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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY ~ Leah Perrault, Saskatoon, SK

Trinity Sunday celebrates one God, three persons, complete mystery. And the readings this week ground us in the simplicity of who God is and what God does for us.

The story of Moses on the mountain reveals a God who meets us on the mountains of our lives, who reveals his mercy and love, faithfulness and patience. When we ask God for what we need, he answers, even if his answers aren't as immediate or clear as the stone tablets. In the fullness of time, this same God reveals the plan for our salvation: Jesus is sent in human flesh to love us. By his life, death and rising, Jesus gives us the example of how to love and then gives us the gift of the Spirit.

So much of our spiritual life is participation in a mystery that is beyond our understanding, but the second reading offers us a simple guide and blessing. Live the moments of your life seeking peace with God and one another, and allow the healing grace of Jesus, the love of the Father, and the communion of the Spirit to be poured over you and everything you do.



May it be enough for us to live right in the middle of this mystery of God working love in and through our lives. May the Father, Son and Holy Spirit flow through us to those most in need of God's simple saving love.

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Readings for June 14

Deuteronomy 8: 2-3, 14-16. 1 Corinthians 10: 16-17.
John 6: 51-59

**JUNE 7, 2020
MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY**



As the Pastor of a large Family of Parishes I have come to know some incredible young people who truly exemplify the life of grace that Jesus Christ has called us to be a part of. One of these young people is Pierre Caron. I first came to know Pierre when I moved to Chatham and on one of my first weekends in the parish a young man came up to me and asked if it would be okay with me if he served the Mass. That began a regular collegians with him. He has shown himself to be a person of deep faith and a willingness to get involved in the spreading of the Gospel.

He has spent his first years in University living as a part of a Catholic house of students who are discerning their vocation. He has done well in his studies. Yet he desired to do something more with the gifts the Almighty has given him. With the encouragement of people in his life he applied to become part of an evangelization team called NET Team Ministries and after being interviewed he was selected to be a member of the Team for the coming year.

What does the NET Team actually do? They Challenge young Catholics to love Christ and Embrace the Life of the Church

This is accomplished by:

- Proclaiming the Gospel of Christ through a personal witness of faith.
- Inviting young people to live for Christ.
- Forming young people in Christian character through the study and practice of our faith.
- Equipping youth workers and young adults with the ministry skills needed for evangelization.

Pierre is anxious to begin this new adventure but he needs to raise a third of the cost of the year that he will be a part of - and this comes to \$7,800. So he needs our help in raising this kind of money. By donating to this fund for Pierre you will become part of the evangelization to young people in our world and assist Pierre in being part of a great ministry in our Church today.

What do you say? Do you want to be a part of something wonderful? Help Pierre in becoming part of NET Ministries this year.

Yours in Christ,
Father Jim Higgins, PP.



TRINITY SUNDAY A God of Love

- Reading I Exodus 34: 4-6, 8-9
(renewal of the tablets)
- Reading II 2 Corinthians 13: 11-13
(farewell)
- Gospel John 3: 16-18
(belief in the Son sent by the Father)

Key Passage: For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. (John 3: 16)

Adult: We live within the Trinity whenever we live in love. How does this mystery connect to your daily life?

Child: How do you choose to live as a more loving person?



BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG CAMPAIGN

The Baby Bottle Boomerang (BBB) is the main fundraiser of the year for Right to Life Kent-Refuge Pregnancy Resource Centre; as you well know this year's BBB Campaign has been greatly impacted by Covid-19.

Good news for them, they have been able to set up the BBB Campaign virtually from the canadahelps.org webpage. Anyone can donate to this campaign using this link:

www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/m/49216/donation

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ST. ANTHONY'S DAY CELEBRATION

Sunday, June 14, 2020

It is with profound sadness that after 63 years our annual celebration for the Feast of St. Anthony of Padua is postponed due to the Corona Virus Pandemic. It is postponed until we can safely come together, once again, to celebrate our faith and our Czech heritage. The feast day of St. Anthony is June 13th and we are asking that you say a prayer.

"Actions speak louder than words; let your words teach and your actions speak."



A well-choreographed dance can be truly inspirational. Each movement and step are interconnected, each contributing a piece of the unfolding artistic story. The beholder is caught up in the rhythms, music, and gestures, realizing that none are dispensable and all are necessary. The same is true of the Divine Dance of the Trinity. Each Person plays a part, using unique gestures and movements that are connected to the other Divine Partners. They tell a story of love. Every movement and step is born of love and flows on into eternity. The Divine Dance never ends.






God the Creator powerfully, yet with gentle love, leads. Creating and recreating, birthing and sustaining, He dances with the compassionate incarnate Son, guided by the breath of the Holy Spirit. They are three distinct Persons but move as One. On one hand, the cascading flow of their Presence appears motionless, yet on the other, flows and moves with effortless attention. They share one heart, one goal, and one purpose and invite all of creation to join in their dance, their joy.

The energy of the Trinity flows through all created things. It is a dance of the heart, not of the mind. It has to be experienced, not dissected, and contemplated, not understood. We stand in awe of the Divine Dance and find ourselves watching in amazement all that God creates and sustains. The dance continues in the majesty of a mountain, the power and wonder of an ocean, and the vastness of the universe. It moves in the cry of a newborn infant and in the soul of one who has been forgiven. It flows in the cry for justice and in the wounds of the oppressed. It circles through the changing of seasons, the cycles of birth and death, and the wisdom that one acquires when they love God.

The Dance never ends. Its movements and rhythms go on forever. The Trinitarian Dance sustains all things, endures all things, and brings hope. You are invited to dance. Don't just watch as if you were simply a spectator. Join in the dance and move as they move.

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"a time to be healed..."*

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Verna Southgate, John Taylor, Cora Van Brunschot
and Genny Wrotkowska.

God, grant them your peace.

"a time to die..."

Please remember in your prayers all deceased relatives and parishioners especially Maureen McLaughlin, Sr. Mary Winifred Dunn SSJ, Sr. Doreen Kraemer SSJ, Terry Gibson, Mike Korpan, Lillian Bursik and Jean-Paul Pinsonneault.

Eternal rest grant unto thee.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

June 8 1 Kings 17: 1-6. Matthew 5: 1-12
June 9 1 Kings 17: 7-16. Matthew 5: 13-16
June 10 1 Kings 18: 20-39. Matthew 5: 17-19
June 11 Acts 11: 21b-26 - 13: 1-3. Matthew 10: 7-13
June 12 1 Kings 19: 9a, 11-16. Matthew 5: 27-32
June 13 1 Kings 19: 16b, 19-21. Matthew 5: 33-37

DIOCESAN MINISTERS PRAYER CALENDAR

Please remember to pray for these Diocesan ministers: Rev. Joseph Langlois; Mrs. Dianne O'Neil, Pastoral Minister; Rev. Barnabas Kiss, O.F.M.; Deacon Carol Tamas; Deacon Guy Alden; Mrs. Monika Korzec, Pastoral Minister; Rev. Dariusz Jagodzinski.

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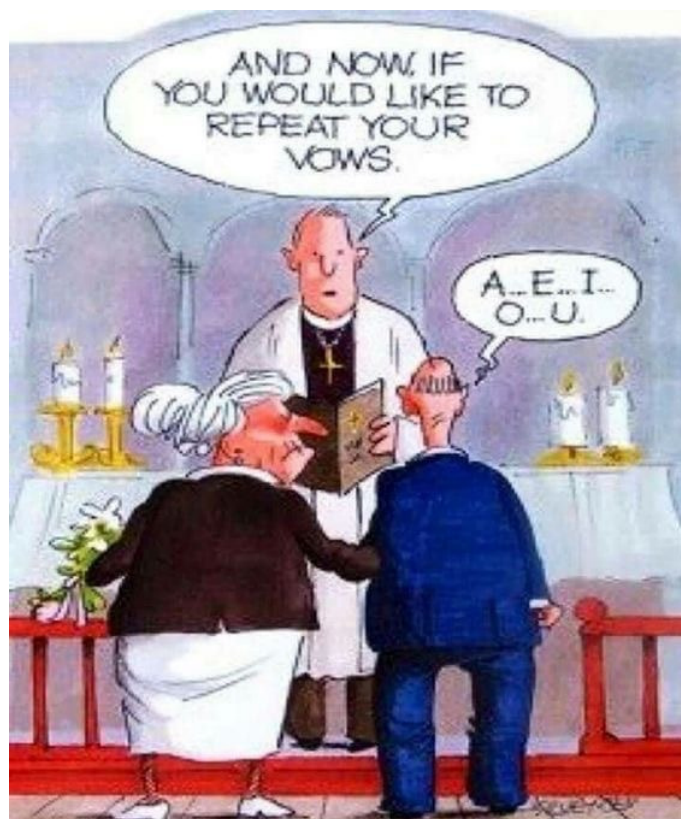


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CHURCH CHUCKLE



HOW TO DONATE TO THE CHATHAM CATHOLIC FAMILY

As we are all forced to slow down in our current world, unfortunately some things continue along, such as our household bills and expenses. The same goes for our parishes as well, that operate mainly on donations received at Mass. If you normally donate with your offertory envelope when you attend Mass, there are some other options—including a new, easy, online option.

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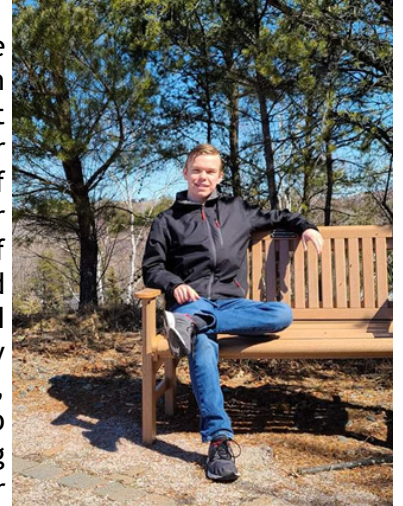
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ST. URSULA PARISH

Dear fellow parishioners,

I have some good news! But first, let me introduce myself! My name is Pierre Caron. I am nineteen years old and finishing my second year of studies in philosophy and French at King's University College in London. I am registered at St. Joseph's Parish; however I visit all of our churches in town fairly often for prayer and the Sacraments. This visiting has allowed me to get to know many of you, often through your own initiative of assuring me of your prayers and by your encouragement in the Faith. Truly, these many acts of charity from so many of you over the years has deeply affected me. The spiritual support I have received from the local Catholic community should never be underestimated. Without it, I do not know if I would be writing this letter to you today. So before I write any further, I want to say, THANK YOU! Thank you to those who taught me our Faith, thank you to those who have given me strength to live the Faith, thank you to those of you who by your example have shown me the joy that comes from living for Jesus Christ. Thank you to all of you who have reminded me of God's love for me by your charity. Thank you.



I've decided to write this letter in the wake of the great feasts of the Ascension and Pentecost. In the Acts of the Apostles, we hear Jesus say, "you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth." (Acts 1:8). And then He says, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age." (Mt 28:18-20). These promises: His unending Presence and the Holy Spirit keeps the Body of Christ, with all of its members, moving forward.

This Pentecost marks the close of the Year of Prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on our diocese, called for by our shepherd and bishop, His Excellency Ronald Fabbro. I can attest that our prayers have been answered: to my knowledge, there are at least 7 young adults from our diocese who will be serving as missionaries of the Catholic Church in Canada for one year as part of NET Ministries, beginning in August. I'm also pleased to announce that I'm one of them! What is NET Ministries? NET (National Evangelization Teams) is an international Catholic youth ministry organization. Many young people lose their faith by the time they finish high school. Recognizing this crisis, NET responds to Christ's call to "make disciples of all nations" by sending teams of young adults to share their faith in schools and churches across Canada, so youth are transformed and re-engaged in their Catholic faith.

Beginning in August, I will begin my five-week training in Ottawa along with some other sixty-five young adults from across Canada, most of whom are near my age. Much emphasis will be placed on growing closer to the Lord before we even begin to proclaim the Gospel, as we cannot give what we have not received. At its conclusion, I will be placed on a team of 6-8 of these young men and women, and we'll be sent either to a parish community (where we will accompany the youth throughout the year), or we will be a travelling team, travelling all across eastern or western Canada to facilitate hundreds of retreats, at which many youth will encounter the Lord in a powerful way, committing or re-committing their lives to Him entirely.

Along with the year of prayer, our bishop has called on the local Church to be mission-oriented. This is nothing new. In fact, the Church was born with this missionary character on Pentecost! Without the mission to spread the Gospel, the Church's existence makes no sense. The question is not, "will I be a missionary, but HOW? Only some Catholics, often young adults, can sacrifice considerable time to full-time missionary work. At the same time, there are still countless others who can partner in this mission to make it possible by sacrifices of prayer and treasure. Without these, the work would be impossible. And so, I extend the invitation to you to partner with me in the Church's mission by these means.

I am assembling a team of supporters to partner with me in this mission both prayerfully and financially. I am working towards reaching my partnership goal of \$7,800. This is but a fraction of the \$20,000 it costs NET to send one missionary. Since NET is a non-profit, we rely and trust on God's providence through the generosity of donors. I ask you to prayerfully consider supporting me in this mission. Not only for myself, but also for the young people who otherwise may not hear the saving message of The Gospel! Truly, it is more than a good cause: it is an investment into both the present and the future of the Catholic Church in Canada!

I'd like to ask each of you to consider joining the mission team through a donation of \$1000, \$500, \$250, or \$100. This can be given one-time, or broken down monthly at \$100, \$50, \$25, or \$10 over ten months, for example. Please pray about it and see if any of these support levels are realistic. If you do not see yourself giving at those amounts, for any reason, any prayers or other financial amounts you are able to give would be greatly appreciated. I would like to add that I will be sending continual updates on my mission work throughout the year to partners who donate monthly OR at \$50 or more one-time. They will also receive the NET Newsletter.

I have intentionally omitted donation instructions from this letter as I want to get to know mission partners personally. You can reach me by phone at 519-401-1021 or by email at pc.caron2000@gmail.com with any of your questions or if you know you are ready to offer your support, and I would be happy to chat! If however, you prefer to remain anonymous, you can give anonymously online by credit or direct debit by visiting www.netcanada.ca/pierre-caron.

As well, if you know a parishioner or other friend who does not receive the parish e-bulletin but who may want to partner in my mission, please share with them this letter. Your act of getting the word out amid this lockdown is greatly appreciated.

In the meantime, to learn more about NET Ministries and our work in the Church, please visit our website at www.netcanada.ca. Thank you very much for taking the time to read this letter and for your charitable consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pierre Caron". The signature is stylized and fluid.

Pierre Caron