

Catholic Culture Update for the week beginning April 7, 2019

Quote to carry in your heart this week

“The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.” Psalm 126: 3

April 7th is the Fifth Sunday of Lent. “Practice of Charity – The prophet Isaiah observes the ways in which God acts in the world, doing the unexpected and bringing forth something new. In today’s Gospel, Jesus, indeed, acts in a new and unexpected way, refusing to condemn the woman caught in adultery and proposing a new future free from sin. We, too, are invited to share in this new way of life. ♦ This week, notice what holds you back from doing the good you want to do. Consider if acting in a new or unexpected way might make God’s love more fully known. ♦ Reflect on the new life we share in Christ as you read paragraph 654 of the Catechism of the Catholic Church: www.vatican.ca/archive/ENG0015/_P1S.HTM. ♦ In a time of prayer, imagine Jesus speaking these words to you: “Go, and...do not sin any more.” Seek to open your heart to the life of grace given in the sacraments.”
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“Scripture Insights > Today’s readings invite us to reflect on our need for redemption and to open our eyes to the new things that God wants to do in us. The First Reading is addressed to the exiles in Babylon. They are told that God is about to destroy the Babylonian empire. What a marvelous thing! God will buy back the exiles in the same way that he destroyed the pharaoh’s army at the Red Sea. Moreover, this new Exodus will be so great that they will forget the first one. God makes all things new. In the Second Reading, Paul tells the community at Philippi about his former life as a persecutor of the followers of Jesus and about how everything he once had is now considered rubbish in light of knowing Christ and his Resurrection. Here, “knowing” means experiencing Christ in faith. In the Gospel’s powerful story about Jesus and a woman charged with adultery, the scribes and Pharisees force Jesus to be a judge so that they might entrap him. But what about the woman? She is shamed at least twice. The men who brought charges against her would have witnessed the act, and now she awaits judgment. It is likely that she had been raped because most women in the ancient world were not given enough freedom to voluntarily engage in sexual relations. Jesus saves her by saying that the one who has no sin can cast the first stone.

- From the First Reading, what can you conclude about God’s relationship to humanity?
- What would you have wanted to say to the woman accused of adultery?
- What phrases in Paul’s testimony of faith resonate with you?” AT HOME with WORD 2019. LTP, page 67

Living in Community – a quote for the week

“The journey into holiness is communal.” Thomas Groome – Educating for Life p. 349

Ontario Catholic Student Graduate Expectations – A Self-Directed, Responsible, Lifelong Learner Who responds to, manages and constructively influences change in a discerning manner.

Catholic Character Education and the Virtue of Respect, Stewardship and Reverence Minaadendamowin – Le respect

A prayer for Respect > Loving God, let me be good to everyone I meet today. Let me smile and show respect by listening when others speak to me. Let me share joy, peace and care. Amen.

Living Our Mission Statement

We strive to proclaim Christ’s message throughout the curriculum. The foundation of all we do is Christ’s message of love. It really does not matter what subject we are sharing with our students, love is the grounding of all things.

Staff Self-Care Tip of the Week – Listen to your favourite song and enjoy it at a volume that does not harm your ears.

Christian Meditation Insight – **“Daily Wisdom** The love, the joy, the peace, the patience, the kindness, the goodness, the fidelity, these are not our own creation. These are not the result of our will power. They are the natural manifestation, the evolution, the growing of essential elements of our own nature, which are the qualities of the divine life, the qualities of the Spirit. Therefore we see them as an example of the process of divinisation. God became human so that human beings might become one with God. So this is exactly what life is supposed to be about. About growing in conformity, we would say, to the person of Christ, becoming more Christ-like.

Map of the Journey, Laurence Freeman OSB

Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada 2012 Calls to Action

“In order to redress the legacy of residential schools and advance the process of Canadian reconciliation, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission makes the following calls to action.

Missing Children and Burial Information

76. We call upon the parties engaged in the work of documenting, maintaining, commemorating, and protecting residential school cemeteries to adopt strategies in accordance with the following principles:

- i. The Aboriginal community most affected shall lead the development of such strategies.
- ii. Information shall be sought from residential school Survivors and other Knowledge Keepers in the development of such strategies.
- iii. Aboriginal protocols shall be respected before any potentially invasive technical inspection and investigation of a cemetery site.

Twenty-first Century Learning

https://www.godtube.com/watch/?v=1EB12JNU&utm_source > 200 Young People Sing A Capella Rendition of You Raise Me Up – 4.08 min

https://www.godtube.com/watch/?v=YYPYWGNX&utm_source > Red Letters by Crowder – Inspirational Video – 3.49 min

<https://www.devp.org/en/lent/resources> > Shared Lent resources are available for download. Check it out!

<http://theturtleislandnews.com/> the news from an indigenous perspective

www.biblestudytools.com

<https://www.loyolapress.com/3-minute-retreats-daily-online-prayer>

<http://www.sacredspace.ie/plain/daily-prayer> > joint ministry of Irish Jesuits and Loyola Press

www.gratefulness.org > subscribe to this daily email to provide yourself with messages of gratefulness

<http://wccm.org/> > World Community for Christian Meditation > This is a site for Christian Meditation for teachers and students alike.

www.CARFLEO.com > best kept secret for religious education teachers of every grade

<https://www.facinghistory.org/educator-resources> > Resources for teaching difficult topics in history

Saints Kit – All the saints of the Roman Calendar and More by Sister Mary Kathleen Glavich, S.N.D., and other Sisters of Notre Dame, Chardon

“St. Stanislaus – April 11 – In 1072 the people of Cracow, Poland, were without a bishop. They begged the pope to give them Stanislaus, a well-loved priest who was generous to the poor and whose sermons and examples had brought many people back to Christ. Stanislaus had studied in Paris, had become a priest, and was the preacher and archdeacon to the bishop of Cracow. At the pope’s order, Stanislaus became the new bishop. Centuries later, Saint John Paul II was bishop of the same diocese. Stanislaus showed courage when he opposed King Boleslaus II for unjust wars, violence, cheating the poor, and kidnapping a nobleman’s beautiful wife. King Boleslaus pretended repentance, but his virtue was short-lived and he returned to his old corrupt ways. Stanislaus tirelessly preached the ways of God to the king. Enraged, Boleslaus accused him of various crimes. One story reports that a man had given an estate to the bishop. When the man died, Boleslaus accused Stanislaus of stealing the property. Stanislaus fasted for three days, ordered the man’s grave opened, raised him to life, and brought him to court. There the man upheld the bishop’s good name. Still Boleslaus behaved like a tyrant. Stanislaus cut him off from the Church. Boleslaus entered the cathedral where Stanislaus was holding services. Pursued by the king, Stanislaus fled to a chapel outside of town. The king ordered his guards to enter the church and kill the bishop as he was celebrating Mass. When they refused, the king marched in and slew Stanislaus with his own sword. Boleslaus finished his life repenting for his sins in a Benedictine abbey. God always forgives even the greatest of sins.” Card 42

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The Family of God

1. What age group is invited to Mass on Sunday?

A. teenagers

B. young families

C. senior citizens

D. all ages

2. A family that learns and lives the faith together prepares children to respond to God's call to serve as faith-filled _____, single, or married people.

- A. **priests or religious** B. athletes C. foreigners D. world travelers

3. The disciples knew the resurrected Jesus was not a ghost because he showed them his wounds from the crucifixion and _____.

- A. he didn't say "Boo" C. **he ate food with them**
B. he didn't fly D. he rose from the dead on Easter and not on Hallowe'en

4. _____ and sponsors are older, more experienced Catholics who promise to mentor and teach new Christians about living as disciples of Jesus.

- A. Professional athletes B. **Godparents** C. Rap singers D. Bankers

5. Jesus predicted _____.

- A. the winner of the Super Bowl C. the day that the world would end
B. the fall of the Roman Empire D. **that he would rise from the dead**

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1. Only children have to go to religious education classes because adults don't sin. T or F

2. Parents and godparents promise to help protect the gift of faith given to new Christians in baptism from the poison of _____.

- A. too much fast food B. high fructose corn syrup C. cocaine D. sin

3. Fr. Patrick Peyton, CSC, coined the phrase: "The family that prays together _____ together."

- A. lives B. eats C. stays D. plays

4. The lists of all Jesus' ancestors found in the beginning of the Gospels of Matthew and Luke are called _____.

- A. genealogies B. unpronounceable C. boring D. weird

5. The patriarchs of the Jewish and Christian faith are Abraham, Isaac, and _____.

- A. Cain and Abel B. Jacob C. Julius Caesar D. Jesus

Taking Jesus to the Movies ...A blog by Sister Pat

Kodachrome (2017) – This movie directed by Mark Raso is movie about a cross-country road trip. Ed Harris plays a renown photographer who is estranged from his adult son. He has hired a caregiving nurse, Elizabeth Olsen to travel with him to Kansas. The nurse contacts the son (played by Jason Sudeikis) to drive his father to the last Kodachrome film developing lab before it closes its doors. The photographer has one last roll of film to be developed. It is a movie with many highs and lows. Watch with a box of tissues. I give this movie /5 hearts.

A Blog for Eclectic Readers – by Pat Carter csj

Refugee by Alan Gratz. It is a teen/young adult fiction book about three different refugee families. Three youth and their families are trying to escape war and injustice in three different times (a Jewish family escaping the Holocaust, a Cuban family escaping Castro's Cuba in the nineties and a family escaping the Syrian crisis in our time.) The author cleverly weaves the three stories and the hardships each family face as they journey to freedom. It is a timely novel as our Share Lent campaign focuses on Share the Journey. I couldn't put the book down. I give this book /5 happy faces

Catholic WORD of the Week – For Those Who Read to the end...Just like the credits at the movies

“Morality of War – There are occasions and circumstances in which a war can be moral. War can be conducted morally if the following conditions are met: (1) the intention of the agent is just; (2) the means used is proportionate, discriminate and just; (3) it is resorted to only as a last means to resolve the conflict; (4) there is a proportion between the goods being protected by the war and the evils the war brings about; (5) there is a reasonable prospect for success; and (6) the cause of the war is just. On close analysis, one sees that these conditions are very difficult to meet, and the classical criteria held that a war could be considered just only if it was *morally certain* that these conditions were met. Because of this, one must wonder if there can be a just war today, particularly because it is not evident that the weapons used in virtually all wars today can meet the criteria of discrimination and proportionality.” Our Sunday Visitor’s Catholic Encyclopedia, page 967

Something new for 2019

Church bulletins – these sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced at masses.

This evening at 7 pm there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.