



April 18, 2021

CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY FAMILY

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

For those of you at mass last week I shared the experience of lighting the Paschal Candle this year, how it struck me as I pulled the kindle stick out of the fire to light the candle only to have the wind extinguish it, but as I returned to the fire it immediately caught flame again. Needless to say we had to stay close to the fire to light the candle! Listen to the opening prayer we prayed last Sunday: "God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the Paschal Feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own." How true it is of our faith that as we stay close to the mysteries of Christ and his Church we are set ablaze with the Spirit, and as that branch withers and fades apart from the vine, so does our faith apart from Christ and his Church. In the Jubilee Year of 2000, Pope St. John Paul II, chose the Vietnamese Cardinal Francis Xavier Nguyen Van Thuan to give the papal retreat to himself and the Roman Curia. The text of those Spiritual Exercises have since been compiled into the book, *Testimony of Hope*, that describe the agonizing pain of isolation and abandonment he experienced as a prisoner in various Communist prisons over thirteen years, and the hope that sustained him in the Risen Christ. Over the Easter Season I always like to revisit the writings of the Cardinal and the wisdom he shares through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

In his spiritual exercise, Your Hope is in the Church, the cardinal recalls: "It is difficult to imagine with how much anxiety our faithful in Vietnam – during the years of greatest trial – defying threats of punishment or imprisonment for listening to "foreign and reactionary propaganda," tuned into Vatican Radio in order to hear the heartbeat of the universal church and be united with the successor of Peter. I was in isolation in Hanoi when one day, a policewoman brought a small fish for me to cook. As soon as I saw the wrappings, I immediately felt a start of joy, but I was careful not to show this externally. My happiness was not because of the fish, but because of the pages of newspaper in which it was wrapped: two pages of the L' Osservatore Romano. At that time, when the Vatican newspaper arrived at the post office in Hanoi, it was often confiscated and sold at the market as paper. Those two pages had been used to wrap the little fish. Calmly, without bringing attention to myself, I washed those sheets of newspaper to remove the smell, and then dried them in the sun and preserved them as a relic. For me in that unbroken regime of isolation, those pages were a sign of communion with Rome, with Peter, with the Church, and an embrace from Rome. I would not have been able to survive without an awareness of being part of the Church. Today we live in a world that rejects the values of the civilization of life, of love, and of truth; our hope is the Church, Image of the Trinity."

How blessed we are to live with such examples and mentors of faith today. In the past century we have seen the world torn apart by world wars, genocide, abortion, euthanasia, ideological warfare, secularization, de-Christianization, but just think of the great leaders of faith that have emerged in the last century. No country in the world during this same period of time could acclaim the leadership we witnessed in the likes of a Pope Leo XIII or Pius XII. When religious vocations seemed to be disappearing the Spirit breathes life into the Church through her saintly souls like Mother Teresa of Calcutta and Pope John Paul II to inspire a youthful spirit of self-sacrifice. Let us look upon this century not with dismay and bewilderment, as though we were a smoldering wick, now is the great springtime of faith. Let us once again turn to the work of the Spirit in the Acts of the Apostles and witness the faithfulness of God in every age to kindle the faith of his people by the recurrence of the Paschal Feast and outpouring of the Holy Spirit. For left to ourselves, "without the Holy Spirit, God is distant, Christ is in the past, the Gospel is a dead letter, the Church is a simple organization, authority is domination, mission is propaganda, worship is the summoning of spirits, and Christian action the morality of slaves... But in him... the Risen Christ is here, the Gospel is the power of life, the Church means trinitarian communion, authority is a liberating service, mission is Pentecost, liturgy is memorial and anticipation, human behavior is deified." May your eyes be open to the Spirit who fills us with the gift of God, so that indeed we may be light in the darkness.

Fr. Gerard Cooper

SUNDAY READINGS & REFLECTION

COLLECT:

May your people exult for ever, O God, in renewed youthfulness of spirit, so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption, we may look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

1ST READING - ACTS 3.13-15, 17-19

The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴ But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵ and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. 'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸ In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹ Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

2ND READING - 1 JOHN 2.1-5

¹ My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ² and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. ³ Now by this we may be sure that we know him, if we obey his commandments. ⁴ Whoever says, 'I have come to know him', but does not obey his commandments, is a liar, and in such a person the truth does not exist; ⁵ but whoever obeys his word, truly in this person the love of God has reached perfection. By this we may be sure that we are in him.

GOSPEL - JESUS APPEARS TO THE DISCIPLES - LUKE 24.35-48

Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread. ³⁶ While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' ³⁷ They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?' ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have

you anything here to eat?' ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate in their presence. ⁴⁴ Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.

MEDITATION

9. At all times and in every race God has given welcome to whosoever fears Him and does what is right. God, however, does not make men holy and save them merely as individuals, without bond or link between one another. Rather has it pleased Him to bring men together as one people, a people which acknowledges Him in truth and serves Him in holiness. This was to be the new People of God. For those who believe in Christ, who are reborn not from a perishable but from an imperishable seed through the word of the living God, not from the flesh but from water and the Holy Spirit, are finally established as "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a purchased people, who in times past were not a people, but are now the people of God".

That messianic people has Christ for its head, "Who was delivered up for our sins, and rose again for our justification", and now, having won a name which is above all names, reigns in glory in heaven. The state of this people is that of the dignity and freedom of the sons of God, in whose hearts the Holy Spirit dwells as in His temple. Its law is the new commandment to love as Christ loved us. Its end is the kingdom of God, which has been begun by God Himself on earth, and which is to be further extended until it is brought to perfection by Him at the end of time, when Christ, our life, shall appear, and "creation itself will be delivered from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the sons of God".

So it is that that messianic people, although it does not actually include all men, and at times may look like a small flock, is nonetheless a lasting and sure seed of unity, hope and salvation for the whole human race. Established by Christ as a communion of life, charity and truth, it is also used by Him as an instrument for the redemption of all, and is sent forth into the whole world as the light of the world and the salt of the earth.

- Lumen Gentium

PARISH NEWS

CATHEDRAL OF HOLY FAMILY SCRIPTURE STUDY has been meeting at the church for 8 years to break open the Sunday Readings in discussion and prayer. We have missed each other in this time of pandemic when we couldn't meet at the church. We have launched a free zoom gathering meeting online on Thursdays 9:30 to 11:00 am. We are open to anyone who wants to join us to talk and enjoy each other's company while preparing us for Sunday mass. Call Diane Waldbillig at 306-370-6682 or email dlwaldbillig@gmail.com. All are welcome!

FRIDAY EVENING MASS: The Cathedral of the Holy Family will have an evening Mass with music lead by a Gregorian Chant Choir once a month on the fourth Friday of the month at 7pm. The next one will be held on April 23rd at 7pm. Please register at holyfamilycathedral.ca.

REGISTRATION FOR MASS: While churches are limited to 30 people per service, we will take registrations for Mass one week at a time. Registrations for the upcoming Sunday and following weekdays will be made available online on Wednesdays at 4pm. Thank you for your understanding!

LOST AND FOUND: After having acquiring quite the collection of lost mitts, prayer books, baseball hats, ect over the past couple years, we are clearing out our lost and found! Please come to retrieve any lost items before Monday the 17th of May. **WE WILL BE DONATING ALL REMAINING ITEMS ON MAY 17.** Items can be picked up during office hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00am - 4:30pm. Please inquire at the reception desk. Thank you!



EMAIL AND TEXT SCAM

PLEASE DO NOT SEND MONEY OR GIFT CARDS TO OUR PRIESTS OR STAFF IF REQUESTED TO DO SO OVER EMAIL OR TEXT MESSAGE.

- Email scams continue to be prevalent in Catholic parishes
- Email scammers pose as a pastor or staff member of the parish
- Email scams ask for gift cards and or money.
- Email scams are usually initiated by asking for help.

IF YOU RECEIVE A MESSAGE ASKING FOR HELP LIKE THIS FROM ONE OF OUR PRIESTS, PLEASE DO NOT RESPOND!

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CATHEDRAL BLOG



Ode to a trusty companion

By: Jim Nakoneshny

I've been a bit distracted over the past few weeks with the loss of an old friend. It wasn't a person or even a pet for that matter, but I'd spent as much time in its company as with probably anyone outside of my immediate family

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WEEKDAY LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sunday Mass Times

Vigil: Saturday 5pm (Temporary)
Sunday: 9:00am, 11:00am,
1:00pm & 6:30pm

Weekday Mass Times

Monday - 12:15pm
Tuesday - 12:15pm
Wednesday - 12:15pm & 7:00pm
Thursday 12:15pm
Friday - 12:15pm
Saturday - 12:15pm

Reconciliation

Thursday: 7pm - 8pm
Friday: 11am - 12noon
Saturday: 11am - 12noon

Eucharistic Adoration:

Thursdays: 7pm - 8:30pm
1st Fridays: 11am-12noon

Rosary & Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Wednesdays @ 6:00pm
Rosary: Saturday 11:45am-12noon

* Due to the returning limit of 30 people for worship services, we will be adding the 7pm Saturday vigil Mass back to our schedule starting Saturday the 24th of April.

Please Include in your Prayers

This list is for those who are in need of prayer, whether they be sick or well, living or deceased. If you would like your name or a name of a loved one to be listed, please call the parish office. Those whose names are listed must consent to having their name on the list. Please note, names will be removed from this prayer list after 4 months. If you would like your name or the name of a loved one to remain on the list after 4 months, please call the parish office and ask to have the name continued.

Lois Anderson-Grant
Al Anderson
MaryAnne Zadworny-Principe
& Family
Wanda Woznik
Maureen Switski
Edward Tham

Arthur Ecker
Kayden Kot
Pete Kot
Caroline Hamm
Patrick Paiva
Ken Cey
Marion Anderson

Maria Curran & Family
Lorna Martin
Susan Kleiter
Gerald Barrie
Jane Horn
Mary Klein

Recently Deceased

Rose-Marie Smith & Jovan Von Lindain Esmabe

May the God that loves us all, hold you in the palm of his hand.

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