

The Good Knight

*"In Service to One,
In Service to All"*



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Greetings! Summer has officially arrived, and we embrace long days, warm nights, travel adventures, relaxation, and all that the great outdoors offers. During these next two months, we also celebrate some of our favorite saints including Thomas and Benedict, Anne and Joachim, Mary Magdalene and Monica, Augustine and Dominic.

Our faith does not take a summer break. There are many reasons for us to praise and thank God for His abundant blessings. Even during the summer, we need the spiritual nourishment offered in the Eucharist, in God's Word, and within our faith community. Let us take every opportunity to attend Mass over the summer months, whether it is at St. Vital Church or wherever we find ourselves on our travels.

Thank you for reading *The Good Knight*.

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Important Dates

July 2026



- 1 Canada Day
- 2 Mass & Installation of Officers @ 7 p.m.
- 3 Feast of St. Thomas
- 11 Feast of St. Benedict
- 22 Feast of St. Mary Magdalene
- 25 Feast of St. James

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- 4 Feast of St. John Vianney (patron of priests)
- 8 Feast of St. Dominic (Saint of the Month)
- 15 Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 22 Knights of Columbus summer gathering
- 28 Feast of St. Augustine

Knight of the Month

Bro. Joe has been a Knight for twenty-three years. He has served as a past Grand Knight and a past District Deputy. He was recently elected as our first year Trustee for the 2026/27 Columbian year.

For many years, Joe has helped with the sale of grocery gift cards and is now coordinating all gift card volunteers. Each year, Joe helps to keep the lawns cut around the church property. He is quick to offer his help with various council projects and is always willing to read at Knights-sponsored prayer services. Joe helps run the barbecue at Beaumont & District Agricultural Society (BADAS) events, which are fundraisers for our council. Thank you, Joe, for the numerous contributions you have made to our council over many years.



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Saint of the Month St. Dominic

This month's featured saint was born in Spain in 1170 A.D. Raised by saintly parents alongside two faith-filled brothers and encouraged by an uncle who was a priest, Dominic studied theology and the arts, which served as preparation for his eventual ordination to the priesthood. At university, Dominic was admired for his intellect and dedication to his studies, but it was apparent that, while focused, he also had a tender heart. It is said that, on one occasion, he sold all his books and gave the proceeds to the hungry and the poor. Twice, this would-be saint tried to sell himself into slavery for the sake of liberating those who had been captured by the Moors, a nomadic, Islamic people from North Africa who had invaded Spain. Dominic was soon called into service in the Church to assist with necessary reform.

At this time in history, the Church was challenged by a heresy, promoted by a group called the Albigensians. The Albigensians believed that all matter is evil, denied the Incarnation and the sacraments, and practiced abstinence and fasting. Many people admired this group for their apparent purity and asceticism. Dominic felt called to preach to the heretics for the sake of their conversion. Well-trained and with the strong theological background he had gained during his university years, Dominic skillfully refuted the heretical arguments. Unfortunately, the assassination of a Cistercian apologist by the Albigensians in 1208 A.D. prompted the Spanish king to organize a crusade against the heretics. Cities and towns that had embraced the Albigensian heresy were sacked. In the aftermath of this violence and destruction, Dominic found himself exercising mercy and preaching the Good News to the survivors.

In time, he was able to realize a long-time dream of forming a group of preachers who were dedicated to the conversion of the Albigensians. This Order of Preachers received papal approval in 1216, and the Dominican Order was founded. (Today, 810 years later, the Dominicans continue to preach the Good News.) Dominic spent the rest of his life travelling through Europe and building an Order that proved to be very effective in quelling the heresy. So successful was Dominic that, by one account, over 100 000 people were converted because of his powerful preaching and miracles. Tradition tells us that, in a vision, Dominic received the rosary from Mother Mary, to use as a weapon against heresy. To the left is a 17th



century painting entitled *St. Dominic Receives the Rosary* by Guillaume Perrier.

Struck by a fatal illness, Dominic died on August 6, 1221. It was merely thirteen years later, in 1234, that Dominic was

canonized. Each year, on August 8, the Church remembers this saint, memorialized for his life of prayer, tireless service to the Church, and persistence in conquering heresy with truth (and the rosary). While he had a strong sense of duty, his work with the heretics was characterized by charity and mercy. It is said that he always distinguished the sinner and the sin.

Dominic is the patron of preachers, teachers, and astronomers.



The Good of the Order

Every month the Knights pray for the sick or recently deceased in the parish as well as relatives and friends who are in need of God's help. We call this the Good of the Order. Please pray for:

• Fr. Sebastian Amato	Leukemia
• Hilda Bannack	Dementia
• Jean Boucher	Bladder cancer
• Terry Clark	Deceased
• Wilbur Collin	Heart condition
• Roland Comire	Deceased
• Florent Duguay	Cancer
• Ernest Frank	Deceased
• Archbishop Stephen Hero	For wisdom & courage
• Eric Lafoy	Recovery from surgery
• Robert Lavallée	Kidney/prostate concerns
• Rémi LeBlanc	Ill, Kidney dialysis
• Roland Leblanc	Dementia
• Lynda Leblanc	Health issues; melanoma
• Jean-Pierre Lefebvre	Detached retina; blindness
• Janet Ledene	Cancer
• Doris Lytle	Sick
• Larry Rowan	Prostate cancer, dementia
• Joanne Scherger	Multiple myeloma
• Laura Stack	Deceased
• Dean Weans	Cancer
• Andrew Weinkauff	Recovery from brain injury
• Robert Weisenberger	Stroke and heart attack
• Maureen Whenham	Cancer

Have You Heard This One?

A man was being tailgated by a stressed-out woman on a busy boulevard. Suddenly, the light turned yellow, just in front of him. He did the right thing, stopping at the crosswalk, even though he could have beaten the red light by accelerating through the intersection.

The tailgating woman was furious and honked her horn, screaming in frustration, as she missed her chance to get through the intersection, dropping her cell phone and makeup.

As she was still in mid-rant, she heard a tap on her window and looked up into the face of a very serious police officer. The officer ordered her to exit her car with her hands up.

He took her to the police station where she was searched, fingerprinted, photographed, and placed in a holding cell. After a couple of hours, a policeman approached the cell and opened the door. She was escorted back to the booking desk, where the arresting officer was waiting with her personal effects.

He said, "I'm very sorry for this mistake. You see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, flipping off the guy in front of you, and cussing a blue streak at him. I noticed the 'What Would Jesus Do' bumper sticker, the 'Choose Life' license plate holder, the 'Follow Me to Sunday-School' bumper sticker, and the chrome-plated Christian fish emblem on the trunk. Naturally, I assumed you had stolen the car."

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It's Tradition: Music in our Liturgy

Music is such an important part of our liturgies. Typically, at least four songs are sung during the mass: Entrance, Preparation of the Gifts, Communion, and Recessional. We also sing many of our prayers, including the Gloria, Sanctus (Holy, Holy), Eucharistic Acclamation, Great Amen, and Lamb of God. In fact, in terms of priorities, it is more important to sing these parts of the mass than to sing the songs. If you have attended the Divine Liturgy in the Ukrainian Tradition, you know that music plays an even more important role in the Byzantine liturgy.

There is a saying: Music speaks to the heart and touches the soul. The Catechism of the Catholic Church affirms this: "Where words are not enough to praise God, music comes to our aid. When we turn to God, there is always something ineffable and unsaid left over. Then music can help out. In rejoicing, language becomes song - that is why the angels sing. Music in a worship service should make prayer more beautiful and more fervent, move more deeply the hearts of all in attendance and bring them closer to God, and prepare for God a feast of melody." When we sing at mass, we join the angels and saints in heaven in praising God.

Liturgical music must be carefully selected. Vatican documents dating back to Pope Pius X (early 20th century) provide some guidelines: "Sacred music should possess, in the highest degree, the qualities proper to the liturgy, or more precisely, sanctity and purity of form." Sacred music draws us into prayer and helps us to meditate. The lyrics to many liturgical songs are scripture-based. For those reasons, it must be carefully selected and prayerfully presented. If liturgical music is truly an art, music ministers should have the talents and skills in leading it.

Community participation is important as well. St. Augustine is attributed with saying: "He who sings once, prays twice." Whether we have a pleasing voice or not, if liturgical music is prayer, members of the congregation are to unite their voices with each other, giving praise to God.

Family of the Month

In June, our council recognized Pat Matusko and Lorne Selewich as our Family of the Month. Both Pat and Lorne are active members in our parish. Pat is a member of the cemetery committee and, on various occasions, has addressed parish council and the parish at large on cemetery matters. She carefully launders, in the required manner, the sacred cloths (purificators, corporals) used at Mass. Lorne is a very reliable volunteer with the churchyard maintenance team. As a parishioner, he volunteered with this year's annual highway cleanup. Interestingly, Lorne also creates beautiful wooden urns for cremation. Thank you, Pat and Lorne, for the many ways you contribute to our faith community. May God richly bless you.



Word of the Month

In order to communicate our faith to others, we need to develop a certain vocabulary ... a faith vocabulary. Each month we dissect and investigate one faith-related word.

chapel, chaplain

The word 'chapel' derives from the medieval Latin word, *cappella*, which means cape or cloak. In Old French, a cloak was known as a *chapele*.



You may remember the story of St. Martin of Tours, whose feast day is November 11. Upon meeting a scantily clad beggar, St. Martin, moved with compassion, cut his military cloak in half to share with the man. He later had a dream of Jesus wearing the half-cloak he had given away. The sacred cloak became a relic that, during the Middle Ages, was carried into battle and even used when oaths were sworn. The cloak was preserved in a small church near Tours in France. The building was the first 'cappella' or *chapel*.

The priest who cared for St. Martin's cloak was called a *cappellanu*. The French translation is *chapelains*, from which the English word *chaplain* comes.

Council #13064 Executive Officers 2026-2027

At our general meeting in May, elections were held for the executive of our local council. Some positions remain open. For the time being, our current executive includes the following:

Grand Knight	Bro. Patrick Stack
Deputy Grand Knight	Bro. Justus deRuiter
Chancellor	Bro. Gabriel deRuiter
Recorder	Bro. Louis Kloster
Treasurer	Bro. Sid Eriavaz
Advocate	Vacant
Warden	Bro. Joe Mahe
Inside Guard	Bro. David Comire
Outside Guard	Vacant
Trustee 1 st Year	Bro. Joe Stack
Trustee 2 nd Year	Bro. Mike Dunphy
Trustee 3 rd Year	Vacant
Chaplain	Fr. Nilo Macapinlac
Financial Treasurer	Bro. Paul Weisenberger

The newly-elected executive will be installed after a 7 p.m. Mass on Thursday, July 2. Knights and their families are encouraged to attend. All parishioners are welcome as well.

The Lord's Prayer ... in Short

When an online magazine challenged their readers to write the Lord's Prayer in 160 characters or less, Matthew Campbell of York University submitted the winning entry, as follows:

dad@hvn, ur spshl. we want wot u want & urth2b like hvn.
giv us food & 4giv r sins lyk we 4giv uvaz. don't test us! save
us! bcos we kno ur boss, ur tuf & ur cool 4 eva! Ok?

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Birthdays in July/August

We send our greetings to the following Knights who are celebrating birthdays this summer:

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| • July 1 | Dustin Bernes |
| • July 4 | Rob Garneau |
| • July 5 | Roland Charest |
| • July 6 | Shaun Berube |
| • July 7 | Paul Banic |
| • July 7 | Earl Greenhough |
| • July 7 | Lionel Vincent |
| • July 9 | Thomas Berube |
| • July 9 | Daniel Hessdorfer |
| • July 11 | Michael Dunphy |
| • July 11 | Steve Nordhagen |
| • July 13 | Raoul Goudreau |
| • July 14 | Eric Hinse |
| • July 15 | Gil Bérubé |
| • July 18 | Darcy Kirtzinger |
| • July 20 | Max Schatz |
| • July 26 | Michael Abbass |
| • July 26 | Roger Leblanc |
| • July 26 | Simon Morris |
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| • August 1 | Gary Fisher |
| • August 2 | Joe Tinant |
| • August 4 | John deRuiter |
| • August 4 | Darryl Rubis |
| • August 9 | John Hendriks |
| • August 12 | Julien Plamondon |
| • August 13 | Michael Bilodeau |
| • August 14 | Jean Boucher |
| • August 19 | Savio Antony |
| • August 22 | Vincent Maltais |
| • August 24 | Maurice Biron |
| • August 27 | Roger Magnin |
| • August 29 | Jim Fleming |
| • August 29 | Joe Lauer |

Wedding Anniversaries in July/August

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| • July 6 | Andrew & Nicole Chatelaine |
| • July 17 | Tom and Jackie Ashmore |
| • July 17 | Tuyen & Kathleen Nguyen |
| • July 20 | Wesley & Chloé Young |
| • July 22 | Dennis & Adelle Madu |
| • July 26 | Francis & Delores Feth |
| • July 28 | Gerard & Tracy McLamey |
| • July 29 | Kenton & Adèle Crook |
| • July 29 | Colin & Michelle Molinski |
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| • August 3 | Pierre & Jolanta Vermette |
| • August 4 | Serge & Theresa Larocque |
| • August 4 | Bryan & Heather Oulton |
| • August 5 | Larry & Elaine Rowan |
| • August 14 | Steven & Jennifer Nordhagen |
| • August 14 | Tim & Renee Morris |
| • August 21 | District Deputy Florent & Hélène Duguay |
| • August 21 | Gerry & Rose Goudreau |

Happy anniversary! Joyeux anniversaire! We wish them many more years of enduring love and happiness.

Kevin Kerrigan Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship, sponsored by the Beaumont Knights of Columbus #13064 in collaboration with Club Beaumont, is open to high school students who attend St. Vital Church and are graduating in 2026, as well as to members of the parish that are attending post-secondary schooling at any level. The \$1000.00 scholarship is awarded on the basis of all-round achievement in the areas of academics, athletics, the arts, school, community and church involvement.



This year the scholarship was awarded to Clare Robinson. In September, Clare will begin pursuing a Bilingual Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing at the University of Alberta – Campus St. Jean. Congratulations, Clare. We wish you well.

Ten Commandments for Drivers

Yes, this is for real. The Catholic Church is well aware of the issues we face on the road these days and recognizes that motorists have moral responsibilities when behind the wheel. In June 2007 the Vatican released a 36-page document entitled Guidelines for the Pastoral Care of the Road, which included the following 'ten commandments' for drivers:

1. You shall not kill.
2. The road shall be for you a means of communion between people and not of mortal harm.
3. Courtesy, uprightness and prudence will help you deal with unforeseen events.
4. Be charitable and help your neighbor in need, especially victims of accidents.
5. Cars shall not be for you an expression of power and domination or an occasion of sin.
6. Charitably convince the young and not so young not to drive when they are not in a fitting condition to do so.
7. Support the families of accident victims.
8. Bring guilty motorists and their victims together, at the appropriate time, so that they can undergo the liberating experience of forgiveness.
9. On the road, protect the more vulnerable party.
10. Feel responsible toward others.

Did You Know ...?

Mary's parents were St. Anne and St. Joachim. Neither is mentioned in Scripture, and we know nothing about them. However, we can assume that Mary had been raised as a devout Jewish woman. It is reasonable to attribute her parents for raising her with values of obedience, faithfulness, and gentleness. With a strong, faith-filled upbringing, Mary was able to say 'yes' to God when the angel Gabriel announced that she would give birth to Jesus.



We celebrate the feast of St. Joachim and St. Anne on July 26 each year. Depicted in the icon above, they were Jesus' maternal grandparents.