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FROM THE LORD COMES DELIVERANCE.
MAY YOUR BLESSING BE ON YOUR PEOPLE.

- PSALM 3:8 -



Lecturer's Words of Wisdom

FATHER ANTON'S WORDS OF WISDOM: Well , it would seem that summer has arrived and it is hot! My late grandmother on these days would remark "if hell is hotter than this, we'd better change our ways!" I often think of her and her wisdom. Her humor and wit got me and her through many difficult times. She was practical both in life and in faith. As things will now begin to slowly re-opening during this fourth wave of Covid-19, my prayer is will continue to use some common sense. As I am out and about, I see less people using masks to protect others and themselves, social distancing is quickly going by the wayside, and it seems we have forgotten that we are in this pandemic will be around for a long time. Vaccines are being administered and although many have received their first dose there is still a fair journey ahead. Christ was always practical with faith as well. He spoke in a language that the people understood and was always ready to meet them where they were at. This is why the people were drawn to Him. Jesus was not intimidating, there was a charisma about him and people were drawn to him. His message was simple, "Seek first the Kingdom of God, and all things will be added unto you." Too often we think of our prayer life as "gimmee this, or gimmee that," prayers that often make God into our person "Genie." Our prayer should be simple; it is about relationship. All prayer should begin and start with GRATEFULNESS, and from this energy of thanksgiving our words will flow. Think of how you talk with your parents or your closest friends; there is intimacy there, and this should be how we relate to God. Christ taught us to call God "Abba" and word that literally translates to "papa or daddy." In this way our relationship is one of love and trust, there is no fear when expressing our feelings. God is bigger than our pettiness or our anger, and sometimes we need to vent; even to Him. I know throughout my life this has happened to me, and here I am, not struck by lightning and still here! All I can tell you from my own experience is that through all these times when I needed to "tell it like it is," it has drawn me closer to Christ and increased my faith. It allowed me to quickly let go to those things I have no control over – I give it to God and what will be will be. Our prayer life is also not just about words. Every day from when you wake to when you sleep should be a prayer. Everything we say and do is an offering to God. Therefore, it is important to be conscious of the presence of Christ always. I do not walk alone, He walks with me, and in every instance if I am aware of His presence it changes the energy of my day. That isn't to say that there will be times when you say to yourself, "Enough, I can't do this anymore." It isn't until I can remove the "I" from this sentence that I can truly feel Christ working and acting in my life. When I change the "I" to "We" I have come to know that I am not alone, that "I" don't have to do this or that alone, but rather with Christ "We" can get over whatever turmoil or hurdle we are dealing with or lies ahead. During this pandemic there has been a lot of praying going on, but the words of our prayers have to be followed through. There is no sense in asking God to help us deal with Covid, or to speed up vaccine process, if we are not willing to participate in that prayer. God works through human hands and hearts, and the knowledge of our health care workers and professions comes from Him. When they are guiding, God is speaking. Simple things like continuing our social distancing... "Better six feet apart, than six feet under" is a popular saying now as we;; as "easier to close a business temporarily than to close a casket permanently". Masks are not and should not be a political statement. When you or I wear a mask we are saying "I care about you." Yes, our world is not the same as it used to be, but these times give us an opportunity to re-evaluate our priorities, to assess our spiritual health, to draw closer to one another and to Christ. My late grandmother always said "The sun always shines after a storm, and there is always good that can come from bad." So while we hope for more normal days ahead, we see for the most part and more compassionate world that cares for one another and this is good. **LET US PRAY: Jesus, you came into the world that we might be able to experience the fullness of life. This fullness isn't always fun and games, but also the difficult times that allow us to draw closer to you and to your Father. Help me to be aware of your presence daily. May the words I speak in prayer be followed through by my actions, and in all times and in all places may I live in gratefulness for each new day, each new challenge and each new triumph. Amen**



Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights:

The month of June is the first month of summer and let's pray we will be able to enjoy it safely. It looks like there's light at the end of the tunnel. The recent reports by our Governing officials are stating that the effects of following prescribed rules and regulations plus the current lockdown are contributing to the slow downward trend of Covid-19 virus sicknesses. They also state that approximately 65 % of adults have received their first virus vaccine. The younger population aged 12 to 17 are to start receiving vaccinations shortly. Continue to follow the safety guidelines, stay safe and stay healthy.

Our next Council Zoom Meeting will be held on **Tuesday June 8, 2021 at 7:00pm.**

At this meeting our District Deputy will be holding the election of officers for the next fraternal year. As per the State Deputy because of the current Pandemic officers from the previous year will stay in their positions. A slate of officers was submitted to the District Deputy at the last meeting from which he will hold the election. I had sent an email to all Brothers last month asking if there were any that would be interested in accepting an officers role as all were available but none responded so the slate will remain the same as submitted last month.

The next Perogy and Sausage Dinner (Takeout Only) is scheduled for Thursday, May 27th. and hopefully we have a good turnout. I will advise by email after the event and give details of expenses and profits.

I wish to extend Birthday Greetings to the following Brothers having a birthday in June: Br. Peter Holubowsky; Father Renaldo Kekis; Br Bohdan Lopatniuk; and Br Ron Zinkewich. I also extend Wedding Anniversary greetings to Brothers and their spouses celebrating this month. Mnohya Lita! May God grant you many years.

Brothers, let us not forget to offer prayers for Priests, Sister Servants, Brother Knights and members of their families, who may be ill. Let's pray especially for the health of Brothers Mykhaylo Furtak, Bob Moscal, Bohdan Matwijiw and Boris Dusanowsky. May God bless them and restore them to good health very soon. We also pray that the Covid-19 Pandemic ends soon.

Be safe and have a great healthy summer!

Fraternally Yours,

Don Krochak - Grand Knight

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Pentecost is Personal

We have a mission like the first apostles

By Gerald Korson

You've got the spirit — the Holy Spirit. What are you doing with it?

At the first Pentecost, ten days after Jesus ascended into heaven, the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles in dramatic fashion, and amazing things began to happen. This ragtag band of men, who had fled when Jesus was arrested, and exhibited doubt and confusion about his mission — suddenly burst forth from the Upper Room, preaching the Good News of salvation. Pilgrims of many languages understood and were converted. The apostles baptized 3,000 new disciples that first day.

The promised Spirit had arrived, and as far as the Church's mission of evangelization was concerned, it was "game on."

But the story does not stop there. We also have the Holy Spirit within us and a mission designed for our personal gifts and talents. Here are a few pointers to help us find that mission and fulfill it.

Pentecost is for everyone. Just as the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles, so it comes to us in Baptism and is strengthened in Confirmation. By virtue of these sacraments, we have a mission to spread the faith. In the "new evangelization," it's all hands on deck.

Good works. We might not preach openly as the apostles did, nor do we deliver homilies and confer Baptism as our priests and deacons do. But we are called to witness to the Gospel in our own way, as laypeople living and working in the world. The way we live according to our Catholic values will speak volumes to those who know us. Think of the saying often attributed to St. Francis of Assisi: "Preach the Gospel always; use words if necessary." Our lived example is the most powerful sermon we can preach to the world.

Good words. That's not to say we should not talk about our faith. It mustn't be a big secret. We should speak of it openly, naturally and with joy. In fact, when people see how we love and serve others, how we practice virtues, and raise our families, they will want to know why we live like that, what makes us "tick." There's an open opportunity to speak of how our faith motivates us. Conversely, when someone learns we are Catholic and questions or even attacks our belief, we must be prepared to answer those queries and objections with clarity and with charity.

The Holy Spirit is there for us in those moments too. Jesus told his apostles that when they are persecuted and put on trial for their faith, "[D]o not be anxious how or what you are to answer or what you are to say; for the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say" (Lk 12:11-12). Those timid apostles weren't working from a prepared text when they spoke at Pentecost, so surely, if you call upon the Spirit, he will inspire you with the words you need to teach or defend your faith.

Never lose heart. Free will is a funny thing. The apostles baptized 3,000 converts at Pentecost, but how many heard the same message and turned away? You can't and won't win them all. You do your best, and plant seeds that may or may not sprout later.

After all, we're just Christ's witnesses, his instruments in evangelization. In the end, those who convert do so because the Holy Spirit has led them, and they responded to that movement of grace. We do our part, and let the Spirit do the rest. And that's how we are to respond to our own Pentecost, the outpouring of the Spirit upon us.



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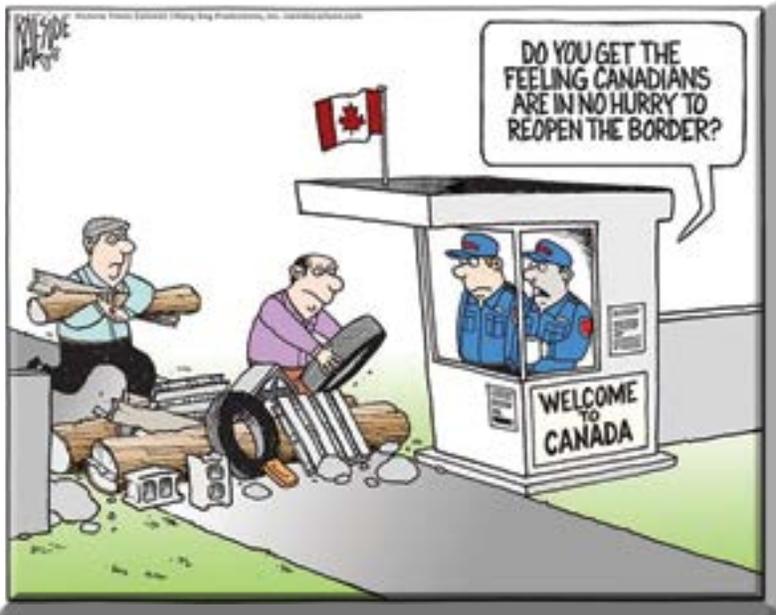
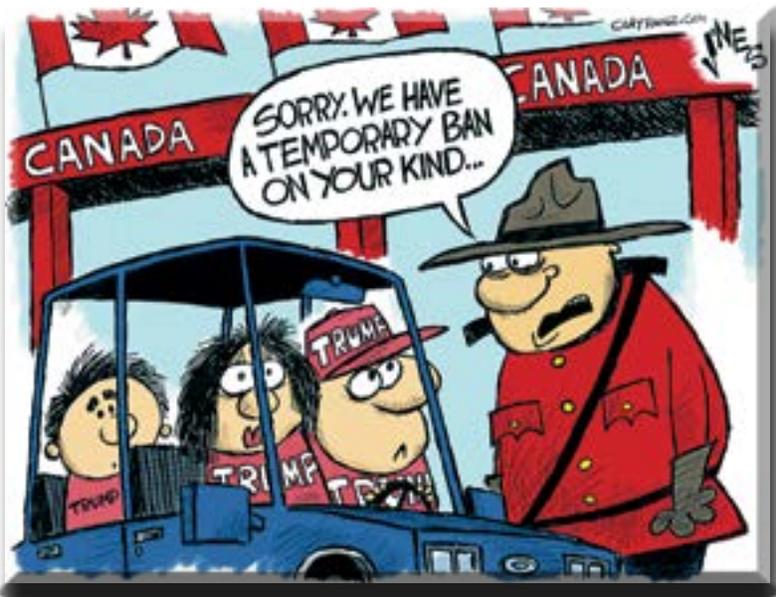
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June 17 PETER H HOLUBOWSKY

July

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August 22 DR. TIBOR TURI

August 24 IZIDOR NEBESNY

Многая Літа

Remember there will be no newsletter for the months of July and August.

Everyone have a safe and enjoyable summer.

God Bless!

NOTABLE DATES

June 08	Tuesday	Virtual Meeting on Zoom 7:00pm check your email
June 20	Sunday	Summer Solstice
June 20	Sunday	Father's Day
June 24	Thursday	Perogy & Sausage Sale Church of Resurrection Hall 3pm to 6pm Take Out Only
July 01	Thursday	Canada Day
August 02	Monday	Civic Holiday
September 06	Monday	Labour Day

Many are saying to me, "There is no help for you in God." But you, O Lord, are a shield around me, my glory, and the one who lifts up my head. I cry aloud to the Lord, and he answers me from his holy hill. I lie down and sleep; I wake again, for the Lord sustains me.

I am not afraid of tens of thousands of people who have set themselves against me all around. Rise up, O Lord! Deliver me, O my God! For you strike all my enemies on the cheek; you break the teeth of the wicked. Deliverance belongs to the Lord; may your blessing be on your people!

Psalms 3:2-8

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