



Knightly News

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Due to a technical problem we were not able to publish the Knightly News last month. It is our hope that you had a wonderful holiday season with family and friends and are prepared to face the new year with enthusiasm and grace. The new year always seems a little daunting in the beginning, especially if we have made several new years resolutions, some of which we may have doubts about being able to keep. Try to be easy on yourself and not to expect too much from yourself or others. A simple resolution to try harder to be a better person or work harder, whatever you feel you need to change. By saying you will try, will cause you less anxiety if you are less successful than you had hoped. God does not expect for you to be perfect, only that you try your best to be as perfect as you can be. There is nothing wrong in accepting that you have limitations, this goes for all of us. If you don't succeed the first time try again, it is not a lost cause it just might take a different approach. Remember that we are all heading to the same destination, it's only the path that is different and only you can walk your path. Remain positive throughout the year and there is nothing that can stop you.

The under .2 % Commitment,

The Knights of Columbus of our council would like to ask all men 18 or over to consider this year as the year for you to join the Knights. Your assistance is needed to help us on our journey into the future. We need your vision and input to help us create a bright future for our council. I have heard many times, "I am too busy to be involved, my kid's, my work etc.. get in the way." The truth is we are all the same, each of us with various commitments that demand our time, but perhaps you have misunderstood what we ask of you as a Knight. Here is what we would like for you to do as a Knight for each year. First, try to attend one meeting a month from September to June each meeting is approximately one hour, if you can't come each month, then a few times a year is still acceptable. To actively volunteer at least 2 hours each year to the project(s) of your choice. To read your Columbia Magazine that you receive each month as a member. To attend Mass once a week and read the parish bulletin. To encourage other men to become Knights. For a total commitment of time we are asking for a maximum 12 hours of active participation per year out of 8760 hours in the year, that's less than .2 % of your time in a year. If you wish to commit to more time and involvement we will of course be able to find something for you to do, the choice is up to you. The point of this is, you do have enough time to make a difference, small things do great things when we all contribute to it.

This invitation also is extended to the young (and not so Young) ladies of our parish from age 16 and up. The CWL is also a very important part of our parish, and needs the help and ideas of new members to carry it forward on it's journey into the future. I am sure they would be most happy if you could commit to the same degree to their organization and help to contribute in a very rewarding way to our parish community and country.

There has been some talk regarding the changes to the Mass interpretation and how some people are feeling a little confused. As with any change there comes a period of adaptation, this varies of course with the individual and some will take longer to adapt. Those of you who travel may notice some differences in Masses in different countries (depending on your level of understanding of foreign languages). It is the English translation that has changed, and some of the things we do during Mass here in Canada. In other countries it has not changed and this is due mostly to the fact that most of the other languages were closer to the Latin translation. There has been some grumbles regarding the changes, and some have even threatened to stop attending Mass. Try to remember that your faith and your relationship with God is not about anyone else or thing, it is the belief that emanates from your very heart and soul, which cannot be changed by an alteration of words or things. In the end the most important thing is your being there in the first place, if you wish to stand or sit or kneel during various parts of the mass, it is your devotion to God that is important, and you can express that in the way that expresses your devotion best. Church is were we pray as a parish family, our faith is inside us, it is were God dwells within us. Be tolerant of change, attend Mass and let God guide you.

To all members of our parish and to all visitors, we wish to extend to you our wishes for a very happy, blessed and prosperous new year, may your troubles be few, and your joy's be many. As well, Valentines Day is drawing near, I hope that you all take a moment to spend some time expressing your love to the one's you hold dear, not just on one day of the year but all the year through.

Vivat Jesus



You Shall Know Them By Their Deeds