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Chaplain's Words of Wisdom

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

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Some thoughts for your Lenten journey from Fr. Anton

Let's start with an excerpt of Paul's letter to the Romans: "Brothers and sisters... All who are led by the Spirit of God are God's children. You did not receive a spirit of slavery leading you back into fear, but a spirit of adoption through which you can cry out 'Abba - Father' The Spirit itself gives witness to our spirit that we are children of God. We suffer with Him so we can be glorified with Him. I consider the sufferings of the present to be as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed in us. Indeed, the whole created world eagerly awaits the revelation of the children of God. Creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord, but by Him who once subjected it; not without hope, because the world itself will be freed from its slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God." These are powerful words, and we need to breathe them in repeatedly until they permeate our very souls, that they become one with us. There really is no greater gift. While at times our lives may seem overwhelming, we need to remember that to be one of God's children is to embrace not only the good times in our lives, but also those times when illness and suffering comes uninvited. Human weakness isn't new to the story of humanity, but through the course of our lives we can see where it can get the best of us. In the Old Testament suffering was believed to be a punishment from God for our sins; if there was a catastro-

phe that could not be explained, it was God's doing - He was showing the power of His vengeance. Jesus, in the New Testament, gave us a much different picture of God.

Jesus teaches that God is a loving father Who cares for His children. God is full of mercy and compassion - quick to forgive and His love has no conditions. Over the years and throughout the history of the Church, this image of a loving God has become a bit tarnished. Prior to the middle-ages God was merciful and forgiving, and slowly the image of God changed through the "dark-ages" to an image of a vengeful and punishing deity who go as far as He could to punish humanity and to inflict suffering and pain on a world that was weak and broken. Only since the Second Vatican Council has there been an effort to move hearts from fear to love and trust, and to a better understanding of God that is more in line with the teachings of Jesus. +Pope John the 23rd, and now Pope Francis "opened the windows" that fresh air may now flow - in other words to call on the Holy Spirit to bring renewal into the hearts of the hierarchy and faithful. What is your image of God? Do you truly believe that He loves just as you are, at this very moment? Do accept His forgiveness, by forgiving yourself and others? In other words, can you accept and embrace your humanity to claim the Divine life that lives within you? Paul encourages us to do just that! "You did not receive a spirit of slavery leading you back into fear, but a spirit of adoption through which you can cry out 'Abba - Father.'" He gives us the image of a loving father. Relationship is defined through love rather than fear. Suffering is put into perspective - it isn't a punishment from God! No human parent in their right mind would intentionally inflict pain and suffering on their child, no matter what the circumstance, so how can we possibly reconcile the idea of a vengeful God with a loving Father? Lent is the perfect time to reflect on our relationship with God through Jesus. In the person of Jesus, God has chosen to walk with us through

life; not stand in front, nor to lag, but to walk beside us! Yes, He indeed is God, but He is a loving parent; not interfering in human affairs but accompanying us on our journey, even though at times our decisions that brought us confusion and at times pain in our lives lead us away from Him - but make no mistake - He is not the one who moved! He is there not to say, 'I told you so,' but rather 'I am with you.' This is the loving Father that I have experienced and that I serve. This is the God that I have tried to share with those entrusted to my care for the last 30 years. I have experienced the desert of despair and at times thoughts of hopelessness, and certainly am keenly aware of temptation... I understand sin because I am as weak as any of you; yet through good and bad times I have witnessed and felt God's presence, despite turmoil and confusion I have had peace. I try to model my life after Christ - I consciously try to be servant and not to be served, and all I do is out of love for those I care for - they are the living Icons of Christ for me. To serve others is to serve Jesus Himself! My life is just as yours, a Lenten journey, it is a constant opportunity for self-discovery and renewal - it is a journey that calms my fears and assures me of a Father's love for His children. I encourage you to make an extra effort to attend Lenten services - here we are reassured of God's love and come to understand the meaning of sacrifice and suffering. Here we can rediscover the true meaning faithfulness. Let us pray: Loving God, often life seems overwhelming, and situations arise that come uninvited and for which I am ill prepared. Help me during this Lenten journey to rediscover my relationship with You as my loving Father. May all my fears give way to love and trust, and may I have the courage to always journey with You through Jesus to the meaning of life - to live, to love, to laugh, to pray, to share, to forgive and to seek forgiveness, and finally at the end of my days to rest in Your arms. Amen.

As soon as they left the synagogue they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about it at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found, they said to him, 'Everyone is searching for you.' He answered, 'Let us go on to the neighbouring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.' And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Mark 1:29-39

Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights:

As I am away at the present time my letter will be short. February is special in that Valentine's Day falls on February 14, 2024. Happy Valentine's Day to all Brother Knights and families. Please be kind and love one another. Keep your loved one's that have passed on in your prayers. Please note that Family Day in Canada will be celebrated on Monday, February 19, 2024. "Embracing Diversity, Strengthening Families": This day we celebrate the unique tapestry of cultures, backgrounds, and experiences that enrich families, fostering understanding, and promoting inclusion.

Our next KofC Council Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at 7:00pm** in the Knight's Room at St Nicholas Church at 260 Melvin Ave. Hamilton.

Trident Charities will hold their next bingo session on Saturday, Feb 10, 2024, bingo cards go on sale at 8:30 am and bingo starts at 9:30 am. Please support our February bingo fundraiser held at Princess Bingo on Fennell Ave. Note that another important function is being held this same day, it's the 39th Annual Bishop's Charities Dinner Dance. Please let me know if you are interested in attending.

The next Perogie and Sausage Takeout Only Dinner is scheduled for Thursday, February 29, 2024 at the Resurrection Church Hall. Hopefully the weather will be agreeable for a successful event. Please support this important fundraiser.

Happy Birthday to Brothers celebrating in February: Br Maurice Storozinski; Br Rapheal Rozo; Br Steve Dushko and Br John Kohut. I also extend Wedding Anniversary greetings to Brothers and their spouses celebrating in September. Mnohya Lita! May God grant you many happy and healthy years.

Brothers, let's continue to offer prayers for our Priests, Sister Servants, Brother Knights and members of their families, especially for those who may be ill. Above all let's pray that the war in Ukraine will soon come to an end and that Ukraine will be victorious.

I don't have my list with me of our Brothers that have passed away during the month of February in past years. When I return home I will post these brother's names on our Knights of Columbus Council 7464 website. Please keep them in your prayers. Vichna Pamyat! May They Rest in Peace!

Be Safe, Stay Healthy!

Fraternally Yours, *Don Krochak - Grand Knight*

News Updates and Events



KofC Council 7464 & Ukr Church
of Resurrection Ladies holding
Perogie & Sausage Dinner Take
Out Only



Thursday, February 29, 2024

Menu:

Eight (8) Perogies, 1 Link Sausage, Cooked Sauerkraut & Fried Onions
for \$15.00 Cash Only

Pick Up at:

**Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Resurrection, 821 Upper
Wentworth St., Hamilton, Ontario**

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or call Mary-Anne 905-385-9462

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January 15, 2024

Worthy Grand Knight,

As graduating high school students prepare applications for universities and colleges many of them will also be looking for some financial aid to help pay for their further education. They will approach their guidance office for a list of organizations that offer bursaries and scholarships. Many councils offer their own bursary to a graduating student, but I also encourage you to advertise the State Bursary program too.

The Ontario State Board offers five bursaries valued at \$1,000.00 each. The deadline for applications is June 1st so please mention the State Bursary program over these next five months to your members at the membership meeting, in your parish bulletin announcements and your council email correspondence.

Do you have a council chairman who could deliver a copy of the bursary to your local high school to make them aware of our annual bursary? Any efforts you do will be appreciated by those students that become aware of this State Bursary and apply for it.

Full details are found on the application. Applications can be downloaded here: <https://ontariokofc.ca/programs/faith-in-action/community/bursary/>

Fraternally,

Joseph Bodnar
State Treasurer

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😊 Monthly Smile 😊

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Hey, Ma, why are you pushing the broom in baby's face? Well, grandpa is coming to visit and he wears that heavy beard. I'm teaching the baby to kiss grandpa.

"Say, coach, I heard up in the press box that you keep a chaplain on the bench to pray for your team during games. Would you mind introducing me to him?" "Glad to, Scoop, Did you want to meet the offensive chaplain or the defensive chaplain?"

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NOTABLE DATES

February 02	Friday	Groundhog Day
February 10	Saturday	Bingo:Princess Bingo 9:30 am
February 10	Saturday	Bishop Crosby Dinner Dance Carmen's Banquet Center 6pm
February 13	Tuesday	Council meeting St. Nicholas meeting room 7pm
February 14	Wednesday	♥ Valentine's Day ♥
February 14	Wednesday	Ash Wednesday
February 18	Sunday	First Sunday of Lent
February 19	Monday	Family Day
		Sausage & Perogie Sale Church of the Resurrection Hall 3-6pm Take out only
February 29	Thursday	

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Happy Birthday to the Following Members

February 05	MAURICE S. STOROZINSKI
February 15	RAPHAEL ROZO
February 17	STEVE DUSKO
February 19	JOHN KOHUT

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