

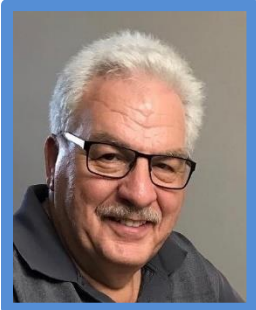


The Proclaimer

Knights of Columbus Saints Peter & Paul Council #11337



FEBRUARY 2021



Grand Knight's Message:

As I write this, we are still in a lockdown celebrating Valentine's Day, but most importantly, Family Day weekend and my hope is that all of you and your families have not been affected by this nasty virus and are all doing well.

As of now, there is still no definite date on when the church will reopen and when we can go back to Mass in person. Reverend Father Mario and his team have been, and continue to, Celebrate Mass virtually and are also distributing communion in person to limited numbers on Saturdays and Sundays and are doing a superb job in trying to get the parishioners involved, in various other activities in the Church. Check out the church's website at <http://peterandpaul.church> for more information.

As the vaccines are slowly starting to be rolled out, let us pray that they are effective in keeping us safe so that we can go back to a somewhat normal life.

The Lenten season is starting this week and the church is planning numerous events and functions leading into Easter; again check out the Church's website for more information.

On February 25th a number of our new Brothers will be taking part in the new Virtual Exemplification, if any of you have not completed your 2nd and 3rd degree and are interested in doing so please contact me or Brother Joaquim Faria at joafaria@yahoo.ca or 905-464-0322 for more information.

My Family and I would like to wish you and your families a Happy Valentine's day and a Happy and Healthy Family day.

If any of you know of any Brother or member of his family that is sick or in distress, please let me know.

Thank You and God Bless

SK Fernando Greco
Grand Knight



Financial Secretary's Report:

Hi Brothers:

7 RADICAL CATHOLIC BELIEFS

CAREFUL, THESE COULD GET YOU IN TROUBLE ONE DAY

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As Catholics, we tend to think of ourselves as ordinary folks who try to get along with our neighbours and the larger society. Yet if we stop to think about it, we are called to believe some pretty extraordinary things that don't fit well into our culture's materialistic mindset.

When we recite the creed at Mass each Sunday, do we realize how radical a list of faith statements we are making? Let's look at 7 precepts of our faith that used to be taken for granted in our society yet today would strike many of our peers as radical.

1. A virgin gave birth.

We refer to the Blessed Virgin Mary, of course, who conceived Jesus in her womb by the overshadowing power of the Holy Spirit (Lk 1:26-35). The normal path to pregnancy is relations with a man, as Mary admitted, but we believe that God can act outside the laws of nature he created to bring about this virginal conception and birth. In our highly sexualized culture, esteem for virginity seems odd and unacceptable. But Mary can also be seen as a remedy for what ails us, reminding us by her purity that sex, though good and certainly necessary, is not life's highest good. Doing the will of God and accepting Jesus into our lives, as Mary did, are our true goods.

2. The child was truly God – and truly human.

How to think about the unique status of Jesus? The Church spent its early centuries debating the question and came up with the definition that asserts certain truths yet leaves much to mystery. Jesus is one divine Person with two natures, human and divine, which are joined yet not mixed or confused. It's called the hypostatic union but we need not dwell on the theological points. We do best to think of this awesome doctrine from our perspective. In uniting our human nature to his divine Person, Jesus was able to take on our sins and redeem us. Good news, indeed!

3. He is one of three Persons in the one God.

The early heresy of Arianism said that there was a time when Jesus was not, the idea being that God the Father created the Son in time and thus Jesus is not fully God. But we believe that the Father begot the Son from his own nature from all eternity, and that the Holy Spirit proceeds from them as Love, also from all eternity. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are co-eternal. Again, putting aside the mystery and looking at the teaching from our limited perspective, we might think of what a great gift the Trinity is. God is a relationship of love, and that love came to earth as a child out of love for humanity.

4. He was crucified, died, yet rose from the dead.

In every age of the Church there have been spiritualizers, those who say that resurrection is a metaphor, an ideal, or an idea that Jesus lives on in the hearts and minds of his followers. Yet Jesus spent most of the 40 days on earth after his resurrection saying and showing just the opposite. He was adamant – not only did he rise in the spirit, he rose in his body, the one that was nailed to the cross.

5. We eat his body (and drink his blood) at every Mass.

This sets us apart from nearly every other Christian community. Knock on the door of a Protestant church anywhere in the world and ask what they receive in holy Communion or the Lord's Supper, and whatever they tell you will be much different from that the Catholic Church teaches. But many Catholics do not believe or understand the true teaching on the Eucharist. This is a shame, for the Eucharist, according to Vatican II, is the "source and summit of the Christian life" (Lumen Gentium 11). Much could be written about the Real Presence of Jesus, but in simple terms, when the priest says the words of consecration at Mass, the bread and wine are transformed into the body and blood of Jesus. He is truly and substantially present under the appearance of bread and wine. This is a miracle beyond telling, and we should receive Jesus with clean soul and grateful heart.

6. He is now in heaven but will return to judge us.

Jesus is coming back. We don't know how or when he will appear, but his coming will mark the end of the world as we know it and usher in the time of final judgment. The particular or personal judgment takes place when a person dies (this is why we need to be ready at any moment to answer for our thoughts, words and deeds). In the general or public judgment, every person will be judged before all the others who have lived on earth. If you don't want to suffer eternal shame, prepare now with faith and obedience to God's commands.

7. We too will rise to new life in our bodies on the last day and live forever either in heaven or in hell.

This may frighten us, which is not a bad thing. The final judgment should instill in us a holy fear for our souls and cause us to reflect on our lives. Where do you want to spend eternity? The time for cleansing in Purgatory will be over and every person who has ever lived will wind up in one of two places: heaven with God and the blessed, or hell with the devils and damned. That's it. The world may not want to hear the message, but now is the time of repentance and mercy.

Action Points

Ponder the seven faith statements above and consider how well you understand them and if you really believe them.

Think about the time of judgment. If you are not ready now to face God, when will you be?

Before his conversion, St. Augustine prayed, "Make me holy, Lord, but not yet." What do you pray?

And On a lighter Note Because the 14th was Valentines

A LOVE OF BIBLICAL PROPORTIONS

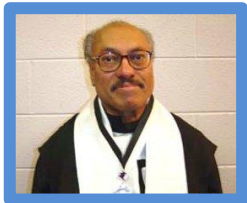
Q. Did Adam and Eve ever have a date? A. No, they had an apple!

CAUGHT THE LOVE BUG

Did you hear about the bed bugs who fell in love? They're getting married in the spring!
Why do skunks love Valentine's Day? A. Because they're scent-imental creatures!

Roses are red, violets are **blue**
That's what they say, but it just isn't true!
Roses are red and apples are too.
But violets are violet, violets aren't blue!
An orange is orange, but Greenland's not green
And pinkies aren't pink, what does it mean?
To say something's blue when it isn't, defiles it
But oh, what the heck, it's hard to rhyme violet!

SK Michael Bryce



Chancellor's Report

I hope you and your families are all well and keeping safe.
February is traditionally dedicated in honour of The Holy Family.

As our culture continues to distort and maim the definition of a true "family," let us strengthen our resolve to keep the traditional family alive and well in Canada. .

May The Holy Family — Jesus, Mary and Joseph — guide and protect you throughout this month and all of 2021, whatever it may bring!

Wednesday, February 17th is Ash Wednesday, and the start of the Lenten season.

On Thursday, February 25th K. of C. Ontario State Council is inviting you to a Virtual One Degree Exemplification presented live at 8:30 PM via Zoom. All are invited to attend but you must register by Feb. 24th. If any of you have only done your 1st or 2nd degree, I encourage you to attend and complete your 3rd degree. If you have any questions you can contact our Membership Director Bro. Joaquim Faria.

Finally, as you may or may not know, the by-laws of the Supreme Council require that Supreme Officers retire at the end of the month of their 70th birthday. As such Supreme Knight Carl Anderson is retiring end of this month and Deputy Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly will take over March 1st.



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Carl Anderson was the 13th Supreme Knight and took over in October 2000. Under his leadership, the Order surpassed 2 million members and \$100 billion of life insurance in force, and expanded internationally for the first time in a century.

We wish him well in his future endeavours.

I wish you all a fruitful Lenten journey.

LET US BE OUR BROTHER'S KEEPER AND STAY SAFE

Vivat Jesus.

Fraternally,

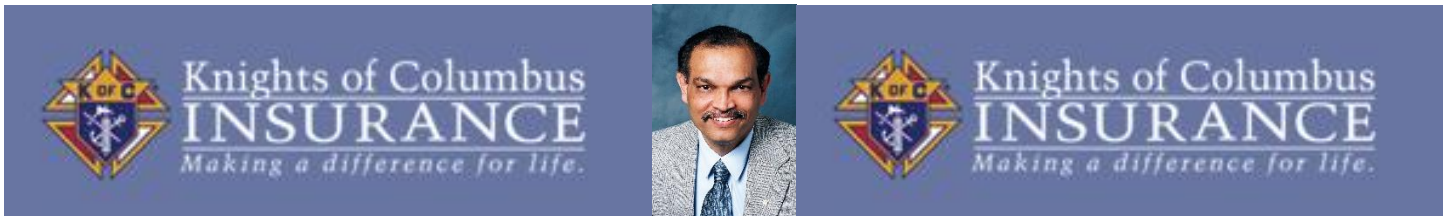
SK Brother Joseph Rocha, PGK, PFN
Chancellor



Words from the Lecturer.

Dear Bros,
Sorry, no report this month.

Vivat Jesus!
SK Fred Policarpio



By the time you read this you and I have probably been working from home, sheltering in place or on lockdown for 11 months! Who would have thought it? I hope you and your family are safe and healthy.

Being at home so much over the past 11 months has been different...mostly in a good way, although I think most of us have "corona virus fatigue." We'll keep socially distant and do our part by wearing a mask, but we're tired of all the restrictions. On the home front we've had our minor squabbles, but being at home has helped me have more dialogue with my family and has taught me how precious time together is. It's taught me to slow down, consider the important people in my life and resolve to keep this attitude when the restrictions are lifted. This is the month of Valentine's Day and being home makes me appreciate my wife even more. Whether or not you have children at home, our spouses don't get nearly enough credit for all they do. What would we do without them? In *Fiddler on the Roof*, Mama and Golde sing, "Who must know the way to make a proper home...Who must raise a family and run the home?" Of course that song about "Tradition" is the old fashioned way of looking at "the mama." That's one theme of the play; the changing roles in the family and in society. Many of our spouses have the role of breadwinner, professional, provider, business owner, etc....and

manage to also make a proper home, raise the family and run the household. They are remarkable!

So, don't forget that dozen roses, the heart-shaped box of chocolates, the card or the gift as a token of your love and letting her know how much she means to you. And if you want to really let her know how much you love her, take a few minutes with me and take stock of where you are with your life insurance and disability insurance coverage. With so many spouses in the workplace, it would be neglectful to not make sure they are properly protected. Many households rely on two incomes to pay the bills and the loss of either one, to an untimely death or an illness or accident that means one is unable to work, can be devastating.

I've met with many of you over the past months and I can continue to meet virtually over the computer...everyone stays safe. The Order has equipped me to make sure I can properly meet and service all my assigned brother knights and their families.

Let's spend a few minutes together and make sure everything is in place for the ones you love.

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally

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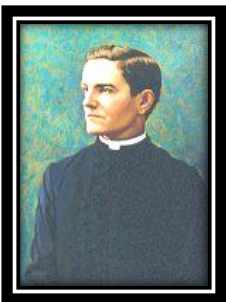
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"To Inspire And Be Inspired"



HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS' MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION – FEBRUARY 2021:

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.



PRAYER TO BLESSED FR. MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY

O great and glorious God, you imbued your holy priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, with deep priestly virtue and especially with pastoral concern for the poor, the orphan, the widow, for the Christian education of youth, for the protection of the faith of the working man of his day.

Now that his priestly ministry continues to spread to countless millions throughout the world through the efforts and influence of the Order of the Knights of Columbus, which Father McGivney founded, we beseech you, Heavenly Father, to raise your faithful

servant, Michael, to the honours of the altar. We ask this favour through our Lord Jesus Christ and His holy mother, Mary and our mother. Amen

PRAYER FOR THE CANONIZATION OF BLESSED MICHAEL MCGIVNEY

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbour. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling His commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in Your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that You glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of Your holy will. Through this intercession, grant the favour I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



PRAYER FOR THE PERSEVERANCE OF VOCATIONS

O God, You have constituted Your only-begotten Son supreme and eternal Priest for the glory of Your majesty and the salvation of mankind: grant that those whom He has chosen ministers and dispensers of His mysteries may be found faithful in fulfilling the ministry they have received.

Please inform the Grand Knight immediately you are aware of any Brother, or Family Member, who is ill or in need of assistance.

Please Remember in your Prayers:

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**MAY THESE AND ALL THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD, REST IN PEACE.
AMEN.**

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AND LET THE UNENLIGHTENED KNOW,
IN EV'RY ECHO OF YOUR SONG,
THE GREAT DEEDS DONE, THO' LONG AGO,
BY COLUMBUS OF THE VALIANT SOUL,
WHO FIRST OLD NEPTUNE HAS CONTROLLED,
DESPITE OF ENVY, INTRIGUE, GOLD,
IN THE DIM PAST OF LONG AGO.

WITH VESSELS THREE O'ER STORMY SEA,
HE THRILLED THE WORLD OF LONG AGO,
WHILE WISDOM LINKED WITH DESTINY,
IN JUSTICE SCALES ITS WEIGHT DID THROW.
WE ARE HIS HEIRS; WE WEAR HIS NAME;
WE BOAST HIS DEEDS; WE SPREAD HIS FAME;
OUR ORDER IS THE SHINING FLAME,
THAT LIGHTS THE GLOOM OF LONG AGO.

CANADIAN NATIONAL ANTHEM

O Canada!

Our home and native land!

True patriot love in all thy sons command.

With glowing hearts, we see thee rise,

The True North strong and free!

From far and wide,

O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

God keep our land glorious and free!

O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

Pope Francis: 'Experience Lent with love' by caring for those affected by pandemic

By [Courtney Mares](#)

Vatican City, Feb 12, 2021 / 07:00 am MT ([CNA](#)).- Pope Francis has encouraged Catholics to practice charity in Lent this year by caring for those affected by the coronavirus pandemic.

In his [message](#) for Lent 2021, the pope asks people to "experience Lent with love," which "rejoices in seeing others grow."

"To experience Lent with love means caring for those who suffer or feel abandoned and fearful because of the COVID-19 pandemic. In these days of deep uncertainty about the future, let us keep in mind the Lord's word to his Servant, 'Fear not, for I have redeemed you' (Isaiah 43:1). In our charity, may we speak words of reassurance and help others to realize that God loves them as sons and daughters," Pope Francis wrote in the message published Feb. 12.

The pope emphasized that even a small amount of almsgiving when offered with "joy and simplicity" can multiply, as did "the loaves blessed, broken and given by Jesus to the disciples to distribute to the crowd."

"Love is a gift that gives meaning to our lives. It enables us to view those in need as members of our own family, as friends, brothers or sisters. A small amount, if given with love, never ends, but becomes a source of life and happiness," he said.

The pope's Lenten message centers on the three theological virtues of faith, hope, and love. Pope Francis signed the message, entitled "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem. Lent: A Time for Renewing Faith, Hope, and Love," on Nov. 11, the feast of St. Martin of Tours, in Rome's St. John Lateran Basilica.

The liturgical season of Lent will begin this year with Ash Wednesday on Feb. 17. The Vatican has instructed priests to distribute ashes by [silently sprinkling](#) them on people's heads this year due to the pandemic.

Pope Francis said that the theological virtue of hope is particularly important as the world continues to grapple with the effects of the pandemic.

"In these times of trouble, when everything seems fragile and uncertain, it may appear challenging to speak of hope. Yet Lent is precisely the season of hope, when we turn back to God who patiently continues to care for his creation which we have often mistreated," he said.

“St. Paul urges us to place our hope in reconciliation: ‘Be reconciled to God’ (2 Corinthians 5:20). By receiving forgiveness in the sacrament that lies at the heart of our process of conversion, we in turn can spread forgiveness to others.”

The pope said that one can give hope to others by being kind, sharing the “gift of a smile” or speaking a word of encouragement.

“In Lent, may we be increasingly concerned with speaking words of comfort, strength, consolation and encouragement, and not words that demean, sadden, anger or show scorn,” he said.

He added: “Through recollection and silent prayer, hope is given to us as inspiration and interior light, illuminating the challenges and choices we face in our mission. Hence the need to pray (cf. Matthew 6:6) and, in secret, to encounter the Father of tender love.”

“To experience Lent in hope entails growing in the realization that, in Jesus Christ, we are witnesses of new times, in which God is ‘making all things new’ (cf. Revelation 21:1-6). It means receiving the hope of Christ, who gave his life on the cross and was raised by God on the third day, and always being ‘prepared to make a defense to anyone who calls [us] to account for the hope that is in [us]’ (1 Peter 3:15).”

In a Vatican press conference discussing the pope’s Lenten message, Cardinal Peter Turkson, prefect of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, said that Pope Francis weaved together the traditional Lenten practices of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving with the three theological virtues, revealing their interconnectedness.

Turkson said that it was particularly important during the pandemic to be rooted in the practice of prayer to cultivate the theological virtue of hope, which can give one a sense of “vision” when confronted with the world’s problems.

Msgr. Bruno Marie Duffé, secretary of the dicastery, commented: “Fasting opens our spirit, body and whole being to the gift of God. By breaking with an egocentric, egotistical lifestyle and excessive, even compulsive consumption ... we consent to live a poverty that is an openness to others and to God. And we receive a love that comes to us from the Father and from Christ.”

“Fasting, therefore, consists in freeing our existence from what encumbers it, from the overload of things, useful and useless, from true or false information, from the habits and dependencies that bind us, to open the door of our hearts and minds to the One who comes to share our human condition until death: Jesus, the Son of the living God.”

Pope Francis wrote in his Lenten message that fasting, prayer, and almsgiving “enable and express our conversion.”

“The path of poverty and self-denial (fasting), concern and loving care for the poor (almsgiving), and childlike dialogue with the Father (prayer) make it possible for us to live lives of sincere faith, living hope and effective charity,” he wrote.

These traditional Lenten practices “revive the faith that comes from the living Christ, the hope inspired by the breath of the Holy Spirit and the love flowing from the merciful heart of the Father,” Francis said.

“May Mary, Mother of the Saviour, ever faithful at the foot of the cross and in the heart of the Church, sustain us with her loving presence. May the blessing of the risen Lord accompany all of us on our journey towards the light of Easter.” ***From Catholic News Agency..***

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