



SAINT BENEDICT'S

PASTORAL UNIT

4th Sunday Easter WEEKLY CHECK-IN

to keep people up to date, along with the trivia to keep you on your toes.

How Well Do You Know the Faith?

1. In each city Paul went to, where did he go first to preach?
2. Which two books in the New Testament did Luke write?
3. What was Luke's occupation?
4. Which of Joseph's brothers was not allowed by Jacob to travel to Egypt with the rest of his brothers?
a. Simeon b. Dan c. Ruben d. Benjamin.
5. Which brother offered himself as a replacement for Benjamin to be taken captive in Egypt in order to spare their father?
a. Ruben b. Zabulun c. Simeon d. Judah
6. What are the names of Joseph's sons? a. Jacob & Benjamin b. Manasseh & Ephraim c. Simeon & Reuben
7. How long did the storm which sank the ship Paul was on last?
8. Joel said God would pour out His Spirit on what people?
9. What three things did Moses say we are to love God with?
10. Were Jesus' disciples, Philip and Thomas brothers?

Answers are found on bottom right. ** Scores 9-10 Bible Scholar ** 6-8 Seasoned Scribe 4-5 Budding Disciple ** 0-3 Means... Time to Start Studying.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please continue to pray for Ivan Gallant, Kevin Roberts, George MacPherson, Father Tingley, & Fr. Egan. If you wish prayers for your loved one due to illness please email or phone Edith (583-2541) to let her know. Thank you!

MASS: If you would like any specific intention included in the private Mass I am saying each day, feel free to call or email me at frtimbroderick@gmail.com and I will include your specific intention on that day.

**If the sacrament of the sick is needed at either the hospital, manor or senior residences, the nursing staff should call the priest at the request of the family.

Day of Prayer for Palliative Care on Wednesday, May 13th, Parishioners are invited to join with members of the CWL of St. George's and All Saints in prayer for those who are in palliative (end of physical life) care. The intention is to have a continuous prayer going on throughout the day. More info next week.

PRAYER for the WEEK: To Mary DURING CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

O clement, O loving, O sweet Mother Mary, We, your children of every nation, turn to you in this pandemic. Our troubles are numerous; our fears are great. Grant that we might deposit them at your feet, take refuge in your Immaculate Heart, and obtain peace, healing, rescue, and timely help in all our needs. You are our Mother. Pray for us to your Son. Amen.

Wisdom of the Saints BEING HOLY

"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire." ~ St. Catherine of Siena

THOUGHT for the WEEK:

Sometimes when there is a saint's feast day during the week, and I have one of their writings, I will read from a section of it on that day. That occurred this week with the feast of St. Catherine of Siena, one of the few Doctors of the Church. The book I had was her classic entitled *The Dialogue*. The 'Dialogue' is a record of the discussion Catherine had with God the Father in a state of ecstasy. The chapter that happened to catch my eye was entitled, 'How every virtue and every defect is obtained by means of our neighbor.' In reading through the chapter, I could see the examples of both in the situation we have been living in. First there are the virtues that I have seen in others being obtained because of our neighbor. In this time of struggle, we see virtues of courage with those putting themselves at risk to do essential services for their neighbour. We see generosity of time, and resources, with people helping others in various ways. We see patience in enduring struggles. We see love being expressed to family and friends in new and creative ways. We see the virtue of prayer with some people now praying more. All these things are wonderful and are virtuous.

But that is only one part of the equation, there is another, and that is because of our neighbour evil can also be done by us. As the Father related to Catherine, it can be done both in general and in particular. It is in that general aspect I want to focus on this week with something that I have been seeing for quite some time now. First let me start by quoting from God, in Catherine's 'Dialogue'. "To whom does he do evil? First to himself, and then to his neighbour, not against Me, for no evil can touch Me, except in so far as I count done to Me that which he does to himself. To himself he does the injury of sin, which deprives him of grace..." But listen carefully to His next words with regards to our neighbour. "Him he injures in not paying him the debt, which he owes him, of love with which he ought to help him by means of prayer and holy desire offered to Me for him. This is owed in general to EVERY RATIONAL CREATURE." Now I want to mention the name of just one person, and notice the reaction you have... Donald Trump. A name that makes the hair stand up on the back of many people's necks. I want to be clear, I am not making a statement of politics, if anyone knows me, they know I hate politics in general. What I am speaking of is simply a man, who is loved by God. Yes he is! A man who has defects... many, many defects... AS WE ALL DO. But the things, I hear said about this one man are to put it simply... venomous. Some are statements of even down right pure hatred. Now I am not just talking about the news or social media, I am talking about good ordinary people who say stuff like I wish he would drink the Lysol himself. Really look at what is being wished, in effect you are saying you wish someone dead. That is evil, and far from being Christian. Now I am not saying one has to like the man, but one cannot HATE the man either. Ask yourself.. Does God love this man. The answer is yes, he loves all of us. I am reminded of the words of Dorothy Day, who said... "I really only love God as much as I love the person I love the least." Just imagine how holy this man could become, if a prayer was offered for him, instead of, or at least as often as a negative remark was made about him. Lets combine this thought with this weeks 'Practice makes Perfect.' This week when this child of God... says, tweets or does something we might think stupid. Instead joining in with many voices of contempt, offer a prayer for him instead. If you think this too hard, remember becoming perfect is not supposed to be easy. Yet our Lord tells us, be perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect. Who would have ever thought Donald Trump, could make us holier? Well if we reflect on what our Father said to Catherine, with every virtue being obtained by means of our neighbour... than he actually can. If you don't think this man to be your neighbour, may I suggest your reread the Lord's parable of the Good Samaritan, and then tell me he is not. Happy praying!

Answers: 1. the Synagogues 2. Luke and Acts 3. Physician. 4. d. 5. d 6. b 7. 2 weeks 8. All people 9. Heart, soul and might. 10. No