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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

17 May 2020

Let us pray . . .

In thanksgiving for the appointment of Bishop Guy Desrochers, C.S.s.R as the ninth Bishop of Pembroke.

For Canada that we may be blessed and strengthened by the intercession of the Blessed Mother.

For those who have died and left this transitory life . . . especially for the repose souls of the Covid-19 victims, Venerable Commadore (Ret'd) Timothy Alexander Maindonald, Barry Crawford, husband of Denise (nee Conway), Harry Searson, Tony Dombroskie, Father of Earl Dombroskie and Catherine Recoskie.
Requiescant in Pace!

We fly to they protection, O holy Mother of God.
Do not despise our petitions in our necessities,
But deliver us always from all dangers,
O glorious and blessed Virgin.

This prayer, also known in Latin as 'Sub Tuum Praesidium', is the most ancient known prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary, in the Church. It is found on an Egyptian papyrus from the 3rd century. It is used as a Night Prayer, and is a prayer on the lips of many, over the generations.

(ALL CANCELLED) PUBLIC MASSES & MEETINGS

Masses celebrated by Fr. Patrick Dobec

Margaret Carey by Maxine Smaglinski

Wilfred Stoppa by Kenny & Kara Yandernoll

John Landon by Janet O'Connor

Al Smaglinski by Mr. & Mrs. Edward Stoppa

Edward Dombroskie by Sylvester & Rosemarie Brotton
Trebinskie

Matthew Biskup by Mr. & Mrs. Ernie

Every Sunday for the Intentions of all the People – Missa Pro Populo

The Advocate that Jesus promises his disciples in today's Gospel is the grace and wisdom to take on the "monsters in our closets": self-centeredness, bigotry, violence, avarice. The Advocate is the Spirit of God that brings us together as a Church, the people of God, to take on those monsters, helping us to see that together, following the example of Jesus, we can transform those monsters of hate into opportunities for hope. The Risen Christ's promise of the Advocate is a mixed blessing: God's Spirit can be "scary," threatening our lives and lifestyles, confronting us with our irresponsibility and culpability – but that Spirit opens our hearts and consciences to hear the voice of God in the noise and tumult around us, enabling God's presence transform our "monsters" into the justice, forgiveness and peace of the Easter promise.

THE MOST REVEREND GUY DESROCHERS, C.S.S.R. Bishop—designated of Pembroke Diocese, see one of our new bishop's recently uploaded reflections at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bPRCIFErK5I>

The biography of our new Bishop and the meaning of his Coat of Arms and Motto: Praedica Verbum/Proclaim the Word: <https://cathicottow.ca/vicar-general>

An article about his mother's prayers and his conversion:

<https://www.catholicregister.org/features/featureseries/item/28774-mothe-s-prayers-take-fruit-in-new-auxiliary-bishop-s-life-conversion>

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The Month of Our Blessed Mother, "May."

Perhaps you might consider placing an image or statue of Our Lady in a place of prominence (May Altar) and praying the Rosary. Pope Francis has called all Catholics to recite the Rosary each day during the month of May.

PRAYER FOR A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

MY JESUS, I believe that You are present In the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, And I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

ALL INTERMENTS taking place in our Parish Cemeteries will be done in the presence of a Roman Catholic priest, or if delegated, a deacon according to the rites of the Roman Catholic Church. Interments led by clergy of other denominations may take place only with the explicit permission of the pastor.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES: Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College is seeking to fill three positions.

ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR: Full time position is 37.5 hours per week, and reports to the President. Start date is July 1, 2020.

ACADEMIC DEAN: Full time Academic dean with teaching responsibilities. Ph. D. And administrative experience are required. It is preferable that the candidate be capable of assuming teaching responsibilities in one of the disciplines of the Liberal Arts, with special preference given to: Theology, Literature, Classical Languages, Modern Languages, or Social Sciences. Current rank of Associate Professor preferred. Start date is July 1, 2020 (negotiable).

DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT: As a key member of SWC's management, the Director of Development embraces the mission of SWC, and effectively promotes and communicates its identity, vision and strategic plan; and is responsible for Administration of the Development Office. Fundraising, Marketing, Communications and Public Relations. Start date is July 1, 2020 (Negotiable).

For more information on any of these positions visit: www.seatofwisdom.ca/about/employment-opprtunties

Sunday Collection Options

1. Leave at the Parish Office in the mail box at the front door of rectory.
2. Mail envelope to the Parish - St. Lawrence O'Toole Parish - Box 118, Barry's Bay, ON KoJ 1Bo
3. E-transfer – stlawrenceotoole@hotmail.com emailing separately security question.

Registered Households 176
Last Sunday's Offering \$2836.00

**38 Household Envelopes &
4 E-transfers: \$1536.00**

Share Lent: \$50.00
Easter Offering: \$50.00

Donation: \$1200.00
Building Fund: \$20.00

Your kind remembrance of our Parish in your donations helps us to meet our ongoing expenses. Thank you to all who continue to generously support our Parish Community. May God Bless You.

TEN WAYS TO PROMOTE VOCATIONS

For All Catholics:

1. *Pray for an increase in vocations* to the priesthood and consecrated life. Jesus says in Matthew 9:38 “to beg the master of the harvest to send laborers into the vineyard.” If we want more priests, sisters and brothers, we all need to ask.
2. *Teach young people how to pray.* Pope Benedict XVI said that unless we teach our youth how to pray, they will never hear God calling them into a deeper relationship with Him and into the discipleship of the Church.
3. *Invite active young adults and teens to consider a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life.* A simple sincere comment should not be underestimated. An easy way to do this can be remembered by four letters ICNU. “John, I see in you (ICNU) the qualities that would make a good priest, and I want to encourage you to pray about it.” It is a non-invasive way to encourage openness to a religious vocation.
4. *Make it attractive.* Show the priesthood for what it truly is – a call to be a spiritual father to the whole family of faith. Similarly, the consecrated life for a young woman is a call to be united to Christ in a unique way, and to be a spiritual mother to those she encounters in her life and service. The challenge for priests and religious is to be joyful models of their vocations.
5. *Preach it, brother!* Vocations must be talked about regularly if a “vocation culture” is to take root in parishes and homes. This means, first and foremost, the people need to hear about vocations from priests through homilies,, prayers of the faithful, and discussions in the classroom. Vocations kept out of sight are out of mind.

For Those Considering A Vocation:

6. *Practice the faith.* We all need to be reminded that the whole point of our lives is to grow in a deep, intimate and loving relationship with God. This is the first step for any young person desiring to discern any call in life.
7. *Enter into the Silence.* Silence is key to sanity and wholeness. We can only “hear” the voice of God if we are quiet. Take out the ear buds of your iPhone, iPod, and iTunes and listen to God, the great I AM. Young people should try to spend 15 minutes of quiet prayer each day – this is where you can begin to receive clear directions in your lives.
8. *Be a good disciple.* Some bishops say, “We do not have a vocation crisis; we have a discipleship crisis.” Young people can become true followers of Jesus Christ by serving those around them. By discovering your call to discipleship, you also discover your particular call within the Church.
9. *Ask God.* Ask God what He wants for your life and know He only wants what is good for you. If, in fact, you are called to the priesthood or consecrated life, it will be the path to great joy and contentment.
10. *In the immortal words of a famous sneaker manufacturer: “Just do it!”* If you feel that God is inviting you to “try it out,” apply to the seminary or religious order. Remember, the seminary or convent is a place of discernment. You will not be ordained or asked to profess vows for many years, providing ample opportunity to explore the possibility of a call to priesthood or religious life.

VICTORIADAY: The birthday (May 24, 1819) of Queen Victoria (+1901) has been celebrated as a holiday in Canada West (now Ontario) since 1845, it became a National Holiday in 1901 and in 1952 was established on the Monday preceding May 25th. We pray for our beloved Country today!