.

To believe in Jesus and to follow him means a surrendering or a letting go of our will, our plans and our desires, and to desire and do the will of the Father in every situation. This letting go will therefore lead us to the same destination as Jesus: our own Jerusalem. A journey that will involve suffering, persecution and rejection. It is possible that it will result in death but for the majority of us that death will be a death to the ‘self’.

This however is not the final word, because we know that to pray ‘not my will but yours be done Father’ will result in the resurrection and the clothing with the power from on high (Luke 24:49). Our decisions, our choices and our actions determine our destination. Will we decide to journey to Jerusalem or to Emmaus?

Prayer for a Generous Faith *by St. Ignatius of Loyola*

Lord, teach me to be generous.
Teach me to serve you
as you deserve;
to give and not to
count the cost,
to fight and not to
heed the wounds,
to toil and not to seek for rest,
to labor and to ask
for no reward,
save that of knowing that
I do your will.
Amen

Nightly Examination
This is important and it helps prepare you for your next confession. It is healthy to examine your faults and failings and to ask God's help to overcome them.

Morning Offering
By praying a morning offering, you dedicate the rest of the day to God, which then prepares you to tackle anything that comes at you during the day.

15 minutes of Mental Prayer
It consists of a "heart-to-heart" with God and leaving time for talking and listening. God is extremely interested in what is going on in your life.

15 minutes of Spiritual Reading
One way to do this is to read the Gospel reading for today and then find a spiritual book that will help you grow in your relationship with God.

4 DAILY HABITS TO KEEP YOUR FAITH ALIVE

Source: Aleteia.org



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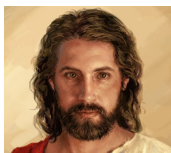
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