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The Virtue of Love

Opening Prayer

Lord teach us to pray:

Our Father...

The Reading

(to be read by the Leader)

If I speak in human and angelic tongues but do not have love, I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal. And if I have the gift of prophecy and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge; if I have all faith so as to move mountains but do not have love, I am nothing.

If I give away everything I own, and if I hand my body over so that I may boast but do not have Love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, [love] is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love 1st Corinthians 13, 1-7, 13)

The Reflection

(to be read by the leader)

The Reading is a favourite in wedding Liturgies because of this one important word "**Love**". But Paul qualifies already this love with many other virtues which surround this focus on love. In the end, the Apostle reminds us that faith and hope end but love remains and that is simply because, as John tells us, "God is love" (1 John 4, 16). In Jesus this love of God became incarnate, it appeared in human flesh that we as humans would be able to love like God. The love of ourselves and of our neighbour is the practice

field of our love to God. Because love is so important in our Christian life it is the first pillar of our Order: Charity. Without charity the Knights of Columbus would be a lifeless bunch of men, wilting flowers in the garden of humanity.

The first encyclical of Pope Benedict XVI was dedicated to this theme: Deus caritas est – God is Love. Read it if you have a chance during the cold winter nights; it will warm your heart. The Pope calls Charity the practice of love by the Church as a community of love. The Councils should be communities of love, like the parishes, like the families. In the time of the early Church in Rome, pagans observed the Christians and commented, "See how they love each other." It would be great if that could be said of our Order as well: "See, how they love each other."

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) (From the Encyclical Deus caritas est)

Holy Mary Mother of God, you have given the world its true light. Jesus, your son—the Son of God. You abandoned yourself completely to God's call and thus became a wellspring of goodness which flows from him. Show us Jesus. Lead us to him. Teach us to know and love him, so that we too can become capable of true love and be fountains of living water in the midst of a thirsting world.
Amen.



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ADVENT MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

Greetings Worthy Brother Knights,

Prayer from Pope Benedict XVI:

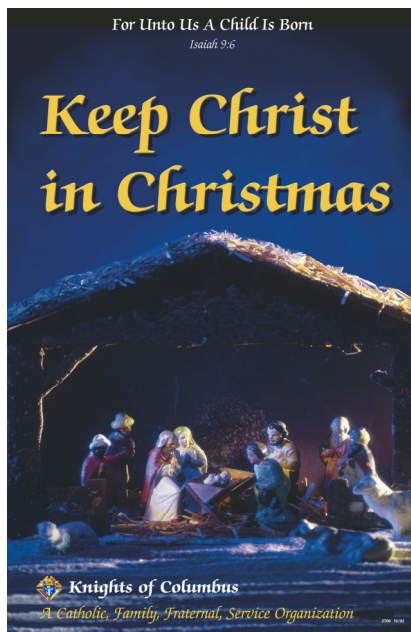
*That Christ may reveal himself to all humanity with the light that
shines forth from Bethlehem and is reflected in the face of his church.*

Advent is a little more special during this Year of Faith. Pope Benedict declared this the Year of Faith so that we may fully open our hearts to Jesus Christ and rediscover the depth of his love for each and every one of us.

As you celebrate this season with loved ones, remember those less fortunate, and those that are having troubles.

Canadians are known for our giving nature at this time of year, but please make a point of giving all year. It doesn't always have to be money; your time is just as precious a gift. Even though we are very busy at this time of year, take the time to visit a shut-in you know, volunteer at a Shelter or to deliver Christmas Hampers. Involve your family in these and watch how much they grow. The past couple of years we have volunteered delivered Christmas Hampers for the Kinettes and my two sons see firsthand how much it means to a young single mother to know she will be able to give her young family a Christmas dinner.

On behalf of the myself, my wife Suzy, our sons Jacob and Jordan we wish you all a very Merry Christmas, and a blessed and Happy New Year.



Vivat Jesus

Terry Sperling, Grand Knight

MARDI GRAS TICKETS

These tickets are now on sale by calling Gerry (459-7384) or Moe (459-9487). Tickets are twenty dollars each, for the FFF (Friday, February 1st) dance. Keep reminding people of this little acronym, "FFF", also called the "First Friday in February". It just happens to be on the "First" this year, so we could conceivably call the date the "FFFF". I know it sounds a little "corny" but it does help our parishioners remember the date.

Once again we will have door prizes, a cash bar, a late lunch and a "Fifty-Fifty Draw". Music again will be provided by the Saint City Big Band, a 16 piece Glenn Miller-style band, playing music of the forties and fifties.

Come dance the night away. Book a table for friends and family. Book a "Staff Party". But above all, please be there to help make this year's event even a greater success.

Annual Advent

Supper

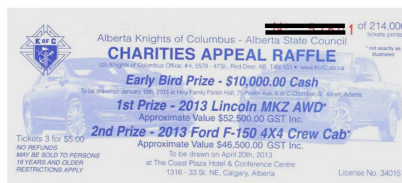
Friday, December 7th.,
A joint Social event for the
Knights of Columbus and
the Catholic Women's League.



GROCERY CARD UPDATE

What a weekend! The December Pancake Breakfast resulted in TWENTY-THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS worth of grocery card sales. Many parishioners took advantage of this weekend to purchase cards for their own use but also as "gifts" for family and friends. One company purchased TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS alone. When you consider these sales, you realize a profit of over FIFTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS! Not a bad day's work!

Keep at it, Brother Knights! Keep networking and continue to buy yourselves by contacting Gerry or Frank.



In order that the Charity Appeal Raffle can be a success the following actions must take place...

- 1st. There are only 5 booklets left to be sold.
Help Rick by obtaining a booklet to sell.
- 2nd. The Early Bird Draw is on January 19th.
- 3rd. Sold Ticket Booklets should be returned to Rick prior the Christmas so everyone has a chance to win. It would be very sad if there are booklets outstanding and not returned in time for Rick to forward them.

Information is available from
Rick SILVESTRI 780 460-5955



Please pray for the
repose of the soul of
Cecelia Woodlock
Mother of Gerry



REMINDER!



Pancake Breakfast is the First Sunday of the Month following the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Mass.

Single Family: \$15.00

Adults: \$5.00 Children under 16: \$3.00

Join us in friendship and enjoy!

Blood
Donor Clinic at
the
Church



Next Blood Donor Clinic
Monday, Feb., 11th.
From 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Appointments

1 888 2 DONATE

1 888 236-6283

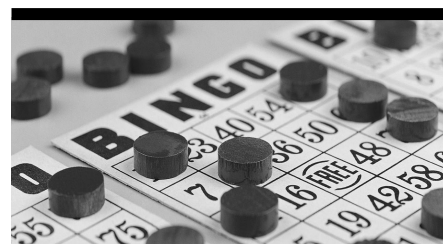
Results for the
December 10th Clinic.

133 Donors

116 Units

7 1st Timers

16 Deferrals



Remember the Bingos
are now at Grandin Mall

(Non Smoking)

Thursday , Dec 27th.

EVENING

Saturday January 19th.

AFTERNOON

Tuesday, March 5th.

EVENING

Contact Jim Van Horn

at 780-569-4022

**Good
of the
Order!**

Please keep in your prayers...

Edmond (Doc) Willigar, Armand Carrigan,
Alcide Deguire,
Elsie, spouse of Frank Polanski

