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Monday, Wednesday - Friday – 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

PASTOR

Rev. Patrick M. Dobec, P.P.

SUNDAY MASS

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASS

See Bulletin

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday 3:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. - Sacristy

Weekdays – Before weekday Masses in Sacristy

or by appointment

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

22 AUGUST 2021

Let us pray . . .

Saint Joseph, Pray for Us

For Dr. Paul David Joseph Aikenhead whom we welcomed last Sunday as one of us at the Reception of a baptized Christian into the full communion of the Catholic Church that he will persevere faithfully in the choice he has made.

For Leo-Paul Joseph Bernard Pigeon who celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism last Sunday that this wondrous gift will continue to grow in his life.

For those who have died and left this transitory life . . . especially for the repose of the souls of Reverend Fr. Michael Anthony Newhouse, Isadore Yantha father of Darlene (Pecarski) Bresnahan and all Pandemic Victims.

Requiescant in Pace!

MATTHEW 8: 1 – 4

Friends, in the Gospel, we see Jesus healing a leper. The man who knelt before Jesus and begged for a cure was not simply concerned about his medical condition; he was an Israelite in exile from the temple – and hence he was a very apt symbol of the general condition of scattered, exiled, wandering Israel. In curing him, Jesus was, symbolically speaking, gathering the tribes and bringing them back to the worship of the true God.

That's why he tells the man, "Go show yourself to the priest." In other words, go back to the Temple from which you've been away for so long. The leper here stands, not so much for the socially ostracized, but for the one who has wandered away from right worship, the one who is no longer able or willing to worship the true God.

What's so important about Public worship? To worship is to order the whole of your life toward the living God, and, in doing so, to become interiorly and exteriorly rightly ordered. To attend Sunday Mass is to signal to yourself what your life is finally about. It's nothing that God needs, but it is very much something that we need.

Nothing replaces our physical attendance at Holy Mass.

Knight of Columbus Announcement

Our council is hosting an exemplification on August 28th after the 5:00 p.m. mass at St. Hedwig. Exemplification is for gentlemen who wish to become Knights, and those Knights still to make their Third Degree. There is just one ceremony to receive full Knighthood, and family are now permitted to attend (it's no longer a secret). Please contact John Artymko at kofc6894@gmail.com or 613-585-0568 (text or leave a message) to register or receive additional information.

Registered Households 184
Last Sunday Offering \$2307.00

66 Household Envelopes & 2 E-transfers: \$1794.00
Building Fund: \$120.00

Loose: \$93.00 Visitors: \$90.00
Northern Missions: \$210.00

Thank you.

Psalm 116:12 - What shall I return to the LORD for all his goodness to me?

Prayer for All Affected By Addiction

Lord Jesus, bestow upon us Your compassion, wisdom, understanding, and healing as we strive to overcome the heinous powers of addiction.

We pray that those who have lost their battle with addiction rest in peace with You in Paradise, particularly (name); and that their families and those who have loved them continue to heal from their loss.

We pray that those currently battling addiction, particularly (name), find the help they need to conquer their dependence on opioids, other drugs, alcohol and all addictive vices; and that their families and friends continue to support them, especially in dire times when they may not always understand the depth of their loved one's despair.

We pray that the prayers of family and friends seeking answers to the complexity of addiction be answered, and that they persevere in their faith during the daily battle that victims of addiction face.

We pray that first responders, health care professionals, and all others dealing with the plight of addiction work under your guiding light and not lose their passion to save our brothers and sisters.

We pray that we, as a loving community in Christ, grow to understand the challenges of those influenced by the scourge of addiction; and that we remain supportive of them not only in our actions but also in our prayers for their physical and spiritual recovery.

O Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we pray for Your divine intervention in the battle against all forms of addiction, especially those driven by the powerful influence of opioids. Amen.

Online Access to Courses at Seat of Wisdom College for Fall 2021:

We are pleased to announce that again during the 2021-2022 academic Year, many courses at Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College will be available not only in the classroom, but also via online access, either for audit or credit. This is an exciting opportunity for those who are unable to join us on-campus. Classes begin September 7th.

Our first-year program is being made available online for the coming year, so this is a unique opportunity to attend some of our most popular courses, such as Christian Doctrine or History of Western Civilization. Some upper-year courses are also being made available.

You can find more information, including a full list of available courses for the Fall semester, here:

<https://www.seatofwisdom.ca/online-access-to-courses-at-seat-of-wisdom-college-for-fall-2021>

Professors passionate about bringing their faith into dialogue with their academic field teach these courses from a Catholic perspective, in accordance with the Magisterium.

Our increased online accessibility has attracted students from countries as far away as China and Chile. We are excited to have greater diversity amongst our virtual student body at Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College.