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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

3 May 2020

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS – The Fourth Sunday of Easter, Christians are invited to reflect on the meaning of God's call and to pray for vocations. Christ, the Good Shepherd, continues to lead his people through His Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and calls many to follow Him in this way. Priestly, diaconal, and religious vocations should be a constant concern in the hearts of God's people.

Let us pray . . .

For the Pope's Prayer Intention . . . we pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church

For all health care workers and support staff . . . that they be blessed with stamina, wisdom and good health as they respond to the overwhelming needs of those who are ill.

For those experiencing anxiety . . . that the peace of the Risen Christ may console the worried hearts of many.

For those who have died and left this transitory life . . . especially for the repose souls of the Covid-19 victims and Bruce Spencer, brother-in-law of Maureen Kiedroski.
Requiescant in Pace!

(ALL CANCELLED) PUBLIC MASSES & MEETINGS

Masses celebrated by Fr. Patrick Dobec

Pam Alleck by Peter Alleck and Margaret Peplinskie

Gilles Doth by the Kelly Family

Conrad Etmanskie by Jerry and Diane Green

Kevin Ranger by the Dwyer Family

Sylvester, Arnold and Gary Yeretch by Caroline Yeretch

Bill Green by Jason Hudder

Dowdall Murray by Harry Searson

Scott Jeffrey by Helen and Ben Burchat

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

AN ACT OF PERFECT CONTRITION is pray an *act of contrition out of love for God*. Being sorry out of love for God expresses the desire to be reunited to God because of his goodness we know we should love above all things and because of his perfect love for us revealed in Jesus Christ. It means wanting to live in communion with God and to put aside the sins that stand in the way. In the case of serious sins, we do acknowledge the need for the ordinary healing of the Sacrament of Reconciliation when it is again readily available. There is no set formula for making an act of contrition, but a common one reads as follows:

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against You, whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with Your help, to do penance, to sin no more, And to avoid whatever leads me to sin.

CANCELLATIONS: Due to the pandemic, the Cormac pilgrimage to St. Anne has been cancelled for this year. Taking into consideration the recommended safety measures of the world health authorities concerning the current pandemic and the safety of the participants and faithful, the Holy See decided to postpone the following three international events:

1. The 52nd International Eucharistic Congress, which would have taken place in September 2020, has been postponed to September 2021.
2. The World Meeting of Families, which would have taken place in June 2021, has been postponed to June 2022.
3. The World Youth day, which would have taken place in Lisbon in 2022, has been postponed to August 2023.

DIOCESAN NEWSPAPER: The April issue of the Ecclesia is available online on the diocesan website, www.pembrokedioocese.com, under "News and Events" Once the churches are reopened, the issue will be updated, printed and distributed as usual.

THE APOSTOLIC NUNCIO TO CANADA has informed us that the date for the COLLECTION FOR THE PASTORAL WORKS OF THE HOLY FATHER (Peter's Pence Collection) has been postponed until the fall.

In view of the current situation of the COVID-19 pandemic and the closure of churches to general public, the Holy See has decided to postpone the prescribed annual collection for the 2020 Pope's Pastoral Works (Peter's Pence Collection) from the traditional date held generally on the sixth Sunday of Easter (the year 17 May 2020) to the new date of 4 October 2020, Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi.

POPE FRANCIS is inviting all Catholics to pray the Rosary in our homes each day during May. Please see the letter of the Holy Father below. On Friday, May 1st, the Bishops of Canada and the United States will consecrate our countries to the protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary during this time of pandemic.

LETTER OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS
to the Faithful for the Month of May 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The month of May is approaching, a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home within the family. The restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this "family" aspect, also from a spiritual point of view.

For this reason, I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. This can be done either as a group or individually; you can decide according to your own situations, making the most of both opportunities. The key to doing this is always simplicity, and it is easy also on the internet to find good models of prayers to follow.

I am also providing two prayers to Our Lady that you can recite at the end of the Rosary, and that I myself will pray in the month of May, in spiritual union with all of you. I include them with this letter so that they are available to everyone. (Back Page of Bulletin)

Dear brothers and sisters, contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial. I keep all of you in my prayers, especially those suffering most greatly, and I ask you, please, to pray for me. I thank you, and with great affection I send you my blessing.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 25 April 2020

Feast of Saint Mark the Evangelist

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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 K0J 1B0
3. E-transfer – stlawrenceotoole@hotmail.com emailing separately security question.

Registered Households 176
Last Sunday's Offering \$2482.00

**55 Household Envelopes &
4 E-transfers: \$1543.00**
Easter Flowers: \$321.00

2 Visitors Envelope: \$200.00
Building Fund: \$20.00
Donation: \$50.00

Easter Sunday to date: \$1639.00
Share Lent to date: \$2284.00

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.

FIRST PRAYER

O Mary, You shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the foot of the cross, Were united with Jesus' suffering, and persevered in your faith. "Protectress of the Roman people", you know our needs, and we know that you will provide, So that, as at Cana in Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us. For he took upon himself our suffering, and burdened himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God; Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from every danger, O glorious and Blessed Virgin.

SECOND PRAYER

"We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God".

In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your Divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.

Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health.

Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.

Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus.

Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.

Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.

Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.

To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.