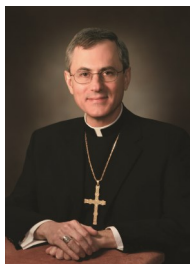


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**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY
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Celebrating 135 Years

On February 15, 1880 Bishop John Walsh, second Bishop of London announced plans for a new cathedral to be built. On June 28, 1885, almost five years after the turning of the first sod, the new St. Peter's Cathedral was formally opened and dedicated by Bishop Walsh on the vigil of the Feast of St. Peter & St. Paul, June 28, 1885. At the opening of the Cathedral Bishop Walsh said:

"The Cathedral is the expression in stone of the great zeal and love for the religion of the noble clergy and generous laity of the whole Diocese; and of their cordial union and co-operation with their Bishop, and it will stand for ages an eloquent and enduring monument of their faith, hope and charity."

Today, 135 years later, St. Peter's Cathedral continues to grow and flourish as a parish, mother church of the Diocese of London, and a place of worship and spiritual nourishment for all those who pass through its doors. May our cathedral continue to be "an enduring monument of faith, hope, and charity of the apostolic people who planted the mustard seed of the Catholic faith in this country". (Bishop John Walsh)

Prayer for the 135th Anniversary of the Dedication of St. Peter's Cathedral

O God, who year by year renew for us the day when this,
your holy temple was consecrated,
hear the prayers of your people and grant that in this place for you
there may always be pure worship and for us, fullness of redemption.
In this visible house that you have let us build
and where you never cease to show favour
to the family on pilgrimage to you in this place,
You wonderfully accomplish the mystery of your communion with us.

Here you build up for yourself the temple that we are
and cause your Church, spread throughout the world,
to grow ever more and more as the Lord's own Body,
till she reaches her fullness in the vision of peace,
the heavenly city of Jerusalem.

May we continue to be sustained by the intercession
of the blessed Apostle St. Peter, our patron saint
through whom you gave your church the foundations of her heavenly office
so through him we may have eternal salvation.
Amen.

Adapted from the collects for Anniversary of Dedication-Roman Missal

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Feast of St. Peter & St. Paul; June 29, 2020

“The Apostles Peter and Paul stand before us as witnesses. They never tired of preaching and journeying as missionaries from the land of Jesus to Rome itself. Here they gave their ultimate witness, offering their lives as martyrs. If we go to the heart of that testimony, we can see them as witnesses to life, witnesses to forgiveness and witnesses to Jesus.



boundless love. They were “poured out as a libation” (cf. 2 Tim 4:6). Let us ask for the grace not to be lukewarm Christians living by half measures, allowing our love to grow cold. Let us rediscover who we truly are through a daily relationship with Jesus and through the power of his forgiveness. Just as he asked Peter, Jesus is now asking us: “Who do you say that I am?”, “Do you love me?” Let us allow these words to penetrate our hearts and inspire us not to remain content with a minimum, but to aim for the heights, so that we too can become living witnesses to Jesus.”

Having met Jesus and experienced his forgiveness, the Apostles bore witness to him by living a new life: they no longer held back, but gave themselves over completely. They were no longer content with half-measures, but embraced the only measure possible for those who follow Jesus: that of

but to aim for the heights, so that we too can become living witnesses to Jesus.”

Excerpt from the Homily of Pope Francis, June 29, 2019

Re-Opening of St. Peter's Cathedral

We will re-open for Sunday Masses beginning July 4/5. Our new mass times are Sat 5:00 p.m., Sun 9:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m. Seating for mass will be on a first come, first serve basis.

We know this has been a difficult time for many not being able to be with their community and celebrate the sacraments. For those who will choose to return to our worship space we ask you to exercise patience and charity with our volunteers and our staff. For those who will be unable to attend at this time know that the community holds you in prayer at every Mass.

We Can't Do This Without YOU!

When we re-open our doors next, we will need a number of volunteers (10-15 people per mass) to assist with welcoming and registering 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. Training sessions will take place in order to carry out all tasks safely and effectively.

Please prayerfully consider how you might be able to contribute to this. Contact [Cathryn Hall](#).

Join Us for Prayer



Beginning this weekend, we will be providing a Sunday Prayer Service online. The service will provide a time for prayer and reflection brought to you by members of our Pastoral Team. The link to the Sunday Prayer Service is available on our website [Home](#) page.

Donations by E-Transfer

St. Peter's Cathedral now has E-Transfer capabilities for your donations. It is especially helpful for those that want to give during the pandemic and are looking for another way to give electronically without using a credit card. You would first need to navigate to your bank account on-line and go to the Interac E-Transfer 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.



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From the Desk of the Rector

Our Cathedral. On Sunday we celebrate the anniversary of our beautiful building. 135 years ago the cathedral was dedicated as a place of worship. As the principal church in the Diocese of London, it serves as the home of Bishop Fabbro in his role as bishop and chief teacher in the diocese. Major liturgical celebrations of the diocese are always held here. It is a privilege to regularly host our diocesan family. These events are over and above the liturgical schedule and ministry of a busy downtown parish serving parishioners and visitors.

Our Country. Wednesday, July 1 is Canada Day. As always, we are encouraged to work and pray for justice in our own land and throughout the world. The goods of the earth are meant to be shared by everyone. We are invited to let the message of Jesus guide our actions. We also express our gratitude for being able to live in a beautiful and democratic country. We are blessed.

Our Parish Finances. “How are we doing?” is a question I regularly receive concerning our parish finances. Due to the pandemic our cathedral building and parish offices were closed yet our many operational and financial challenges remained the same. In the midst of all the necessary changes I am happy to report that the Cathedral financial position is reasonably stable at this time. This is due to ongoing offertory and donation contributions from parishioners and support from the Government of Canada through the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy Program. This has been matched by vigorous expense control by the Cathedral staff. I, along with our parish finance committee, appreciate the continuing support from many generous parishioners who are in a position to do so in these challenging times. I also want to thank our finance committee and its chair, Jay Jeffery; our business manager, Brian Galea; and RoseMary Cleary, our parish financial secretary, for their vigilance and stewardship not only during these uncertain days but at all times. We will continue to closely monitor developments and will also continue communicating our financial situation on an ongoing basis.

Our Freedom. A number of people recently refused to wear a mask while attending a public gathering where it was difficult to engage in appropriately mandated

physical distancing. One of the comments heard was “I don’t have to wear a mask. I am free to do whatever I want.” There are many response to that but one from David Foster Wallace in a quote on freedom, which captures a good vision of the concept: “...The so-called real world of men and money and power hums merrily along in a pool of fear and anger and frustration and craving and worship of self. Our own present culture has harnessed these forces in ways that have yielded extraordinary wealth and comfort and personal freedom. The freedom all to be lords of our tiny skull-sized kingdoms, alone at the center of all creation. This kind of freedom has much to recommend it. But of course, there are all different kinds of freedom, and the kind that is most precious you will not hear much talk about much in the great outside world of wanting and achieving. The really important kind of freedom involves attention and awareness and discipline, and being able truly to care about other people and to sacrifice for them over and over in myriad petty, unsexy ways every day.” It is something worth considering.

Our Choice. Summer is a good time to slow down and think more. Here is something I’ve thought about. Regularly we are encouraged by Jesus to treat others the way we would like to be treated by them. We know how we want to be treated but extending that to others is the difficult part. However, with effort it can happen. It will take some discipline and some desire. Don’t focus only on how others behave. Stop pointing fingers and always wanting to retaliate by arguing who did what first. Often these initial responses decide our behaviour. We sometimes hear the advice “It’s not about you/us.” For a moment, though, let’s make it about us. Nobody else can determine my thoughts and actions. I am the only one who determines how I will react or think. I am the only one who can change my way of acting. If I am thinking about a way that is unwelcome, hurtful or mean-spirited, I, alone, have the ability to do something about it. All it takes for growth in this area is to ask God to remove from me all conditions, expectations, and limitations so I can treat others with love, dignity, respect and kindness.

Enjoy your summer, catch your breath and “let your soul catch up with your body”

Fr. Jim Mockler

READINGS - SUNDAY JULY 5, 2020

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading - Zechariah 9.9-10

Psalms - Ps 145.1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13cd-14 (R.1b)

*R. I will bless your name forever,
my King and my God.*

Second Reading - Romans 8.9, 11-13

Gospel - Matthew 11.25-30

I am gentle and humble in heart.

We remember in prayer all those who are sick, including Shari Houghton, and Martha Lavrin.

We also pray for those who have died;
and comfort those who mourn.

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

Laura Lee, Pastoral Minister; Rev. Paul Baillargeon; Deacon Charles (Chuck) Stevens; Colleen Hanley, Pastoral Minister; Deacon Wayne Waechter; Deacon Roy Brothers; Deborah Walsh, Pastoral Minister



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