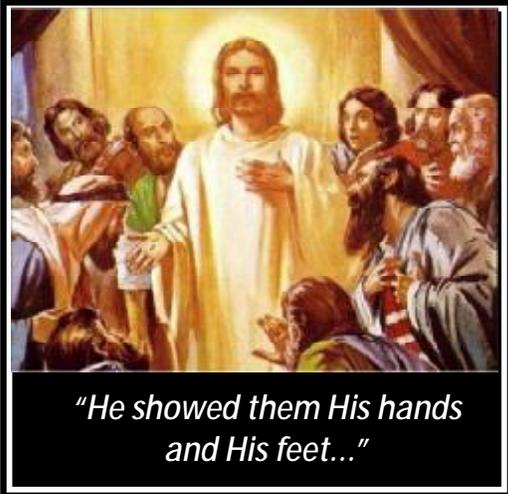


**April 18, 2021 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**



*"He showed them His hands and His feet..."*

Due to the extended Ontario COVID-19 restrictions, all our public Masses and Services are postponed as of April 16, 2021 and until the current measures are lifted.

The Cathedral and its Prayer Garden are also closed to the public, until further notice.

Our Parish Office will remain open for phone calls and e-mails ONLY on the following days:

Monday & Friday: **CLOSED**

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: **9:00 am to 12:00 noon.**



~~Bishop's Schedule  
May 1 & 2  
Cathedral Masses~~



*Thank-you so much!*

**A Special Note from our Church Environment Director**

*I would like to thank Erick Villanueva, Mark Sybus, Marie Vanderwey, and Linda and Derek West for all their hard work as well as for their creativity in decorating and preparing our Cathedral for this year's Easter Celebrations. You are a great team!  
God Bless, Cheryl DeLorenzi.  
(... and a very special thanks to Cheryl, too. Msgr. Pat.)*



**OUR FIRST COMMUNION CHILDREN – 2021**

- Cameron Cooper
- Evan Currie
- Isabella Dewar
- Sullivan Gallo
- Lilylynn Haywood
- Alana Henderson
- Kyler Johnson/Fortier



- Kaitlyn Koski
- Tyler Lombardo
- Isabelle Pike
- Everly Schincariol
- Arianna Sutton
- Sieanna Tookenay
- Oscar Love

Pray for them as they prepare for their special day on June 6<sup>th</sup>!

**CONFIRMATION: MAY 23<sup>rd</sup>**

We also pray for those who will be confirmed in the Holy Spirit this year. Candidates are asked to attend only 1 meeting with their Sponsor, here on Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7 pm. Not registered? Call our Office at 622-5389



**THIS WEEK'S DONATIONS**

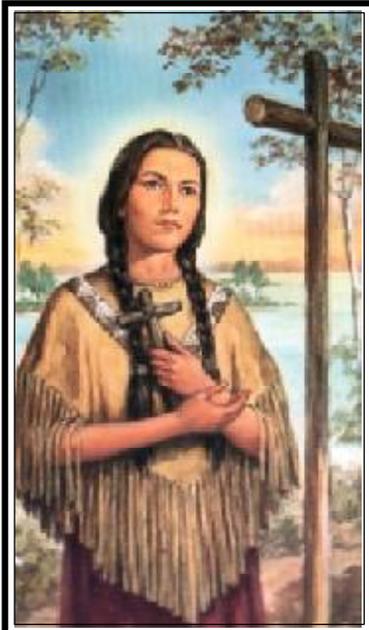


Last Sunday's Collection ( <i>mailed or delivered</i> ) .....	\$ 2,795.80
Online Donations ( <i>week of April 4-11</i> ) .....	300.00
Easter Sunday Donations ( <i>more</i> ) .....	225.00
Various Prescribed Collections ( <i>more</i> ) .....	185.00
Votive Candles .....	272.00
St. Anthony's Poor Fund .....	77.50
'Friends' of the Cathedral Donations .....	5,800.00
Donations in memory of Mrs. Leonilda Stilla ( <i>more</i> )...	150.00
<i>(A large one time donation was made to 'Friends' this week). Thank-you.</i>	

Q. I noticed in my daily Missal that April 17<sup>th</sup> is the Feastday of St. Kateri Tekakwitha. When did she live and why is this day her Feastday?

A. Kateri Tekakwitha, who is the first Indigenous North American person to be declared a Saint by the Catholic Church was born in 1656 in the Mohawk community of Ossernenon, near present day Auriesville, New York. In Canada, we celebrate her feast day on April 17<sup>th</sup> because she died and entered eternal life on that day in 1680.

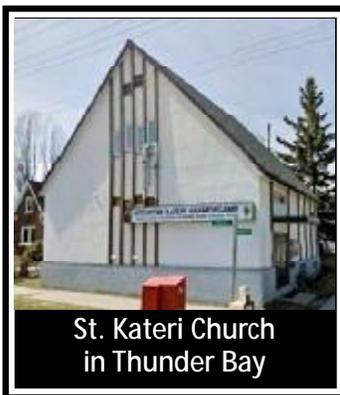
Her Early life *Tekakwitha* is Kateri's Aboriginal name and *Kateri* (Catherine) is the name that she received on the day of her Baptism. Her mother, a Christian Algonquian and her father, a



non-Christian Mohawk Chief of the Turtle Clan, both died of smallpox when Tekakwitha was four years old. She herself was also affected by this debilitating disease, which impaired her vision and disfigured her face. Her uncle who became the Chief, adopted and raised her.

Her Baptism and Trials Unlike many others her age, *Tekakwitha* was inspired by the Christian message when she was a teen. She heard it from the preaching of three Jesuit missionaries who were then visiting her community. So

moved was this young woman with the Christian message that, at the age of 20, she freely asked to be baptized. Unfortunately, her conversion to Christianity was perceived by her relatives to be a rejection of her Indigenous roots in favour of the 'white man's' beliefs. As a result, she was rejected by her family members and friends and became an outcast in her village. Eventually she was forced to leave her community and moved to Kanawake, a colony of Aboriginal Christians near Montréal. There, *Kateri* made a vow of perpetual chastity and dedicated herself to prayer, to teaching the Faith to children and to caring for the sick and the aged. Her commitment and her fervour inspired everyone that she met.



St. Kateri Church in Thunder Bay

The Mohawk Lily As I mentioned above, Kateri died on April 17, 1680 at the young age of 24. Since the lily is the symbol of chastity, she soon became known by many as the "*Lily of the Mohawks*", because she had embraced a personal vow of celibacy. She continues to be a model of Faith not only for the Indigenous peoples of Canada but also for all who face loneliness and persecution from others because they choose to practise their Faith and Prayer Life.



Catholic Women's League

Another Successful Gathering Over 22 joined last Sunday's successful April Gathering via 'Zoom'. Thanks to Colleen Martin and Joleene Kemp for facilitating the meeting and to all who took part. During the gathering, Joan Joubert, gave us a list of this year's membership pin recipients. They are:

10 years

Maureen Comuzzi-Stehmann, Janice Harasyn, Lenore O'Donnell, Jackie Rink, Rosanna Roussin, & Hara Villaneuva;

25 years

Pam Brusadin, Anita Colosimo & Colleen Martin;

40 years

Joan Joubert, Lisa Posmituk, & Madeline A. Szekley;

50 years

Tanya Hladysh & Lenore Waplak;

65 years

Carmel Smillie;

70 Years \*

Vi Zucchiatti

\* Sadly, we also announce the recent passing of a very faithful League member and a second 70 year pin recipient, Janet Tribe, and of the mother of Pam Brusadin, Vera Bochko. May they rest in peace.



Knights of Columbus



Upkeep of the Priests' Plot Click on the "K.C." tab on this website to read the Memo about this, sent by our Faithful Navigator, Wayne Murphy.