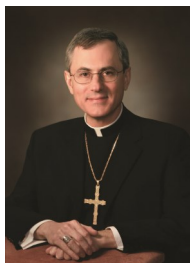


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Stay Awake~Stay Aware

"It feels to me like the obvious question from today's Gospel reading is "What does Jesus mean by being awake and what does wisdom have to do with it? I think it is clear that it is not literally "stay awake." Some might say simply that we need to mind our "p's and q's" and celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation regularly in order that our souls are ready for heaven when we die. I wonder though, if there isn't a deeper invitation. Perhaps an invitation to awaken to ourselves, not just our sins and woundedness, but our gifts and calls. Bring those into the light as well. To be awake, in my mind and heart, is to live from that truest part of ourselves, from our hearts. And, from that place, we will necessarily grow in wisdom and meet Wisdom, meet Christ. So how do we do that?"

For me, it begins by trying to be present to each moment, not looking to the past or the future. All we have is the present moment. Next, I try to be aware (awake?) to what I see in other people that really strikes me, maybe to the extreme. This is important because what we notice in others, is generally present in ourselves somewhere. Sometimes it is talked about as when we get "triggered" and respond by either flying off the handle or putting someone on a pedestal. When I notice this happening, it is a clue for me to pause and ask, what is going on inside or me, how am I feeling? What does this feeling remind me of? When I can do this, I am freer to respond from a place of Love and Wisdom instead of fear or hurt. I also learn a bit more about myself and God's love for me at those moments.

A simple example. My daughter and 18 month old granddaughter were with me this week. My son-in-law was traveling and she needed support while working from home. I was putting my granddaughter down for a nap. She and I were resting on the bed but she was not going to sleep. I felt myself starting to get anxious. I could hear myself saying "I wish she would hurry up and just go to sleep." I stopped in that moment and asked "what else do I have to do that is more important than this?" The answer of course, is nothing, but the "world" was calling. Simply being present enough to ask myself the question allowed me to make the choice from Love to rest with my granddaughter and be patient. This sounds so simple, yet I found it very profound. I feel that in caring for her I was being Christ to her and she in her simple presence was Christ to me in that moment (and many others). I am grateful for that chance to be with her and to learn that I can be patient and present. I am smiling at myself as I type this reflection, that is days overdue, and my example of being awake is allowing for another to sleep.

How is Jesus inviting us to stay awake this day? How is Wisdom inviting us to stay awake to ourselves and God in each moment; not for something or some time to come but to live a Christ filled, heaven on earth, life today."

Amy Hoover, Creighton University's Retreat Center, Daily Reflection Of Creighton University's Online Ministries, November 8, 2020; <https://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/110820.html>

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Remembering our Loved Ones



An ongoing tradition in many parishes during the month of November has been The Book of Life. In it we wrote the names of those who have died. They were prayed for at all Masses. This year, due to health protocols in place we will be unable to place the Book of Life in the Cathedral but that definitely won't stop us praying because at every Mass we always remember those who have died. We can expand that prayer to our homes either with our families or individually. A good time to remember is prior to the evening meal. Before praying a blessing over the meal, name those loved ones who have died and offer the following prayer, one of your choosing, or use your own words:

"God of all ages we entrust to your loving care those we have named. Lead them into eternal life so they may enjoy your presence forever. As we mourn their loss increase our faith and hope that we will enjoy their company again. Remind us that the bonds of love and affection knit together on earth are not unravelled at death nor can our pain, grief and sadness separate us from your love as we entrust them to a place of light and peace. We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen."

Thank you for your Financial Support

We thank our parishioners for their continued financial support of St. Peter's Cathedral during these extraordinary times. It has been especially helpful for those that have wanted to give during the pandemic and are looking for another way to give electronically without using a credit card. Etransfer through your bank account on-line is an option. To donate by Interac E-Transfer, simply set up the email address 'basilica@dol.ca' as a recipient, choose the amount you wish to give, and press send! No password is required. Also, you may consider Preauthorized Giving. Your offertory amount will come from your account automatically at the end of each month. Please contact RoseMary at the office for further information.

IN REMEMBRANCE 2020-Service, Sacrifice, and A Soldier Bear Named Winnie

"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



Society of St. Vincent de Paul Angel Tree Appeal

There is a longstanding tradition by SSVP at St. Peter's Cathedral to assist those in need at Christmas. The Annual Angel Tree Appeal has helped to raise additional funds and gift cards for those in need at Christmas time. In 2019, the generosity of parishioners resulted in over \$5000 for gift cards through the annual Angel Tree. The 2019 Christmas Delivery packages of food cards and selected Angel Tree gift cards assisted over 160 households. With the COVID restrictions at this time, the Angel Tree will not be set-up in the narthex as in past years but the annual appeal will continue.

This year the Christmas packages will consist of a addressed and personalized Christmas card and greeting, a \$50 food voucher and selected Angel Tree gift cards. \$10 Gift cards from such places as Giant Tiger, Walmart, Shoppers Drug Mart or Tim Horton's are most appreciated. Gift cards, along with monetary donation can be placed in an envelope clearly marked 2020 Angel Tree Appeal and placed in the offertory baskets or dropped off at the office. Monetary donations to SSVP can also be made online. Donations will be gratefully accepted up until the weekend of Dec. 5/6. Christmas Delivery Packages to our neighbours in need will take place on Saturday, Dec. 12th, 2020.

Thank you in advance for your generosity to enable us to serve the needs of the poor.



"Stretch Out Your Hand to the Poor"

Four years ago, Pope Francis designated the Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time as the World Day of Prayer for the Poor. This year's theme is "*Stretch Out Your Hand to the Poor*". Click on the links to read [Bishop Fabbro's letter](#) to the Diocese and this year's [message from Pope Francis](#).

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](#).

Please consider supporting Amabile in this endeavor.





From the Desk of the Rector

A reason to hope. Much has changed in the last few months. We're in the midst of a health crisis. The needs of the poor grow as they seek food and shelter. Violence and terrorism still exists in different parts of the world. Words in different political areas have become angry. It's understandable that we are occasionally or always filled with fear, anxiety and insecurity. What gives us hope is that God has not abandoned us. He is here in the midst of everything. He hasn't left. He is asking us to trust him in this uncertain time. He wants us to re-examine what is important to us. He walks with us as he did with the two downhearted disciples on the road to Emmaus. We are more united as a human family realizing everyone in our world is battling this pandemic. We are brothers and sisters, and we pray for each other on earth as we pray for those who have died and who are no longer with us. However, they too are praying – for us and our needs.

Planning in the works. The schedule for Advent and Christmas will soon be published. In past years close to 4000 people attended Mass on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Of course, that will not be the situation this year. We are deciding on the number of Masses to make available. To make this happen, of course, we will need more volunteers to greet, register, sanitize and clean. We have been blessed with the detailed work and commitment of Cathryn Hall who took on oversight of this process and has assembled and trained a dedicated crew of volunteers who have made attendance at Mass safe. Soon an appeal will be made for more assistance. Please consider helping us out. Thank you.

Are we awake? This week's Gospel reminds us to always remain awake and be prepared. Situations happen that can suddenly place unexpected demands on us. Will we be ready to respond? In our daily life what helps us to respond to unexpected change? Does daily prayer, reflection on the Scripture, quiet time in meditation help me stay awake? Is there any spiritual practice I need to develop, work on, begin?

We will remember them. Wednesday is Remembrance Day. It will be different as no parade is planned and no large gathering organized at the cenotaph. However, we will not forget as each of us will have an opportunity to spend time in quiet reflection and stand at 11:00 a.m. to observe two minutes of silence. For those who lived those years it will be a time to call on the memory of a common purpose in our nation - a united effort in a common cause...petty differences set aside in defense of precious freedom... determination to preserve a democratic way of life in which our country was organized to serve the person. For all of us it can be a day of silent gratitude and humble prayer for those who give their lives for us. It is also a day of challenge to remain vigilant in defense of human rights and to recommit ourselves to preserve our country and its values and a form of government that protects our human dignity and the spiritual dimensions of our lives. The dream of those who fought was that Canada would continue to evolve in years ahead into a better, more responsible, disciplined and grateful country of citizens. Would they be proud of our efforts?

Fr. Jim Mockler

Celebration of Weekday Liturgy

Wednesday, November 11th - 12:00 pm

Velma Alger; Pauline Goff;
Intentions of Jack & Margaret Armstrong

We remember in prayer all those who are sick. We also pray for those who have died including Lucille Vita, aunt of Michael, Paul and Frank Vita; and Geraldine Mary Paquette, mother of Frank; and comfort those who mourn.

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

Rev. Mateusz Sobierajski, C.S.M.A.; Rev. Charles Akinloye; Rev. Theodore Pinto; Rev. Mark Sargent; Louise Trapp, Parish Nurse; Brenda Atkinson, Pastoral Minister/Coordinator of Youth Ministry; Deacon John Doomernick

READINGS - SUNDAY NOVEMBER 15, 2020

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading - Proverbs 31.10-13, 16-18, 20, 26, 28-31++

Psalm - Ps 128.1-2, 3-5 (R.1)

Second Reading - 1 Thessalonians 5.1-6

Gospel - Matthew 25.14-30

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.

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