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## It's a busy time of Year

We are finishing the Easter season and lots of activity is taking place in the parish. With holy week, family visits and Easter dinners, we have seen a lot of activity with events such as Pizza Pizza Splash Splash and preparations for other events such as Blue Sunday and the sale of Mother's Day roses which will take place at the Mother's Day masses. There has been good participation at these events and they are enjoyed by many parishioners and the Knights of Columbus.

It is important to remember that it takes considerable effort to organize and run events. There is an upcoming opportunity to become involved in the running of the Knights of Columbus council. A candidate to run for office must be a Third Degree Knight. Election of officers is done at the regular meeting in May, which is on the third Wednesday. If you are interested, you should contact Br. Terry Sperling whose phone number is listed on the side bar on this sheet.

If you do not have a Third Degree designation, then you should ask yourself why not? To become fully involved in the Knights a member who becomes a Third Degree Knight is open to a lot more opportunities. Perhaps it's time to consider making the move. Contact Br. Gerry Buccini if you are interested.

The next general meeting is on April 15th. Hope you plan to be there.

**The General Meeting on May 20, 2015 is for the purpose of the Election of Officers. If you are interested in an executive position please contact Br. Terry Sperling.**

**Items for publication in the May Beacon should be submitted before May 13, 2015.**

## April 2015 Meeting

### The Sacraments: Sacrament of Holy Orders – Part VIII

#### ***Opening Prayer***

Lord, teach us to pray: “*Our Father...*”

#### ***The Reading***

*(To be read by the Leader)*

How does the church understand the sacrament of Holy Orders? “The priests of the Old Covenant (Old Testament) saw their duty as mediating between heavenly and earthly things, between God and His people. Since Christ is the one mediator between God and humanity (1 Tim 2, 5), he perfected and ended that priesthood. A Catholic Priest who administers the sacraments acts not on the basis of his own power or moral perfection (which unfortunately he often lacks), but rather “in persona Christi. Through his ordination, the transforming, healing, saving power of Christ is grafted onto him. Because a priest has nothing of his own, he is above all a servant. The distinguishing characteristic of every authentic Priest, therefore is humble astonishment at his own vocation, (Youcat 250).

So Christ is the one and only High priest and Christ is indeed the fulfillment and completion of what the priests of the Old Testament understood their particular roles to be. The man who is ordained a Priest receives the gift of the Holy Spirit, an indelible, permanent, non-removable mark that gives him a sacred authority conferred upon him through the Bishop who ordains him. Interestingly, the Sacred Chrism used to anoint the priest as he is ordained, is the same chrism that left an indelible mark on the souls of all of us when we were baptised and again when we were confirmed. The actual matter and form for the Sacrament is the imposition of the Bishop’s hands and the particular prayers for this Sacrament.

There are three degrees of the “Sacrament of Holy Orders.” The Diaconate, which can be transitional, (a step toward the priesthood) or the permanent Diaconate. The presbyterate, ordination to the priesthood and the Episcopate, ordination of a Bishop, which is the fullness of the Sacrament of Holy Orders, (Youcat 251). As stated in a previous formation article, five of the seven Sacraments are instituted by our Lord purely for our own individual salvation; e.g., I receive the sacrament of Reconciliation in order that I may live a more sanctified life, I receive the Holy Eucharist as often as I am able in order to receive the grace I need to live a life worthy of heaven. The Sacrament of Holy Orders (and marriage) were instituted by our Lord, for the salvation of others. When we enter the sacrament of

marriage, it is not with the goal of us getting to heaven, it is with the goal of assisting our beloved spouse in getting to heaven. In the same way the role of an ordained clergy, is solely with the intent of assisting others in getting to heaven. Brothers, when a grade II student says to me; “Father, what’s your job? What do you do?” My response is always the same. I tell them that my job is to help them get to heaven. Put succinctly, this is the essential role of the Priest. To assist others on their journey to heaven. “Priestly ordination is administered as a means of salvation, not for an individual man, but rather for the whole Church, (St. Thomas Aquinas).”

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#### ***The Reflection***

*(To be read by the Leader)*

Finally, a word on the vocation of the “Sacrament of Holy Orders.” Brothers it has been my lived experience that the priesthood is the greatest gift the Lord has blessed me with in this world. I say to you with sincerity that if our young men understood the benefit, the blessings and the wonder of the priesthood, they would literally be lined up at the doors of the Seminary to get in. Brothers, do not be shy about encouraging your sons to consider the Priesthood as a vocation. Simply encourage them to be open to God’s loving plan for them in their lives. God’s grace will provide the rest of what they need.

#### ***Meditation Period***

*(The Leader now invites the members to spend a few moments in silent reflection, as the above text is not meant to be a ready-made answer but a starter for personal reflection on the theme.)*

#### ***Fraternal Sharing***

*(The leader now invites the members to share with their Brother Knights any relevant thoughts that came to them during the meditation period.)*

#### ***Closing Prayer***

*(Recited by all)*

Let us pray:

“Almighty ever-living God, grant that we may always conform our will to yours and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.”

*Please bring a copy of this Beacon to the next regular meeting so that you can more fully participate in the readings, meditation and prayers. If you are unable to attend please reflect on the readings in your own way.*

## Grocery Gift Cards

The success of the grocery card project is good. It provides a major source of income to our work in the parish, please remember that Grocery cards are available, and we are more dependant on our projects because of the absence of income from Casinos and Bingos. Grocery Cards are available at the back of the Church and at meetings. You may contact Br. Gerry at 780-459-7384 or Br. Frank at 780-459-7941

## PANCAKE BREAKFASTS



The pancake breakfast in April was on April 12th because of the Easter season. Normally the first Sunday of every month is our Pancake Breakfast.

The breakfast in May is on the 3rd which is the same day as the "Blue Sunday" mass. Please attend and meet some of the service people. This is always a good opportunity to meet new parishioners and old friends...



Pizza! Pizza! Splash Splash

This event is part of the St. Albert Parish Council Family Program Plan. For the past several years the Knights of Columbus have put on a family swimming event. The event involved a two hour swim from 4 to 6 pm, followed by a pizza supper in the party rooms at Fountain Park Pool. There was a great turnout of 132 people this year.. We were happy to have Father Ignacy join us to welcome parishioners to the event

## Welcome to our new member

Please welcome our new transfer in to the club; Br. Brian Huxley.

Good  
of the

Please pray for our  
Brothers who are ill:

Fr. Daly



## Blue Sunday Mass

“Blue Sunday Mass” started in 1934 in Washington D.C. as a way of celebrating and thanking Police and Firefighters who risked their lives for the betterment of the community. It was called “Blue Sunday” in respect for the colour of the uniforms for which they were recognized. Since then the celebration has grown and the “Blue Sunday Mass” tradition continues in many parts of the United States and Canada.

“Blue Sunday Mass” was brought to St. Albert by the Knights of Columbus Council in 2006 and has become an annual event. The event has expanded the way to honor and recognize all serving and retired personnel who served and protected us all and who, on a daily basis make the community a safer place to live in. It is important to continue this event in light of the many recent world events throughout the world, from the days of 9-11 to present. Within the last year there have been the tragic loss of numerous lives including three RCMP Officers from Moncton, two members of the Armed Forces, one on Parliament Hill and another on the streets of Quebec, and the latest, one of our own community here in St. Albert, RCMP Constable David Wynn who lost his life and Aux. Constable Derek Bond who is still recovering. Not only were their lives taken away but there is a scar left on the families and loved ones left behind. We must also remember those that have been affected personally by the heavy responsibility imposed by the work they do.

On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 there will be another “Blue Sunday Mass” at St. Albert Parish, 7 Vital Ave., at the 11 AM Mass. There will be a special intention for our guests and after Mass they will be called to the altar area for acknowledgement and a special blessing. Afterwards a “pancake breakfast” will be provided to them and their families. It is a small gesture of saying thanks.

This invitation is extended to all serving and retired Police Officers, Firefighters, Military Personnel, Prison Guards, Peace Officers and EMS Workers. Those who wish to attend are asked to come in uniform if possible but that is not necessary. This invitation is also extended to their families. Our guests do NOT have to be of the Catholic faith.

For those attending, please plan to arrive about 15 minutes prior to Mass so seating can be arranged for you and your families.



BLUE SUNDAY MAY 3, 2015

