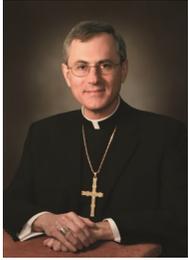




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Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul

June 29th marks the feast day of St. Peter and St. Paul. On this day we recognize the patron saint of our parish and Cathedral. We also join in prayer with the Anglican Diocese of Huron and our neighbour St. Paul's Cathedral.

“We are gathered around the altar for our solemn celebration of Saints Peter and Paul, the principal Patrons of the Church of Rome. In front of Saint Peter's Basilica, as is well known, there are two imposing statues of Saint Peter and Saint Paul, easily recognizable by their respective attributes: the keys in the hand of Peter and the sword held by Paul. Likewise, at the main entrance to the Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls, there are depictions of scenes from the life and the martyrdom of these two pillars of the Church. Christian tradition has always considered Saint Peter and Saint Paul to be inseparable: indeed, together, they represent the whole Gospel of Christ. In Rome, their bond as brothers in the faith came to acquire a particular significance. Indeed, the Christian community of this City considered them a kind of counterbalance to the mythical Romulus and Remus, the two brothers held to be the founders of Rome. A further parallel comes to mind, still on the theme of brothers: whereas the first biblical pair of brothers demonstrate the effects of sin, as Cain kills Abel, yet Peter and Paul, much as they differ from one another in human terms and notwithstanding the conflicts that arose in their relationship, illustrate a new way of being brothers, lived according to the Gospel, an authentic way made possible by the grace of Christ's Gospel working within them. Only by following Jesus does one arrive at this new brotherhood.

The symbol of the keys, which we heard about in the Gospel echoes the oracle of the prophet Isaiah concerning the steward Eliakim, of whom it was said: “And I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David; he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open” (Is 22:22). The key represents authority over the house of David. And in the Gospel there is another saying of Jesus addressed to the scribes and the Pharisees, whom the Lord reproaches for shutting off the kingdom of heaven from people (cf. Mt 23:13). This saying also helps us to understand the promise made to Peter: to him, inasmuch as he is the faithful steward of Christ's message, it belongs to open the gate of the Kingdom of Heaven, and to judge whether to admit or to refuse (cf. Rev 3:7). Hence the two images – that of the keys and that of binding and loosing – express similar meanings which reinforce one another.

The iconographic tradition represents Saint Paul with a sword, and we know that this was the instrument with which he was killed. Yet as we read the writings of the Apostle of the Gentiles, we discover that the image of the sword refers to his entire mission of evangelization. For example, when he felt death approaching, he wrote to Timothy: “I have fought the good fight” (2 Tim 4:7). This was certainly not the battle of a military commander but that of a herald of the Word of God, faithful to Christ and to his Church, to which he gave himself completely. And that is why the Lord gave him the crown of glory and placed him, together with Peter, as a pillar in the spiritual edifice of the Church.”

Excerpt from the homily for the Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul; Pope Benedict XVI, June 29, 2012



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Celebrating 136 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 of the apostolic people who planted the mustard seed of the Catholic faith in this country".

(Bishop John Walsh)

Prayer for the 136th 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

Year of St. Joseph Novena and Act of Entrustment



In keeping with the celebration of the "Year of Saint Joseph", the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops National Liturgy Office has composed a Novena and an Act of Entrustment to Saint Joseph. The Novena begins on June 22 and ends on June 30, and is followed by the Act of Entrustment. Click [here](#)

to begin the Novena.

On June 30 at the noon Mass, Bishop Dabrowski will preside and celebrate the Act of Entrustment to Saint Joseph following Mass.

Volunteers Needed-It's Your Turn



Since our 1st re-opening last year, we have a dedicated team of 60+ volunteers come forward to assist in being able to celebrate our weekday and weekend Masses, as well as baptisms, weddings, funerals, and other celebrations.

Without them, none of this would be possible. If you are coming regularly or now beginning to return to in person worship, we can always use more volunteers to assist with greeting, registration, seating, providing direction in movement, and sanitising. Please consider how you can assist in our ongoing efforts to provide a safe environment to all those attending our celebrations. Please contact [Cathryn Hall](#) for more information.

Amoris Laetitia Told by Pope Francis (Video Series)



As part of the Amoris Laetitia Family Year, over 10 monthly episodes Pope Francis will discuss each chapter of Amoris Laetitia, paired with testimonies of families who will share some aspects of their daily lives. Each video is accompanied by a downloadable guide to encourage the reading of Amoris Laetitia among families and other groups. Videos and accompaniment guides will be uploaded to the web page monthly. Click [here](#) to view Part 1 & 2 of the video series.

Eight Day Retreat

Based on Scripture and Echoing an Ignatian Spirituality

Fr. Louis Rodriguez, SJ has prepared an 8 Day Retreat for Creighton Online Ministries. Each day consists of two different themes to provide input for two times of prayer, each theme followed by a main scriptural passage supporting the reflections offered, as well as by references to other pertinent passages. The retreat is thus scripturally inspired. It also echoes the dynamic of St. Ignatius of Loyola's Spiritual Exercises.

The retreat may provide a source of reflection and mediation as we move in to the summer.

Click [here](#) to begin the retreat.



From the Desk of the Rector

This edition of our parish bulletin will be the last while we take a summer break. However, notices, memos and letters to keep you informed will be sent out by email should the need arise. Current information can always be found on our website. If you haven't subscribed to our email information list please do so by accessing the [link](#) on our website or call the office at 519-432-3475.

The message contained in the opening prayer for Mass on Canada Day is for our hearing: "Eternal God, whose reign extends from sea to sea and whose care endures throughout the ages, hear our prayers for our country: grant wisdom to those who govern it and respect for human life and dignity to every citizen, so that justice may flourish and all peoples live in unity and in peace." On the day that celebrates our country we have another opportunity, as we do every day, to reach out and show our care for all who call this country home, acknowledge where we have made mistakes in the past and reflect on what we need to do in order to become who God wants us to be in the future.

We continue to move through the pandemic but now with more hope than before. It has been quite the experience on many levels. You have read about some in the latest issue of [Cathedral Connections](#). I am sure more will be shared.

Last Sunday's Gospel was appropriate. In the midst of the disciples' fear, Jesus calmed a storm. In Scripture a storm can signify the trials and difficulties of everyday life. Up until the storm blew up the apostles were managing quite well. They were in control. At least they thought. It's always a good feeling to be in control. We are running the show. Things are within our power. The outcome is in our own hands. We tend to be happiest when in control of a familiar and predictable world. We are setting the agenda. We are creating our own goals.

But when the storm approached they realized things were out of their control. To be out of control is not a pleasant experience.

We know the small example of being annoyed in traffic and being frustrated by it. But we can experience more serious cases of it in times of sickness, a tragic situation, or other examples we know well. At such times everything seems to be falling apart. We feel confused and powerless. This situation is both humbling and terrifying, but it is precisely in times like this that we discover how strong our faith is. Like the apostles finding Jesus comfortably asleep in the boat we might want to think that God no longer cares about us, and has abandoned us. Jesus sleeping peacefully in the midst of a storm was a sign of perfect trust in God. The apostles didn't act like that and it briefly annoyed Jesus. The storm striking while Jesus was in the boat tells us that just because difficulties come into your life and mine doesn't mean that God has abandoned us. If we have faith, we will know he is with us. We will turn to him in prayer, and experience his help. When I am able to live as a person of faith I can give up the need to be in control. If I can't or won't look for God in the quiet moments of my life, I am not likely to find him when trouble strikes. I'll probably panic. But if I make a change I will probably find him when the going gets rough. This might be a time to ask God to tell us where he is in the midst of our day. Where is God present? What signs does he give me? Through whom does he speak to assure me of his presence? Who stands beside me in my suffering?

When you and I notice that someone else can see our pain, or we theirs, that's enough for the moment and our hearts become stilled. That gift from God is enough for us to settle ourselves down because we no longer feel alone. The storms will still swirl around us but we are able to respond with a greater desire to bear with the pain. God never turns from us but will always quiet us and lead us to experience balance.

Fr. Jim Mockler

REQUESTED MASS INTENTIONS—CLICK [HERE](#)

We remember in prayer all those who are sick. We also pray for those who have died; and comfort those who mourn.

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

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

READINGS FOR JULY 4, 2021 | FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN O.T.

First Reading - Ezekiel 2.3-5

Responsorial - Ps 123.1-2a, 2b, 3-4 (R.2)

R. Our eyes look to the Lord, until he has mercy upon us.

Second Reading - 2 Corinthians 12.7-10

Gospel - Mark 6.1-6

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