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From the Spiritual Director's Desk



God is Good...

Fr. Patrick Okenyi, sma

I welcome you to another New Year, 2023. We bless the Lord for granting us the opportunity to see this new year.

The start of a new year is an ideal time to reflect on the past, take account of our Christian walk, and consider the direction in which God wants to lead us in the coming days, weeks and months.

We, in this Prayer Group, have already asked God, through prayers, for His direction. It is through His consequent Divine guidance and inspiration that we have come up with the "theme" for the Year 2023 which I hereby present to you.

The Year 2023 shall be tagged
"Our Year of "Come and See".

After the devastation brought about by COVID-19, not just on our economy, but also on our daily routines, intra-personal relationships and, most importantly, our relationship with the church and God, it is my humble opinion that this is the time to begin to purposefully, warmly and assuredly invite those who seem still far from resuming their active and physical engagement in church activities to "Come and See!"

"Come and See" the evidence of what the Lord did during COVID.

"Come and See" what the Lord has done post-COVID.

"Come and See" what the Lord is still doing!

"Come and See" where the Lord resides!

"Come and See" in order to retrace your steps and continue with the rest of the brethren on the journey to the glorious destination to which the Lord is taking us.

Remember, those were the words of Jesus in the Gospel of John 1:38-40 to the disciples of John the Baptist who asked Jesus, "Master, where do you live?"

My beloved, this simple response of Jesus can become for us our invitation to those who don't attend church, and to those who stopped coming to church!

2023, "Our Year of "Come and See!"

Have a Glorious Year 2023 and stay blessed!

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THE ELEPHANT STORY

This is a true story that happened in 2012

His name is Lawrence Anthony.

Larry worked in South Africa for many, many years. Over his life time he wrote 3 books, all best sellers called "The Elephant Whisperer."

He rescued wildlife and rehabilitated elephants. Over all the years he came to know the elephants and even had names for them all. He loved all the animals but especially the elephants. He worked with them and could mingle within their droves freely never being afraid of them. They never harmed him.

On March 7th, 2012 Lawrence Anthony died. Two days after his passing, the wild elephants showed up at his home, led by two large matriarchs. Separate other wild herds arrived in droves to say goodbye to their beloved man-friend.

A total of 31 elephants had patiently walked over 112 miles to get to his South African House. Walking slowly, for days, making their way in a solemn one-by one queue from their habitat to his house.

Larry's wife was especially touched, knowing that the elephants had not been to his house before. How did they know that Larry had died? How did they know where his house was?

But yet they knew where they were going. The elephants wanted to pay their deepest respect, honouring their friend, who saved their lives – so much respect that they stayed for 2 days and 2 nights without eating anything. Then they left in the morning of the third day making their journey back home.

Witnessing this spectacle, the people were in awe not only of the supreme intelligence and precise timing that these elephants sensed of Larry's death but of their profound memory and emotion the elephants evoked in such an organized way.

The elephants knew – and some will say there is no God, but try and tell that to the elephants.

We certainly wish we could have a memory like the elephants.

THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS FOR 2023 JANUARY

For Educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.



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Something To Think About

On Thursday, November 24th, Father Ken Gauthier was celebrant and homilist at our prayer meeting. In conclusion, he made the following statement: "The world is in trouble because of climate change, but that is not true. The world is in trouble because of SIN in the world." In listening to the news, we realize that the statement Father made is so true for so many of the people in the world today do not know what sin is; so, they revert back to climate change as the culprit.

The Adoration Chapel

Did you know – "Jesus Christ is the pilot of our soul." Peace of mind when you have a great pilot. Correct? Correct.

This is one of many reasons why we opened our Perpetual Adoration Chapel of 24/7 away back on November 1st, 1990. Hundreds of people made a commitment to spend at least one hour per week with Our Lord in The Chapel.

On March 5th 2020, very sadly, we had to close the chapel because of covid-19. On August 1st, 2022, our Chapel opened once again 24/7.

The format is new. You are free to come and go at any time you wish, day or night, no commitment other than the fact you want to spend time with Our Lord.

The side door (ramp side) to the church is open during office hours. If you come at any other time you need a special code to enter the church and our Adoration Chapel.

Now is the time to make a commitment to The Lord that you will spend time with Him as often as you can, at least once a week. Ask for the code to enter the church.

Come and spend some time with Our Lord. Come often, every day if you wish, even if it is only for a few minutes at a time. The Lord is always ready to greet you.

Now that you are going to spend time with Our Lord, please ask a three year old to draw you a picture of what God looks like, because they are sure they know!

The Temperance River

A preacher was completing a temperance homily. With great expression he said,

"If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and thrown it in the river."

With even greater emphasis he said,

"If I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and thrown it in the river."

And finally he said,

"If I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and thrown it in the river."

He sat down.

The song leader then stood very cautiously and announced with a smile.

"For the closing song, let us sing Hymn #365.

"Shall we gather at the River."

THE BIBLE

The Book of EPHESIANS is one of our favourite books.

Let us show you why that is so. It starts with the title: God's Plan of Salvation: It begins at line 3: Blessed be God The Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, He chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in His Presence.

He has let us know the mystery of His Purpose. He has told us about The Father in lines 3-6. The Son in lines 7-12, and The Holy Spirit in lines 13-14.

He continues in line 17, it reads: May the God of Our Lord Jesus Christ, The Father of Glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of Him. May He enlighten the eyes of your mind, so that you can see what hope His Call holds for you, what rich glories He has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that He has exercised for us believers.

You could stop here and meditate for quite some time, or retrieve your bible and mark the words that jump out at you. It is just so powerful. But, this is only the start. It gets better as we progress.

Let us now go to 3:13. It states: I beg you, never lose confidence just because of the trials that I go through on your account. They are for your glory.

Saint Paul is talking about the crosses, trials that he is going through. Did you ever hear Paul complain? NO. What Paul did was thank Our Lord for all His crosses as blessings not curses. Paul knew that only through crosses, do we learn the profound love Our Lord has for us. Crosses in thanksgiving, help us to grow in holiness. Always pray in thanksgiving to The Lord for the crosses you have been given. Amen. Amen.

We now come to Paul's prayer. It is written in its entirety on the next page. There is just one line that you should memorize. It is this: "Glory be to Him whose Power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine." If you stop here and ponder just this sentence, you will be amazed at what will happen. Let us move on.

Paul states: "Please lead a life worthy of your vocation. Do all you can to preserve the unity of The Spirit by the peace that binds you together." In this way we are all to come to unity in our faith and in our knowledge of The Son of God, until we become perfect, fully mature with the fullness of Christ Himself. This, then, is what our "Mission Statement" follows. We have written it out in full on the next page. Ponder it!

When you want a new life in Christ, you must give up your old ways of life; you must put aside your old self. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's Way, in the goodness and holiness of The Truth.

Paul's Prayer

Out of His infinite glory,
 may He give you the power through
 His Spirit for your hidden self to grow strong,
 so that Christ may live in your hearts through faith,
 and then, planted in love and built in love, you will, with all
 the saints have strength to grasp the breadth and the length,
 the height and the depth; until knowing the Love of Christ, which is
 beyond all knowledge, you are filled with the utter fullness of God.

Glory be to Him whose power, working in us, can do infinitely
 more than we can ask or imagine; glory be to Him from generation
 to generation in the church and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.

AMEN.

Ephesians 3:15-21

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

The Spiritual War

Grow strong in The Lord, with the strength of His power.
 Put God's armor on so as to be able to resist the devil's tactics.

Stand your ground, with truth buckled around your waist
 and integrity for a breastplate, wearing for shoes on your feet
 the eagerness to spread the gospel of peace, and always carrying
 the shield of faith so that you can use it to put out the burning arrows
 of the evil one.

And then you must accept salvation from God to be your helmet and
 receive the Word of God from The Spirit to use as a sword.

Pray all the time, asking for what you need,
 praying in The Spirit on every
 possible occasion.

Ephesians 6:14-18

May God The Father and The Lord, Jesus Christ grant peace, love and faith to all of us.
 May grace and eternal life be with all who love Our Lord Jesus Christ! Amen. Amen.

COMING EVENTS

2023



Our Year of Come and See
the little servants of Christ The King prayer community

FEBRUARY 11th, 2023

HEALING MASS

Celebrant and Homilist Bishop Thomas Dowd
Schedule for the Morning

8:45 a.m. Confessions Begin	9:30 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer	10:30 a.m. Celebration of Eucharist
11:45 a.m. Coffee & Treats	

The Sacrament of the sick will be administered by our Bishop and the many priests present.

FEBRUARY 25th, 2023

LENTEN MISSION

Schedule for the Morning

7:30 a.m. Confessions Begin	8:00 a.m. Rosary
8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer	9:15 a.m. Father Patrick - Talk
10:15 a.m. Break	10:45 a.m. Celebration of Eucharist
11:45 a.m. Conclusion	Saturday Liturgy

March 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th more dates for the FIVE WEEK MISSION

There are four reasons why we start so early.

1. Father Patrick's parish is in Elliot Lake – if he has a funeral on one of the days of the Lenten Mission he has to be back in Elliot Lake by 12:45 p.m.
2. If there is a funeral at Our Lady Of Hope Parish on any one of the five mornings Father Chad has agreed to have the funeral at 1:00 p.m.
3. When your routine is broken by something new, you will remember it better and receive more graces for your effort.
4. The state of our world, possible our area and could even be our family and friends who are in need of your prayers, then when you sacrifice – blessings abound!

Come and make the effort to begin on time. Thank You!

CANCER MINISTRY

We would like to speak to you about this very important ministry within our prayer community. It began in the fall of 1998 when two exceptional members were diagnosed with cancer in the same week. Our spiritual director at the time made the suggestion that a new ministry be formed to pray for all who have cancer.

This was the beginning of this new ministry. They agreed to meet, that is, five members of our prayer community agreed to come together and pray in a special way before our prayer meeting began each Thursday evening and to continue to pray in a special way each day at home.

Soon hundreds of names were submitted to us for prayer for people who have or had cancer. Currently there are over 8,000 names on the list, who we pray for daily. Names have been given to us from all over the world. Once a name has been given to us, it is never removed. Even if they pass away, which sometimes we do not know, they are still prayed for daily.

When our Adoration Chapel opened in 1990 and this ministry didn't start until 1998, they gradually moved into the Chapel from 5:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. to pray for the people who were on the list before The Lord. Sometimes on a Thursday evening, so many would come to pray, that extra chairs had to be added.

Also, the list of names was placed on the Altar for Mass which we celebrate each Thursday evening. Prayer works! There is no doubt about it. We have received many witnesses and notes from people who had cancer which has gone into remission.

We are in the process of beginning this ministry in our Adoration Chapel each Thursday evening from 5:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. This note is to inform you that a date will be made available soon for you to join this cancer ministry, not only in daily prayer but also in the Adoration Chapel each Thursday evening.

If you know of anyone who has had cancer, whether deceased or alive, please send us their names so they can be prayed for daily. Covid-19 has put so much on hold, but, we are determined to begin this ministry A.S.A.P. Please pray for this powerful ministry.

THE SIMPLICITY OF PRAYER

Prayer is so simple. It is like quietly opening the door and slipping into the very presence of God. There is silence to listen to His Voice, perhaps to petition or only to listen. It matters not. Just to be there in His Presence is prayer. Our Adoration Chapel is this quiet, silent place where there is just you and God.

WOW! !

In Memory Of



Patricia Audrey Godfrey (née Cooper)

We would like to extend our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of **Patricia Godfrey**, a long time member of our prayer group, who passed away on Monday, November 14th, 2022.



Gérald "Gerry" Bertrand

We would like to extend our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of **Gérald "Gerry" Bertrand**, a long time member of our prayer group, who passed away on Saturday, December 3rd, 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.
Amen.*

“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



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