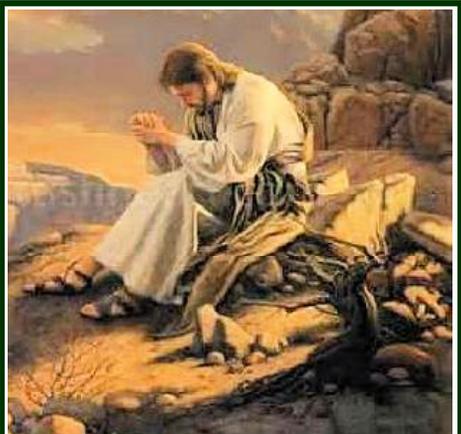


February 7, 2021 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

~~Thurs., Feb. 11th 9:00 am Weekday Mass resumes (*O. L. of Lourdes*)
 6:00 pm R.C.I.A. : Acceptance Rite & Session
 (*resumes in Rectory Meeting Room*)
 Fri., Feb. 12th 9:00 am Weekday Mass
 Sat., Feb. 13th 5:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Day
 Sun., Feb. 14th Masses of the Lord's Day at
 8:30 am & 10:30 am~~



"Rising in the morning, He went to a deserted place to pray"
 (Mark 1: 29-39)

~~**Masses to Resume**
 Unless the Ontario Emergency closures are extended, our Cathedral Masses will resume on Thursday, February 11 at 9 am, the annual Feastday of Our Lady of Lourdes.~~



~~**Bishop's Colli's Schedule**
 Feb. 13th & 14th
 Cathedral Masses~~

AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FROM BISHOP COLLI

New Temporary Office Hours

~~Our Parish Office will re-open for visits and telephone calls, next Thursday, February 11th on a schedule of shortened hours. In-person meetings with Msgr. Stilla are still not permitted until restrictions are lifted.~~

~~--- New Temporary Office Hours ---
Monday and Friday: Closed
 Tues., Wed. & Thurs.: 9 am to 12 noon~~

Letters, envelope donations and other messages can either still be sent to the Office by mail: (211 S. Archibald St., P7E 1G4) or else, delivered manually through the Rectory front door mail slot.



New 'conscience protecting' legislation dealing with euthanasia and assisted suicide may be presented at Queen's Park in mid-February, as a private member's bill.



It will assist, in particular, Catholic doctors, nurses, and health careworkers to follow their conscience in objecting to participate in care that is contrary to our Catholic faith teachings and moral codes. As your Bishop I ask that you please acquire more information about this "Call for Conscience Campaign" and that you support this important legislation.

To access and acquire this information click on: "*Bulletins/Schedules/Forms*" on this Parish website. It will assist you in taking an active part in this current debate. You can also access a Media presentation on that page.

DONATIONS TO THE PARISH DURING THIS PAST WEEK

Donations (<i>mailed or personally delivered to the Office</i>) ...	\$ 2, 415,00
Online Donations (<i>Jan. 24 to Jan.31</i>)	695.00
New Year's Donations (<i>more</i>).....	165.00
Monthly Renovations Collection (<i>more</i>).....	160.00
Initial Offering (<i>for purchase of envelopes: more</i>)	140.00
Fuel Collection (<i>more</i>).....	170.00
Bulletin Advertising	950.00

Thanks to all! If you prefer to donate online, simply click on "Donations to Parish" on the homepage of this website.

First Communion and Confirmation: 2021

If you have not already registered at school for these Sacraments, you can still do so by printing and completing the forms on the "Bulletins/Schedules/Forms" page on this website and then mailing or delivering them to the Parish Office or by placing them in the Collection boxes.



Q. What did St. Thomas More teach about one's conscience?

A. Also known as, "A Man for All Seasons" because he excelled in almost everything he did, Thomas More was the brilliant and devout 16th century English judge and Lord Chancellor of England during the reign of King Henry VIII. The Church has also dubbed him a "champion of the human conscience" because he was renowned for living his life according to the dictates of his own conscience even though some of his contemporaries tried to force him to do otherwise! One of



St. Thomas More
(1478-1535)

those 'powerful' contemporaries was the King himself. As his friend and Chancellor, King Henry expected Thomas, along with all citizens of the Realm, to accept his decision to divorce his first wife, Queen Catharine and to recognize

the validity of his subsequent marriage to Anne Boleyn. They were also expected to vow their allegiance to the King as the new "Supreme Head of the Church in England", in place of the Pope. Those

who refused to accept both decrees were charged with high treason and threatened with imprisonment or death. Despite this, Thomas told the King that he could never, in good conscience, accept either decree although he respected the conscience decisions of others who did. Then, he voluntarily

resigned his office as the King's Chancellor. He was later charged, tried and found guilty of high treason and was executed in 1535. On the day of his execution, Thomas spoke these famous words: "*I die the King's good servant, but God's first*".

Like St. Thomas More, many other well known persons of Faith have openly expressed their true beliefs and have passed on inspiring quotes which reflect their innate wisdom. Here are a few of them:

JESUS IN THE GOSPELS

"All who exalt themselves will be humbled; all who humble themselves will be exalted". (Mt.23)

"Whatever you did to the least of these you did it to me." (Mt.25)

ST. PAUL

"For whenever I am weak, then I am strong". (2 Cor. 12)

"I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race. I have kept the faith". (2 Timothy 4)

ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

"May I give and not count the cost."

ST. MOTHER TERESA

"If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one".

ST. JAMES, THE APOSTLE

"no one can tame the tongue - a restless evil full of poison". (Jm. 3)

ST. TERESA OF AVILA

"Those who make no mistakes, make nothing".

ST. BONIFACE

"When troubles arise in the Church, our duty is not to abandon ship but to guide her back on course".

ST. AUGUSTINE

"Pray as if everything depended on God and work as if everything depended on you".

ST. THOMAS MORE

"When statesmen forsake their own conscience for the sake of their public duties, they lead their country by a short route to chaos".

HELEN KELLER (blind from birth)

"Death is like passing from one room into another, but there's a difference for me, because in that other room I shall be able to see".



Catholic Women's League

Zoom Gatherings and Instructed Votes

Please click on the Catholic Women's League page on this website to access special procedure instructions to take part in these upcoming events on: February 10, 2021 (12:30 pm or 7:00 pm). Host: Colleen Martin Facilitator: Joleene Kemp This is a time for you to gather and to share thoughts.

New Provincial Newsletter
Our February 2021 newsletter, which highlights our own Diocesan League is now also available online on this website.

R.C.I.A. TO RESUME



Our group will gather again to continue their Faith journey, and to celebrate a private "Rite of Acceptance" on Thursday, February 11, in the Rectory meeting room.