

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
(Parish Celebration of St. Patrick & St. Joseph)

Sun.,	Mar. 21	All Masses	Celebration Masses of our Patronal Feasts <i>(No reception due to Pandemic precautions)</i>
Mon.,	Mar. 22 nd	12:10 pm	Lenten Weekday Mass
Tues.,	Mar. 23 rd	9:00 am 6:00 pm	Lenten Weekday Mass R.C.I.A. <i>(in Rectory Meeting Room)</i>
Wed.,	Mar. 24 ^h	9:00 am	Lenten Weekday Mass
Thurs.,	Mar. 25 th	9:00 am 3:00 pm	Mass of the Annunciation of the Lord Mass of Chrism (Bishop and Priests ONLY)
Fri.,	Mar. 26 th	9:00 am	Lenten Weekday Mass
Sat.,	Mar. 27 th	5:00 pm	Lord's Day Mass <i>(Passion (Palm) Sunday)</i>
Sun.,	Mar. 28 th		Masses for Passion (Palm) Sunday at 8:30 am & 10:30 am

CHURCH and OFFICE
 Our Cathedral was re-opened for public Masses again last Wednesday, March 17th, with the revised Ontario 'Grey Zone' restrictions in place. The Parish Office continues to remain open but still with reduced hours.



Bishop's Schedule
 Palm Sunday Masses:
 at the Cathedral

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY

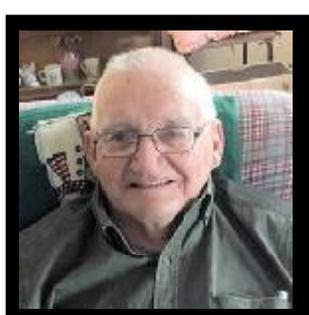
It was on March 25, 1999, the Solemnity of the Annunciation, that Bishop Colli was installed as the 5th Bishop of Thunder Bay. Our Cathedral Parish and Diocese celebrate this special occasion with him and wish him continued blessings and good health!



WEEK 6: MARCH 22 to 28, 2021
 Keeping Canadians committed.



Advocacy by Development & Peace members resulted in several schools, parishes and municipal offices across Canada giving up bottled water? Join our Share Love, Share Lent campaign to celebrate the ways in which Canadian Catholics show that they care for social, economic and environmental justice. To help make a difference, get your MP to commit to building back better from the pandemic. Visit devp.org/lent to learn more.



We were saddened this week by the death of Rev. Mr. Stephen Hanson, on March 12th. Deacon Steve was a 42 year member of K.C. Council 1130 and a past Grand Knight, of his Council. He was ordained a Permanent Deacon of our Diocese on March 22, 1987, retiring in December 2014. He served the Parishes of St. Andrew's and Kitchitwa Kateri (Thunder Bay), St. Francis Xavier (Pic River), and Holy Saviour (Marathon). May he rest in peace with the Lord Whom he loved so much!

THIS PAST WEEK'S DONATIONS TO THE PARISH

Donations <i>(mailed or delivered to the Office)</i>	\$ 1,660.00
Online Donations <i>(Mar 7- 14)</i>	520.00
Monthly Renovation Collection <i>(more)</i>	140.00
"Share Lent" Collection <i>(more)</i>	190.00

In honour of our Patron Saint whom we celebrate this weekend, I have reprinted an ancient prayer of petition attributed to him.

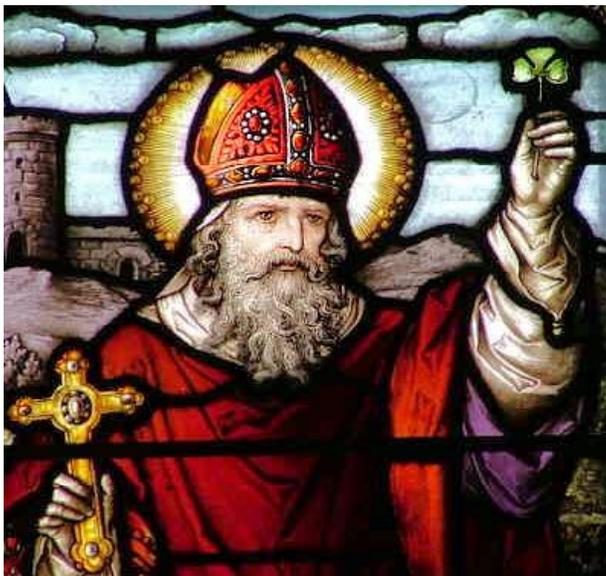
This centuries-old prayer of invocation is commonly known as "St. Patrick's Breastplate".

It is contained in the ancient Book of Armagh and is believed to have been written by Saint Patrick himself in the 5th century. He composed it as he prepared to meet for the first time, Loe-gaire, the



For Dedication To Christ
Christ be with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ within me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ at my right, Christ at my left, Christ at home, Christ in my travels on the land and on

ruler of the Druids, in what is now present day Ireland. His challenging mission was to explain the Christian Gospel to him with images that he could understand.



Although the complete prayer contains many more stanzas, the following ones are most memorable.

His Prayer For Protection

"Christ protect me today, against every poison, against burning, against drowning, against death-

the sea.
For Success in Ministry
Christ in the heart of all who think of me. Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks to me. Christ in every eye that sees me and Christ in every ear that hears me. Amen."

Inspired by St. Paul Patrick probably based his prayer on St. Paul's advice when he says: You must always "put on the armour of God". (Ephesians 6:10-18).

Patrick: A Brief Biography

'Patricius' was born in Britain, the son of a deacon and government official of the Roman settlement there. At the age of 16, he was captured by pirates and sold as a slave in what is now Ireland. During this time of captivity the grace of his Christian Baptism was re-awakened. After escaping and returning to his homeland he began to again prac-

tise his Faith and to pursue a call to the priesthood. He was eventually ordained a priest and later, a bishop. His dream was to return to Ireland, to evangelize its inhabitants and to establish the Christianity in that land of his youth. Through his preaching and with the help of others, the Christian Faith was established in most of Ireland by 492 A.D.



Catholic Women's League

C.W.L. Upcoming Events

St. Joseph Retreat

March 27, 2021: 10 am - 2 pm

CANADA'S SPECIAL PATRON SAINT



The Patron Saint of a nation who is selected is one whose virtues and exemplary faith life could inspire a country's citizens. In Canada we chose St. Joseph as our model.

Pope Urban VIII

It was in 1624, almost 350 years before Confederation, that Pope Urban VIII, at the request of Samuel de Champlain, named St. Joseph, the Patron Saint of what was then the Colony of New France.

Patron Saint for All of Canada After Confederation the Catholics of our newly formed nation continued to look to Joseph as a fitting model for all Canadians, in admiration of his righteous living, his humility, his positive work ethic and his loyalty and commitment. May he continue to inspire us all!