

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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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 Christ, 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.

THE STREAMS

The Prayer community is divided into FOUR STREAMS.

- Stream 1.** Evangelization.
- Stream 2.** Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.
- Stream 3.** Developing a Personal Relationship with Our Lord.
- Stream 4.** Building Our Faith through Special Days Of Reflection.

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 OCTOBER

A Church Open to Everyone

We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.



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The Good Samaritan

*The Good Samaritan isn't just a parable, it's a way of life,
says the Pope*

Pope Francis said the parable of the Good Samaritan isn't just a nice passage to reflect on, but signifies a concrete choice we make in deciding how to live and treat those around us.

“The Good Samaritan indicates a lifestyle, the center of which is not ourselves, but others, with their difficulties, who we meet on our path and who challenge us,” the Pope says.

It's us who choose this lifestyle or choose to reject it, he said, explaining that the attitude of the Good Samaritan tests our faith, since faith without works “is dead.”

Let us ask ourselves:

“Is our faith fertile? Does it produce good works, or is it rather sterile, and so, more dead than alive? Do I make neighbours, or do I just pass by?” Francis asked, adding that these questions would be good to ask ourselves often, since in the end “we will be judged on the works of mercy.” “Do you remember that time on the street of Jerusalem and Jericho? That man who was half dead was me. Do you remember? That hungry child was me. Do you remember? That migrant who many times they wanted to throw out was me.” “Those grandparents, abandoned in the nursing home, was me. That sick person in the hospital, who no one visited, was me,” the Pope said, explaining that these are the questions we will be asked. The Lord, He said, will remind us of the situations in which we saw Him in those around us, and either helped or did nothing.

It is through good works done with love and joy towards our neighbour, which makes our faith sprout and bear fruit, Francis observed. He noted how Jesus used the parable to dialogue with the doctors of the law on the twofold commandment of loving God with one's entire heart, and loving one's neighbour as oneself. When Jesus' disciples ask him “who is my neighbour?” It's the same question we must each ask ourselves today, he said. Turning to the parable itself, the Pope noted how out of the three men who pass the dying man on the road, the first two, who did nothing, were a priest and a Levite. It was the third man, an inhabitant of Samaria “despised by the Jews because they didn't observe the true religion,” who stopped. “It was precisely he, when he sees the poor unfortunate man, who had compassion,” Francis said, noting how the Samaritan went above and beyond just rescuing the man, but cared for him and paid for all the expenses involved in curing him. At this point Jesus asks the doctors of the law which of the three men was a neighbour to the one beaten and left for dead, to which they all naturally respond was “the one who had compassion on him,” the Pope observed. By doing this, Jesus “completely overturned the initial perspective of the doctors of the law,” which is frequently our own perspective as well, he said.

Pope Francis cautioned that we mustn't "catalogue others to decide who is my neighbour and who isn't," explaining that being a neighbour entails adopting the same attitude as the Samaritan toward the people we meet who need help, "even if they are a stranger, or even hostile." The Pope then pointed to how Jesus tells his disciples to "go, and also you do the same." Jesus, he said, repeats the same commandment to each one of us: "go and do the same, be a neighbour to the brother and sister you see in difficulty," whether they are a stranger, a migrant, elderly, or sick.

Let us pray to Mary, as Pope Francis says, that she will help us to walk along the path of the Good Samaritan, which is the path "of generous love towards others." "May she help us to live the principal commandment that Christ left us. This is the road to enter into eternal life."



In Memory Of

William Foster



We would like to extend our deepest sympathies to Patricia Foster and family, on the passing of her beloved husband, **William (Bill) Foster**, on Tuesday, June 28, 2022.

*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.*

The Double Rainbow



Images of rainbows over London and Windsor castle seemed to dominate the news, as the sad news of the Queen's passing was announced. These rainbows provided glimpses of respite from rainy weather, and served as a reminder that in the midst of our suffering we can be profoundly comforted by a loving God who promises to draw close, and bring overwhelming hope even in our darkest moments.

God offers the rainbow to Noah as a sign of His oath. It is a reminder of God's faithfulness to His promises, a sign of hope, a wonder-inducing sight of awe. The rainbow is meant to inspire us, to push us past the humdrum of everyday life to remember how amazing it is that God created us in the first place; that He allows us to inhabit His creation, that He preserves us from day to day, and even offers us His friendship. The rainbow should prompt our hearts to praise the God who gave it to us, as Sirach encourages us:

***Look upon the rainbow, and praise him who made it,
exceedingly beautiful in its brightness.
It encircles the heaven with its glorious arc;
the hands of the Most High have stretched it out.
(Sir 43:11-12)***

On Thursday 8th September, 2022, Queen Elizabeth II, Britain's longest-reigning monarch, died at the age of 96.

I was heartbroken when I heard the news of her passing. The loss of the Queen somehow feels very personal to most of us. Even if we never had the privilege of meeting her, we all have memories of her, and many of us will feel a profound sense of personal sadness as we mourn her death...and others will not.

The Bible tells us that ***there is a time to weep (Ecclesiastes 3:4)***, and I know there will be many of us doing just that over the next few weeks. When someone we love dies, we often find ourselves questioning the existence and character of a God who would allow this to happen. ***The Queen herself was no stranger to sorrow, but she took great hope from the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.*** In the final words of what was to be her last Christmas broadcast in 2021, ***Queen Elizabeth told the country that Jesus was the "bedrock of her faith". So, it is to him that we turn to try and make sense of our collective grief.***

'Hail Mary' *What Does It Mean For You?*



October 7th is the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. It was instituted to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church, in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful. **Our Mother Mary has asked us to pray the rosary every day...EVERY DAY!**

It is not a coincidence that the Miracle of the Sun happened in the month of October. When the Blessed Virgin enters into the life of a soul, she causes a radiant springtime to blossom there. She chases away gloomy clouds of sadness, doubt, and discouragement. Hearts that give themselves sincerely to her are flooded with clarity, peace, and happiness. If you sincerely desire to transform your life and practice easily those virtues God asks of you, go to Mary. There is no more a direct route to Our Lord. It is Mary who gives Jesus to the world. Our Lord is not merely content with coming into the world in Bethlehem. He desires to be born in each of our souls. He wishes to grow and take form in our deepest being. This happens when we advance in virtue. The mysterious birth and growth of Our Lord within us, is the work of the Virgin Mary. Our Lady bestows the graces the Saviour merited for us by His precious blood. No Catholic should have the slightest doubt about this. All favours

from heaven come to us through her hands. Such is the unanimous teaching of Catholic Tradition.

When your heart is discouraged by trials, throw yourself into the arms of our heavenly Mother. When you feel that you no longer have the strength to even murmur a simple Hail Mary, call out to her by her blessed name. At that very moment, she will cover you with her mantle, console and comfort you. Mother Mary is the life of our souls because she gives us Jesus, the Author of all life. She is our sweetness. She is not content merely with working efficaciously for our salvation; indeed she finds ways to make it easier. With the tenderness of a mother, she strews flowers on the difficult path of virtue we walk. The Mother of God is well aware that she is somewhat indebted to us for the immense privileges she has received. Mary sweetens our lives by interceding with Our Lord to ward off the pains and punishments we so often deserve. When trials arise in our lives, Mary obtains such an abundance of grace for all those who call upon her, that they do not feel the cross that weighs upon them. For hope and love, call upon Mother Mary. Remember the evil one can't even stand hearing the name Mary.

Be obedient to our Mother, and pray the Rosary. As Pope John Paul II was fond of saying, when we pray the Rosary we enter the "School of Mary". See with Mary's eyes. Feel with her heart. This is the interior reality of the Rosary. Rather than being a devotion that leads us away from Christ, it leads us closer to Him – much closer. For who was closer to Jesus than His mother? Who knew Him better? Who better to teach us about His life other than His Mother... Our Mother.

The Purpose of The Spirit Within Us

The Spirit of Truth

is the Holy Spirit

*He will **teach** you the truth,
will **enlighten** your minds with the knowledge of it,
will **strengthen** and **confirm** your belief of it,
and will **increase** your love to it.*

Our Lord has described the purpose of the Spirit's presence in us. Let us read His words:

"I have yet many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. It is to your advantage that I go away; if I go, I will send you the Advocate. And also: I will ask the Father and he will give you another Counselor to be with you for ever, the Spirit of truth. He will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine." John 16:7-15

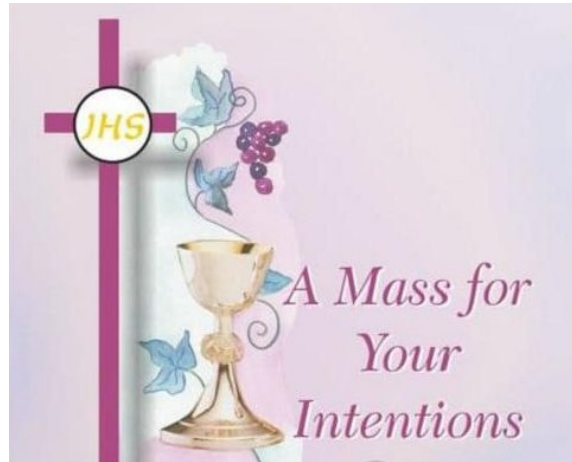
From among many of our Lord's sayings, these have been chosen to guide our understanding, for they reveal to us the intention of the Giver, the nature of the gift and the condition for its reception. Since our weak minds cannot comprehend the Father or the Son, ***we have been given the Holy Spirit as our intermediary and advocate, to shed light on that hard doctrine of our faith, the incarnation of God.***

We receive the Spirit of truth so that we can know the things of God. In order to grasp this, consider how useless the faculties of the human body would become if they were denied their exercise. Our eyes cannot fulfill their task without light, either natural or artificial; our ears cannot react without sound vibrations, and in the absence of any odor our nostrils are ignorant of their function. Not that these senses would lose their own nature if they were not used; rather, they demand objects of experience in order to function. ***It is the same with the human soul. Unless it absorbs the gift of the Spirit through faith, the mind has the ability to know God but lacks the light necessary for that knowledge.***

This unique gift which is in Christ is offered in its fullness to everyone. It is everywhere available, but it is given to each man in proportion to his readiness to receive it. Its presence is the fuller, the greater a man's desire to be worthy of it. ***This gift will remain with us until the end of the world, and will be our comfort in the time of waiting. By the favours it bestows, it is the pledge of our hope for the future, the light of our minds, and the splendor that irradiates our understanding.***

Sadly, many men and women live a life devoid of the power of the Holy Spirit. They live a life of lust and passion for what is unholy and profane. They do not care about their souls, but only the temporary pleasures of this world. This life of the flesh leads only to death and destruction in hell. ***In contrast, the life in the Spirit leads to forgiveness in Christ and eternal life in His presence. Those that believe in Christ Jesus are forgiven from all sin and judgment, and are made children of God in the power of the Spirit.***

Mass Intentions For Africa



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

For the past several 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. We have records of the masses that have been celebrated by different priests in Africa, and we continue to receive emails from them to acknowledge their receipts.

This year between Thursday, October 6th, and Thursday, December 8th, we will be collecting mass intentions for priests in Africa. You may give your intentions and stipend personally to Father Patrick, if he is present on the Thursday evening, otherwise, you may give your envelope to Gerard Frappier. You may also contact Adele Donnelly for drop off, or for more clarification at ckprayergroup@bell.net

Remain blessing, and remain in union of prayers.

Fr Patrick Okenyi, sma

Spiritual Director of the Prayer Group



How Children See God

If you ask an adult for basic thoughts about God, you may find yourself either mired in a complicated philosophical discussion, or greeted with a shrug and an uncomfortable glance, quickly shifting to a new topic of conversation.

But ask a child to describe God and you will have a very different experience. Children think in concrete, not abstract, ways about everything in their lives. So a God they have heard about but cannot see is a topic they can show great and imaginative interest in.

"I love the uncensored minds of children," says Monica Parker, author. "They naturally respond to questions, without concern as to what anyone thinks. Therefore, their answers are pure — sometimes sad, often funny, and even more often insightful."

Gathered here are quotes that capture the innocent observations of young souls. Here are some choice findings, which range from the whimsical, to the scientific, to the downright theological:

"I think that if God sleeps, He sleeps in heaven above all people. But I don't think that God sleeps because He helps people during the nighttime when they get into car accidents and stuff." Dillon, 9

"I wish God had a phone so that I could talk to him, 'cause I don't know if he hears me when I'm praying." Eve, 8

"Driving from the Hong Kong airport to our hotel years ago, my then 4-year-old, Maia, saw a billboard with a picture of the Dalai Lama. She said, 'We don't vote for Buddha, we vote for God.'" —Leah, 5

"God doesn't have a house. He doesn't need one except on Sundays 'cause that's the day he likes to rest," said Ethan, age 8.

"I call God when I need help with things, but not my homework because my mom says I have to do that by myself," Jackson, 7.

Finally, my own 5-year-old son, Ben, recently had questions about whether we can see God. When we asked our priest about it, he replied that he believes he sees God when he looks into the eyes of other people. During a recent visit, our close friends' 3-year-old came up to me after speaking with Ben. She put her hands on my cheeks, looked deeply into my eyes and said, "I see God in you."



I would so very much like to think so;
and on that note....have a good night!

**We now have a basket for prayer intentions on the Poor Table
at the prayer meeting, for those wishing to submit a prayer request.
At the end of Mass, they will be placed in the Chapel for continued prayers.**



Heavenly Father, on Thanksgiving Day, we bow our hearts to You and pray. We give You thanks for all You've done, especially for the gift of Jesus, Your Son. For beauty in nature, Your glory we see, for joy and health, friends, and family. For daily provision, Your mercy and care, these are the blessings You graciously share. So today we offer this response of praise, with a promise to follow You all of our days.

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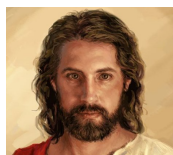
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