

**LATEST NEWS : RE: ONTARIO EMERGENCY LOCKDOWN**  
**from Bishop Colli's Office - January 13, 2021**

My Dear Friends:

The province has directed the Grey Zone lock down to continue in northwestern Ontario for 28 more days, ending on February 10, 2021. This lock down is more severe, in that no one is allowed to leave their homes except for food and medical reasons. This decision means the continued closure of our churches and parish offices to the public during this time.

I know this is a difficult situation for many - but it is for the safety of the people of our province. By working together and maintaining the protocols for safety, we can truly make a concerted effort to curtail the spread of this terrible virus in our homes and communities. I ask for your patience and understanding, and I thank you for your continued support to our parishes both emotionally and financially during this lock down. Please pray as a family, watch the Sunday Mass on social media at this time, (*accessible on this Parish website*) and maintain safety for yourselves and for your families. We ask the Lord to guide us through this to safety.

I ask all our priests to continue celebrating their private Masses for their people by themselves, and to close all our churches and parish offices at this time.

There are no public services to be held in our churches. Funerals must be conducted at the funeral home during this lock down and arranged through the funeral home.

Thank-you again for your patience and understanding and for your prayers.

Sincerely:

+Fred J. Colli

Bishop of Thunder Bay



**HONOURING ALL WHO WERE BAPTIZED IN THE CATHEDRAL IN 2020**



Since we are still not able to acknowledge and pray for these newly baptized at a p u b l i c

Mass, we publish their names here this week:

**LAURA ROA GOMEZ**  
*(R.C.I.A. Adult Baptism)*

- Aliviya VILLANUEVA  
 Liam MIKULASIK  
 Margaux DRAWSON  
 Ekanjot SINGH  
 Jax ALLEN  
 Chloe Anne WEHRSTEDT  
 Kieran GAUDREAU  
 Cassidy GAUDREAU  
 Arya TOPETTO  
 William POSINE  
 Emmanuel MERCADO  
 Harlow SALATINO  
 Elliot BAKER  
 Lia CARBONELL  
 Samuel MAGBANUA  
 Avery KITT  
 Ari HUMANISKI  
 Miko POWLOWSKI  
 Parker FOGLIA  
 Nolan BAILLIE  
 Charlotte BAILLIE  
 Donovan MURPHY  
 Aubrey POSINE-  
 O'CONNOR  
 Ella SWORCZUK  
 Seth EDWARDS

**OUR OWN PARISH OFFICE**

To adhere to the Ontario lockdown regulations, our Office is now closed to all in-person visits until February 10. Essential phone messages can be left and e-mail inquiries can be made until then. Mail can still be hand delivered through the front door mail slot.

**LAST WEEK'S DONATIONS**

Donations ( <i>brought to the Office this week</i> ). \$	2, 525.00
Online Donations ( <i>Jan. 3-10</i> ).....	310.00
Monthly Renovations Collection .....	740.00
Christmas Donations ( <i>more</i> ).....	210.00
New Year's Donations ( <i>more</i> ).....	215.00
Initial Offering ( <i>for purchase of envelopes</i> )..	125.00
Fuel Collection ( <i>more</i> ).....	100.00
Votive Candles ( <i>from previous weeks</i> ).....	207.00
St. Anthony's Poor ( <i>from previous weeks</i> )...	178.00
Sale of Missals/ Religious Articles .....	25.00

**Q.** Can a Priest or Bishop break the “Seal of Confession” at any time, for any reason or in any particular circumstance?

**A.** To review, for those who are unsure of its meaning, the ‘*Seal of Confession*’ refers to the Church law which binds any priest or bishop who hears an individual’s confession to keep absolutely secret what is confessed and discussed within the context of the Sacrament. This law admits of no exceptions for any reason or under any circumstance.

Not only does the ‘*Seal of Confession*’ prohibit the confessor from revealing the sins confessed to him by the penitent but it also bars him from saying anything to anyone which might possibly lead others to associate the confessed sin with the sinner. The law states that, “*it is absolutely forbidden for a confessor to betray in any way a penitent in words or in any manner and for any reason.*” Confessors cannot violate the Seal even under threat of imprisonment or civil penalty.

**Automatic Excommunication**  
So serious is it for a confessor to violate this ‘Seal’ that, to do so, he himself would automatically be excommunicated from the Church.



This excommunication would suspend the confessor’s privilege to celebrate Mass and all other Sacraments as a priest or bishop and strip him of his position as a Parish Pastor or as a Diocesan Bishop. What is even worse, is that it would take

away the clergyman’s actual membership in the Catholic Faith. Only the Pope can reverse this excommunication and allow the guilty person to return to the Faith.

**Why so inflexible a law?** This strict law is in place to uphold the integrity of the Sacrament and to protect the penitent’s right to absolute confidentiality. The law is also designed to make it easier

for a penitent to be forgiven, knowing that his/her right to privacy will be protected. Needless to say, this law does not mitigate the seriousness of one’s sins nor does it excuse the culpability of the sinner.

**The Confessor’s Obligations**  
The confessor is always obliged to strongly insist that the penitent turn him/her self in to the proper authorities (*if the sin confessed is also a crime*) and/or, to seek professional help (*if the sin is motivated by any kind of addiction, hatred or intense unresolved anger issues*).



**Catholic Women's League**

**MEMBERSHIP IN THE C.W.L.**  
Our 2021 League Membership Dues are: \$25. Envelopes for this can be found in your Church envelopes packet.

**RITE OF ACCEPTANCE POSTPONED**

This special R.C.I.A. Liturgical Ceremony which was scheduled to take place on Sunday, January 10 2021 will be postponed to a later date, after the current lock down. The Rite officially welcomes those who wish to seek Baptism (*catechumens*) or Membership in the Church (*candidates*).  
Catechumen: Kaleigh Caputo  
Candidate: Elizabeth Schefee.

**BULLETIN ADVERTISING SPACES STILL AVAILABLE**

Two spaces are currently still available on the back of our soon to be published new 2021 Cathedral Bulletin covers. The advertising cost for the 12 months of the year for one space is \$325. or \$500. for both spaces purchased together.

**ONLINE REFLECTIONS**

Our parishioner, Rose, suggests ~ the following Instagram sites:  
@praynovenastgether  
@letspraymo  
@jonathanroumieofficial.  
~ YouTube Rosary: search for, ‘Catholic Marathon Mom’.  
~ Free multi-season presentations about Jesus. Access it at:  
[www.thechosen.tv/app](http://www.thechosen.tv/app)