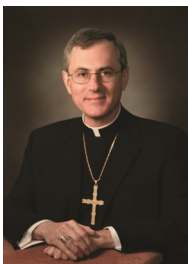


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March 8, 2020



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- ◇ Produce not requiring refrigeration: carrots, potatoes, apples, sweet potatoes and onions
- ◇ Dried beans and legumes: pasta and rice
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26 February 2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

*Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and fill the hearts of your people
with an ardent desire to follow Jesus, to be his missionary disciples (Year of Prayer)*

On Pentecost Sunday 2019, we began a Year of Prayer for our entire diocese which will conclude at our celebration of Pentecost on 31 May 2020. I asked that together we take this year to pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit that we might have “an ardent desire to follow Jesus, to be his missionary disciples”.

Over the past few months, it has been gratifying for me, as your bishop, to see many signs of new life and hope, as our parishes take to heart this call for renewal. I met a woman who completed Alpha in her parish. She spoke to me of the excitement she now has about her faith. A man, who is going to be a sponsor of one of the candidates for confirmation, told me about the program his parish just introduced. He is eager to participate in the program because it has renewed him in the faith he has practised since childhood. Bishop Dabrowski and I had a meal with the facilitators of the “Moments of Encounter” which were offered in many of our Families of Parishes. They spoke to us of the positive response to these retreat days. People wanted to gather to pray and reflect on their faith. They witnessed a real hunger among our people to grow in their faith.

I am very encouraged by these testimonies. They are, I believe, fruits of our Year of Prayer.

As we move through this Year of Prayer, I want to draw your attention to the seasons of Lent and Easter and the special opportunities they offer us.

During the Season of Lent, our parishes have missions and special devotions, such as Stations of the Cross and Eucharistic Adoration. Our ethnic communities have brought us rich traditions for the 40 days of Lent. These practices help us hear Jesus’ call to a conversion of heart: “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me” (Matthew 16:24). Make a special effort to link these practices to our Year of Prayer and the prayer of our diocese that we may have “an ardent desire to follow Jesus”.

During the Easter Season, we celebrate with great joy Jesus’ resurrection and the new life he bestows on us in Baptism. The Scripture readings for the Sunday and weekday Masses highlight the presence of the Holy Spirit working powerfully in the early disciples and are an inspiration for us as we seek to be disciples of Jesus in our everyday lives.

The Easter Season ends in May, the month we have traditionally called Mary’s month. Our parishes, schools and families make use of many Marian devotions. The Rosary, for example, helps us reflect with Mary on the great mysteries of our faith. Mary is the *first* disciple, our model of the true disciple of Jesus. In her Magnificat, Mary rejoices and proclaims the greatness of the Lord. Through Mary’s intercession, may we be missionary disciples who boldly proclaim the Gospel by our words and deeds, by speaking to others about our faith in Jesus, by inviting them to encounter Jesus in their lives, and by reaching out to the poor and marginalized in our communities.

Mary was perplexed by the words spoken to her by the angel, but she believed and gave her “yes” to God. As a diocese, we have embarked on a journey to answer Jesus’ call to us to be his missionary disciples. We do not know exactly what this call will mean and what it will demand of us. In this Year of Prayer, I believe we are being called to place our trust in God. May we be inspired by Mary’s example, and may the Holy Spirit fill us with joy and guide us on our journey.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Ronald P. Fabbro, C.S.B.
Bishop of London

Diocese of London: Being a mission-oriented Church that forms disciples of Jesus



From the Desk of the Rector

Health officials in London along with personnel from the diocese have been closely monitoring the Coronavirus situation. At this time there is no need to adjust liturgical practices or other activities in the parish. However, there are many practices we need to follow and make decisions about ourselves. If you are feeling ill, please, for your benefit and that of others, stay home and schedule an appointment with your doctor if symptoms persist. Seek medical care early if you have a fever, cough and difficulty breathing, and share your recent travel history with your healthcare provider. If you are uncomfortable sharing the Sign of Peace with a handshake, consider a bow or nod of the head, looking into your neighbour's eyes with the words "Peace be with you." If you feel uncomfortable receiving Communion from the Cup, do not. Wash your hands with soap and water often, for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands. Avoid close contact with people who are sick. Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the garbage. Cough into your elbow area. Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces. Of course, it goes without saying that, we are all praying for all those who are affected and those who care for them.

Dr. Ron Fox recently celebrated his 20th year as our organist at St. Peter's Cathedral. We are fortunate to have Ron as such a vital part of our parish music ministry. Later this year in April, he will be presenting an anniversary organ recital and we will celebrate this milestone on that occasion.

Fr. Jim Mockler

Veritas Lecture (March 19)

The final 2019-2020 Veritas lecture will take place at King's University College, London on Thursday, March 19th at 7:00 PM with "Resurrecting Church" by Shane Claiborne. Co-sponsored by the London District Catholic School Board. Parking and admission are free, goodwill donations are welcome. Facilities are wheelchair accessible. For more information, please visit www.kings.uwo.ca/campus-ministry/veritas-series.

Stations of the Cross



We will gather to pray the Way of the Cross at 12:45 PM every Friday during Lent. The celebration of Mass begins at 12:05 PM. Everyone is encouraged to join us after the Mass. We will meet inside the church.

CELEBRATION OF WEEKDAY LITURGY

Monday, March 9 - 12:05pm

Selena & Walter Harris; Anthony & Mary Pinto;
Tony Augustine

Tuesday, March 10 - 7:30am

George Coffey; Fr. Henry Cassano;
Daniel Charles Maloney

Wednesday, March 11 - 12:05pm

Kathleen Brunton; Cune Gunda Flores;
Deceased members of Carson & Munday Families

Thursday, March 12 - 7:30am

Raymond Crossey & Deceased members of the family;
For the Souls in Purgatory; In Thanksgiving

Friday, March 13 - 12:05pm

Bishop John Michael Sherlock; Helen Kasprzak;
Paula Lenardon

We remember in prayer all those who are sick, including Shari Houghton. We also pray for those who have died, including Marian Mendoza, mother of Karen Mendoza and wife of Joel Rueta; Guillermo Catalan, father of Fabian; Roland Beneteau, grandfather of Fr. Patrick Beneteau; Adrian Packard; and comfort for those who mourn.

We pray for those serving in pastoral ministry throughout our diocese:

Rev. Frederick Howard-Smith; Deacon Andre Dedecker;
Betty Hompoth, Pastoral Minister; Deacon Victor Salazar; Rev. Gerard Bedard; Rev. Joseph Kannath;
Alice Chinnick, Catechist

READINGS - SUNDAY MARCH 15, 2020

First Reading - Exodus 17.3-7

Give us water to drink.

Psalms - Ps 95.1-2, 6-7ab, 7c-9 (R.7c+8a)

R. O that today you would listen to the voice of the Lord.

Do not harden your hearts!

Second Reading - Romans 5.1-2, 5-8

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Gospel - John 4.5-42

The water that I will give will become a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.

OFFERTORY UPDATES: March 1, 2020

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