

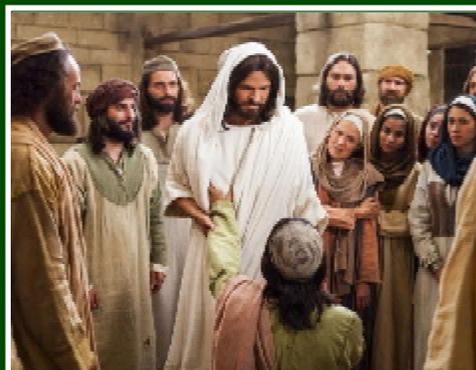


A REMINDER FROM OUR HEALTH UNIT

The Thunder Bay Health Unit reminds you to please stay home and not come to Mass:

- n if you feel unwell and have symptoms of COVID-19 (*fever, cough, etc.*);
- n if you have been in close contact with a person who is currently COVID-19 positive, or who has these symptoms and is awaiting test results;
- n if you travelled outside of Canada within the past 14 days.

If any of the above apply to you, self isolate immediately and call the Thunder Bay Health Unit for testing (625 5900).



"Come to Me, all you who are weary and overburdened and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart".

(Mt. 11)

OTHER NEWS

n Last weekend, Mass attendance was only slightly down and all went well. There was room for everyone!
 n Many thanks to Joe Salini together with some of his brother Knights and Bruce LaBelle for clearing our Church yard of the remaining slabs of granite.

OUR UNSUNG HEROES BEHIND THE SCENES!



Last weekend, we were fully prepared to re-open for Masses thanks to the many hours of effort behind the scenes of the following heroes:
Church Preparation/Cleaning: Deacon Derek and Linda West, Mark Sypus, Erick Villanueva, and Ronnell and Ruth Hernandez;
Liturgical: Bishop Colli, Father Marco, Deacons John Myers and Derek West; Laurie Clara and Cantors, Gail Balina and Cantor and Choir; Bill Vass and Youth Servers, Karilyn Fedyk and Adult Servers; Carol Williams and Readers; Marie Petranova; Wayne Murphy, Larry Pankuch, Joe Johnson, Gaetan Joubert, George Romick, Jim MacCallum and Ushers; Patti Cameron & Greeters.
Stewardship/Financial: Joleene Kemp and Kris Knapik, Jane Slobodnik, Jane Masotti and all of you, our generous parishioners! *Msgr. Pat*

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION & DONATIONS

Last Sunday's Collection	\$ 13, 330.00
Online Donations (<i>week of June 21-28</i>)	350.00
Easter Collection (<i>more</i>)	245.00
Share Lent (<i>more</i>)	140.00
Other Collections (<i>more</i>).....	535.00
Donations for Sacraments.....	100.00
Votive Candles	275.00
St. Anthony's Poor Donations	57.95
'Friends of the Cathedral' Donations	3, 500.00

MANY GENEROUS HEARTS!

I wish to express my sincerest thanks to our many parishioners who contributed so much to support our Parish last weekend. As you can see, your generosity was overwhelming!
Msgr. Pat.

YOU WERE ASKING . . . by Msgr. Pat Stilla

Q. As a senior, I am still afraid to venture out of my home during this pandemic, for fear of contracting COVID-19. I do continue to watch some livestreamed Masses on television but I feel closer to the Lord when I pray the Rosary, several times a day. How long have people been praying this wonderful prayer?

A. First of all, if you don't feel right to venture out quite yet, then you should continue to pray in the safety and privacy of your own home. Return to Mass in Church only when you feel ready to do so. In the meantime, since you like to pray the Rosary daily, use this centuries old Marian prayer as your means to deepen your relationship with God and His Saints during these un-

predictable times. Use it also to pray for others who feel discouraged or anxious as well as for the many victims of this illness and their loved ones who have been affected by it. Pray also for a speedy end to this crisis.

Origins of your favourite Prayer
The Rosary as we know it today dates back to the 12th Century. However, the use of "prayer beads" and the repeated recitation of prayers to facilitate meditation stem from the earliest days of the Church and have roots in pre-Christian times as

well. Even some non-Christians still continue to use various forms of this method of prayer.

.. **Rosary Means 'Rose Garden'**

The structure of our modern-day Rosary gradually evolved between the 12th and 15th centuries. Originally, 50 Hail Mary prayers were recited and linked with other prayers which centred on Jesus and Mary. Then, it was during the 16th century that the Rosary developed into a five decade form of prayer which included the recalling of pivotal events in the life of Christ (*Mysteries*). At that time, collections of prayers and stories were referred to as '*roses*', and so a collection of prayers was called a '*Rosarium*' ('*Rose Garden*').

.. **A practical way to pray daily**

At a time in history when most were employed as agrarian field labourers, it was very practical to pray the Rosary as they worked. The prayers were all memorized and there was no need to even hold the Rosary beads as you prayed and so, it became a favourite prayer for most.

.. **Marian Apparitions and the Rosary**

Some also believe that during the Marian apparitions at Lourdes and at Fatima, the seers were encouraged to pray the Rosary for the reconciliation of all sinners and for peace.

.. **Learning Bible Stories**

As I said above, it was during the 16th century that the Rosary developed into a form of prayer which included the recalling of pivotal events in the life of Christ. By memorizing these following Biblical events or '*Mysteries*', Catholics were able to recall many Bible stories.

~ **The Joyful Mysteries:** The Annunciation, The Visitation, The Birth of Christ, The Presentation and, The Finding of Jesus in the Temple.

~ **The Sorrowful Mysteries:** The Agony in the Garden, His scourging, The crowning with thorns, The Carrying of the Cross and, The Crucifixion.

~ **The Glorious Mysteries:** The Resurrection, The Ascension, The Descent of the Holy Spirit, The Assumption and, The Coronation of Mary.

~ **The Luminous Mysteries:** The Lord's Baptism in the Jordan River, The Wedding Feast at Cana, The Proclamation of God's Kingdom, The Transfiguration and, The Institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper.

