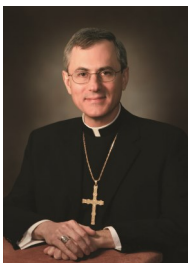


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Gestures of Love

“There is always the danger that when we hear a song too often that we become complacent and take it for granted. The same can happen with the readings and gospels we hear when we come to mass. Perhaps this is one of those gospels. We have heard it so often that no longer has any impact on us.

No one ever said the being a follower of Jesus was going to be easy! We are not only asked to have a relationship with God, we are also called and challenged to be aware of and concerned about those with whom we live and work. We are to love our friends and family as we love God and ourselves. We are reminded of this when we read in the bible, how can we love God whom we cannot see and not love our brother or sister whom we do see?

Being a Christian and a follower of Jesus is about relationships. Being a disciple of Jesus is about how I live my daily life in relation to others and God. It is not private thing between God and me. If I say I love God but do not take the time to be aware of and concerned about around those me, then something very important is missing. If I pray, but then ignore those around me at home or in work that need my help, what is the point of me praying? Praying is not about pleasing God or making myself feel better. Prayer is about me nurturing and nourishing my friendship with God. Then, having prayed and precisely because I have prayed, I am asked and called to turn my attention to those around me who need my help, support and love.

In Matthew's gospel, Jesus reminds that whatever we do for each other, we do for and to Jesus himself. Whatever we fail to do for each other, we fail to do for Jesus. The smallest gesture of love can often have the greatest of impacts.

It is often through very small seemingly unimportant deeds, actions and gestures of love that our love for others and our faith can be seen and made visible. One poet wrote that God is the bits and pieces of every day. We should never underestimate the power of a small gesture such as a smile, a hand on a shoulder or a kind word. These small acts of kindness are how in our daily lives how we love God and our brothers and sisters and ourselves with all our heart, mind and soul.

This week, may we be more aware that God is in the bits and pieces of our ordinary daily lives. May we love God with all our heart, soul and mind. May we love our neighbours as we love ourselves.”

*Gospel Reflection, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Michael Moore, OMI
<https://oblates.ie/gospel-reflection-30th-sunday-ordinary-time/>*

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IN REMEMBRANCE 2020

"For the past 15 years, the Amabile Boys & Men's Choirs have partnered with St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica to present a concert of Remembrance – to honour and remember the millions of military and support personnel who have given their lives so that we may live in freedom and peace.

Each year, about 800 audience members have joined the boys and men in remembering our lost loved ones, and each year we present a different story of service, bravery and sacrifice in song and story. For the 120 boys and men who participate in this concert each year, it is a treasured time of reflection and gratitude – their favourite and most anticipated concert of the season.

With the onset of the pandemic and the necessity to stay isolated, we worried that our annual tradition might have to be cancelled; however, with the assistance and support of many individuals, who were motivated to ensure that we shouldn't forget, we are pleased to bring you a new In Remembrance story from World War I.

This story recounts vignettes of Canada's participation in World War I through the eyes of a father and child. We will meet Major Henry Colbourne, a veterinarian from Winnipeg, who was conscripted at the age of 27 to care for the army's tens of

thousands of horses shipped overseas to war; and the orphan bear cub whom he adopted and named Winnipeg Bear, or Winnie for short.

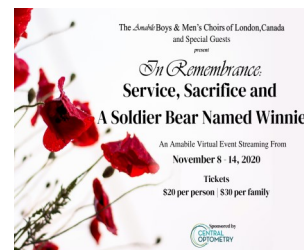
Through a powerful story narrated by guest actors; exceptional music by the boys and men of Amabile and guest artists; and the breathtaking videography of HOP Studios, this film recalls Canada's involvement in the Great War through the eyes of a father and son as they track the journey of our most famous black bear soldier — Winnipeg Bear — later to be immortalized as Winnie-the-Pooh."

Amabile Boys & Men's Choirs of London

A huge thank you to Carol Beynon, Co-artistic Director of the Amabile Boys & Men's Choirs of London, the choir conductors and accompanists, as well as the boys and men of the Amabile Family for undertaking this great project to continue to remember those who generously served and sacrificed their own lives that we may live in freedom.

For tickets, click [here](#).

(Check out the Early Bird pricing)



Knights of Columbus Beatification

Formed in 1882, the Knights of Columbus has worked to strengthen the Church, families, and community. Our beloved founder, Fr. Michael J. McGivney will be beatified on Saturday October 31st. We invite you to watch the ceremony LIVE online at www.kofc.org/beatification and celebrate with us!

Feeding the Hungry



Brothers and sisters, as most of you are aware, St. Peter's has a long-standing tradition of holding a Thanksgiving Food Drive in support of St. Paul's Social Services-Food Bank and Fellowship Centre. This year, in light of Covid-19, we will not do a physical collection of food items. To continue to support the needs of the poor we ask you to consider a donation of grocery store gift cards or monetary donations. Please place any gift cards, cash, or cheque in a separate envelope labelled as "Food Drive" and either drop them in the collection baskets after Sunday masses with your regular offertory this weekend or drop off or mail to the parish office. Thank you all for your generosity. -Deacon Rudy

Volunteers for Mass



Our over 65 volunteers who have been assisting with our weekend masses have been faithfully serving our parish community since we re-opened in July. With our change in our Mass schedule last weekend we continue to need more volunteers, especially for the 10:30a.m. & 12:30pm Masses. Our volunteers are responsible for welcoming and screening of our parishioners, seating of parishioners, directing of traffic flow in and out of the Cathedral and at communion, and sanitizing of the Cathedral after every mass. Please prayerfully consider how you might be able to contribute. Training will be provided in order to carry out all tasks safely and effectively. Please contact [Cathryn Hall](#).



Brescia and King's Virtual Fall Preview Days—November 7

Brescia University College and King's University College Virtual Fall Preview Days are on Saturday, November 7. Registration information and additional details are available [here](#).



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Pickleball Anyone?

St. Peter's Cathedral now has a pickleball court which has been installed in the gym and is available for booking from 8:30 am to 8:30 pm Monday to Friday in 1 1/2 hour increments. The rental cost for a court is \$25 for the 1 1/2 hours. Free Parking is available and a change room is available if needed. Players will need to bring their own paddles and balls. Please contact basilica@dol.ca or 519-432-3475.

Parish Thanksgiving Appeal

Each year, every parish in our Diocese participates in the annual Thanksgiving Appeal. All funds generated during this appeal remain in the parish and help us to meet our financial commitments and to support our many parish activities in ministry, liturgy, outreach, and special projects. It is through your generosity that will allow us to continue to attend to the ongoing maintenance of our buildings, rising costs of our various ministry initiatives, the increased demand for our outreach to the needy in our community, and to bring to life the pastoral priorities we have set for the years ahead.

All donations are gratefully accepted. Donations will be accepted until the end of October.



From the Desk of the Rector

How aware am I? Sometimes I think it's true when it's pointed out were it not for the weather many of us would be unable to start a conversation. It's a very safe topic. I know that myself from being in contact with others daily on the elevator. However, it is a good discussion starter. We can look at the sky, smell the air, check the wind and temperature and easily predict what might be in store for the rest of the day. What would it take to move this awareness to other areas of our lives? How can we grow in discerning the day not just from a weather perspective but through discerning not only what's happening in daily living but interpreting what it really means for us. How can we view the bigger picture outside of ourselves? How can I recognize God's presence? Discernment means allowing God to reveal to us how he is working through our lives and the lives of others to affect the flow of human events. I can easily and often miss the meaning of a lot that happens in life. It can be difficult to understand events in the world and allow God to communicate the meaning of what's happening. A good habit to practice is to wonder why all this is happening but do it in the context of prayerful reflection. Becoming habitually aware of what's going on around me keeps me grounded and sensitive to the ways God is acting and calling me to be present. Here's an easy way to allow this to occur... Take 10 minutes each day either in the morning to review the previous day or at night to review the current day following these steps...

1. Invite the Holy Spirit to help you see your day as God sees it.
2. Be thankful. Name the gifts of your day, and thank God for them.
3. Notice God's presence. Where did you feel an increase of faith, hope and love?
4. Notice where you felt what seemed like a lack of God's presence. Where did you feel a decrease of faith, hope and love? Why?
5. Look to the future. Ask God for the help you need in the day ahead. Conclude with The Lord's Prayer.

Who needs me? Today's Gospel reading encourages us to make our love for God visible by the way we love our neighbour. We've heard that since we were children but it's no less difficult these days as it's meant to include all people, not just those we like or to whom we are naturally attracted.. This includes those who are regularly overlooked, and the vulnerable. Giving it some thought, who do I think Jesus is calling me to love this week? What can I do for her/him?

Fr. Jim Modder

Celebration of Weekday Liturgy

Wednesday, October 28 - 12:00 pm

Danilo Herrera; Fr. Stephen Bodnar;
Intentions of the McQuillan Family

We remember in prayer all those who are sick. We also pray for those who have died including Margaret DeClerk, wife of Deacon Marcel DeClerk; and comfort those who mourn.

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

Rev. Jozo Grubisic, O.F.M.; Rev. Jason Kuntz; Rev. Brian Jane; Rev. Patrick Beneteau; Deacon Raymond Girard; Rev. Vargees Devas; Rev. Antonio Del Ciano

READINGS - SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1, 2020

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

First Reading - Revelation 7.2-4, 9-14

Psalm - Ps 42.1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 (R.6)

Second Reading - 1 John 3.1-3

Gospel - Matthew 5.1-12a

Come Pray With Us

Join us each Sunday for our Sunday Prayer Service online. The service invites us into the Sunday scriptures and celebrates a time of prayer, music, and reflection led by members of our Pastoral Team. The service will be available at the following [link](#) each Sunday morning.



Celebrating the Sacraments

Baptism:

We welcome into God's Family through the waters of Baptism:

✠ Tressure Kate Baquiran

✠ Clara Laureen Cox

✠ Iris Teresa Catharine McLaughlin

✠ Luca Joseph Wiper

Marriage:

We congratulate the following couples who have committed their lives to each other and God through the sacrament of Marriage earlier this month:

✠ David Varao & Laura Peters

✠ Anthonie Fallone & Ashley Estruch

✠ Jonathon Pukila & Nancy Hanlan

✠ Enrico DiLoreto & Samantha Forrester





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