



Holy Trinity News



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Dear Brothers,

By the time you read this, the Charity Appeal has come to a close. I hope there is a winner among us, but if not we still can be proud of our efforts. As of Jan 25th, we sold nearly 580 tickets, which puts us in 32nd place among all 128 BC councils. We thank Mike Smith for all the hard work he has put into this campaign.

Your executive has been busy planning for this year. You will find out more details at the in-person meeting on Thursday Feb 3rd at 7 pm in our church.

If you have not paid for this year's membership, you can do so with Mike Finch at the beginning of the meeting and receive your card.

God bless you and your family

Norbert Grillmair

Teacher Debbie Moon's first graders were discussing a picture of a family. One little boy in the picture had a different hair color than the other members. One of her students suggested that he was adopted.

A little girl said, 'I know all about Adoption, I was adopted..'

'What does it mean to be adopted?', asked another child.

'It means', said the girl, 'that you grew in your mommy's heart instead of her tummy!'

Holy Trinity Council 9990



Meetings

6234 Spartan Road, Nanaimo, BC

General

7:00 P.M. First Thursday of the month in the **church lounge**

Executive

7:00 P.M. Third Thursday of the month in meeting room



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Did You Know? By: Allan Crowe

A History of St. Valentine's Day



Who Was the Real St. Valentine? The Many Myths Behind the Inspiration for Valentine's Day. There were multiple St. Valentines (including decapitated ones), but it was a medieval poet who first established the holiday's romantic tradition. On February 14, when we share chocolates, special dinners, or doily cards with our loved ones, we do it in the name of Saint Valentine. But who was this saint of romance?

One Saint Valentine was supposedly a Roman priest who performed secret weddings against the wishes of the authorities in the third century. Imprisoned in the home of a noble, he healed his captor's blind daughter, causing the whole household to convert to Christianity and sealing his fate. Before being tortured and decapitated on February 14, he sent the girl a note signed "Your Valentine."

Some accounts say another saint named Valentine during the same period was the Bishop of Terni, also credited with secret weddings and martyrdom via beheading on February 14.

Unfortunately for anyone hoping for a tidy, romantic backstory to the holiday, scholars who have studied its origins say there's very little basis for these accounts. In fact, Valentine's Day only became associated with love in the late Middle Ages, thanks to the English poet Geoffrey Chaucer. No record exists of romantic celebrations on Valentine's Day prior to a poem Chaucer wrote around 1375. In his work "Parliament of Fowles, (i.e. fowls)" he links a tradition of courtly love with the celebration of St. Valentine's feast day— an association that didn't exist until after his poem received widespread attention. The poem refers to February 14 as the day birds (and humans) come together to find a mate. When Chaucer wrote, "For this was sent on Seynt Valentyne's day / Whan every foul cometh ther to choose his mate," he may have invented the holiday we know today.

Saint Valentine's Day has also been associated with a Christian effort to replace the older holiday of Lupercalia, which Romans celebrated on February 15. Some modern stories paint Lupercalia as a particularly lurid holiday, when women wrote their names on clay tablets which men then drew from a jar, pairing up random couples.

Now you know



The past is your lesson

The present is your gift

The future is your motivation

English is weird

*It can be understood through tough,
thorough, thought though*



Captain Alexandro Malaspina

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KNIGHTS IN ACTION

A Renovated Church

Dear Brother Knight:

It is interesting how material things can accumulate around us and meld quietly into the landscape; important things that once had a meaningful purpose, though perhaps a long-forgotten purpose, and perhaps even for whom. Such has been the situation in our Church for years. About ten years ago, we discovered we needed more room for newly acquired stuff; consequently, some even suggested expansion of our building – similar proposals came up several times. Alternatively, it was decided to part with some prized possessions as the need for new space came up. These were difficult processes, fraught with many challenges. The Sanctuary was our only space free from the pervasive cluttered ambience.

Now that our United friends have set out on their own, we are not currently faced with storage issues. However, we have before us an excellent opportunity to rethink how our spaces are utilized and what they look like. This has been an ongoing process that began last spring; concrete actions were finally implemented in the Narthex last fall before Advent.

The Library has been rearranged; the solitary Catholic bookcase has grown to three. A parishioner has generously stepped forward to evaluate and organize all the reading materials. And as other rooms are tackled, boxes of additional books are amassed and delivered to the Librarian for processing, including the Knights' Library which had been

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locked up and was largely unknown. You may want to check out this useful resource. I can attest to the presence of some great works in our new Library.

More space has been freed up in the Boardroom, and together with the reorganized Library, the seating capacity of the Boardroom has been significantly enhanced. When Father Jozef moved his Office to a better location, we gained an excellent opportunity to paint, reorganize, and repurpose the Counselling Room and the new Administration Room. The counting room has been repurposed as the primary Storage Room on the Upper Level. The Classroom is the current area under renovation.

Sarah, under the direction of the Parish Pastoral Council, has been guiding the efforts. So far, over the last year or so, six rooms and two hallways have been reorganized and walls patched and painted; there is at least one more to go before spring arrives. Many Knights and Brad have been making it all happen.

Over the past few years alone, there is a long list of projects that the members of our Council have taken on to repair or renovate the physical assets of our Church. Our dedicated membership is vital to the wellbeing of our Church and fellow parishioners, and that dedication continues to be very much appreciated.

Vivat Jesus
Jim

February Wedding Anniversaries

Patrick & Moira Maguire 57

Toney & Margaret Lambert 67

Whenever I'm disappointed with my spot in life, I stop and think about little Jamie Scott.

Jamie was trying out for a part in the school play. His mother told me that he'd set his heart on being in it, though she feared he would not be chosen..

On the day the parts were awarded, I went with her to collect him after school. Jamie rushed up to her, eyes shining with pride and excitement... 'Guess what, Mom,' he shouted, and then said those words that will remain a lesson to me.... 'I've been chosen to clap and cheer.'

KETCHUP

A woman was trying hard to get the ketchup to come out of the jar. During her struggle the phone rang so she asked her 4-year-old daughter to answer the phone.

"It's the minister, Mommy," the child said to her mother. Then she added, "Mommy can't come to the phone to talk to you right now. She's hitting the bottle."

Years of Service

Stephen Burchert 33

Timothy Franklin 25

Jainshaw 15

Ed Landry 33

February Birthdays

Chuck Rieger

Robert Loftus

POLICE

It was the end of the day when I parked my police van in front of the station. As I gathered my equipment, my K-9 partner, Jake, was barking. I saw a little boy staring in at me. "Is that a dog you got back there?" he asked.

"It sure is," I replied.

The boy looked at me and then towards the back of the van. Finally he said, "What'd he do?"

For the Good of the Order

Keep in Your Prayers

- ◆ *Brother Mike Hannigan and wife Gay*
- ◆ *Brother Jim Whalen*
- ◆ *Brother Aurel Muego*
- ◆ *Brother Pat Young & wife Betty*
- ◆ *Brother John Vanreeuwijk*
- ◆ *Norma Dumas—wife of Brother Joe*
- ◆ *Brother Raoul Dolega Cieszkowski*
- ◆ *Brother Joe Gillich*
- ◆ *Fr. Jozef*
- ◆ *Brother James Chase*
- ◆ *Shirley Foucher widow of Brother Maurice*
- ◆ *Brother Novie Larieta*
- ◆ *Brother John McClellan*
- ◆ *Margret Lambert wife of Brother Toney*



We have almost completed this years membership dues activities. As of this date we have 21 brothers with dues unpaid. We will be contacting all of them and are very optimistic as being

able to report in the next newsletter that all dues have been collected. We ask for the Brothers help in this area. If you should have circumstances that make it difficult to meet this obligation please do not hesitate in contacting me.

God Bless.

Mike Finch
Financial Secretary

Friends are family you get to choose

Secrets to Inner Peace

If you can start the day without caffeine,

If you can always be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,

If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,

If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it,

If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you any time,

If you can take criticism and blame without resentment ,

If you can conquer tension without medical help,

If you can relax without alcohol,

If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,

Then You Are Probably The Family Dog!

A four-year-old child, whose next door neighbor was an elderly gentleman, who had recently lost his wife. Upon seeing the man cry, the little boy went into the old Gentleman's' yard, climbed onto his lap, and just sat there.

When his mother asked him what he had said to the neighbor, the little boy just said, 'Nothing, I just Helped him cry.'



Mike Patterson — Lecturer

Brothers: Here is a modified version of the notes prepared to launch the capital campaign at weekend Masses January 15/16. Watch for a package in the mail from the parish explaining the campaign in full detail. A presentation at a regular Council meeting is planned where member questions and concerns can be addressed. Blessings.

Mike Patterson

Lecturer

RESTORE HIS HOUSE - CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

INTRODUCTION:

- On January 15/16 a Holy Trinity Catholic Church capital campaign was introduced at all the weekend Masses.
- This campaign addressing the debt incurred when we purchased the Trinity United share of our church and surrounding properties.

In the next few weeks all parish families will be receiving in the mail a letter from Father Jozef and a booklet with complete details about the campaign.

RESTORE HIS HOUSE

- The aim of the campaign: to reduce or eliminate this parish debt.
- The campaign is all about STEWARDSHIP of our church and properties. Pioneers in the parish were stewards over the past 40 plus years and we are the stewards now. Our role is to preserve and extend the parish assets. All we have is a gift from God. We are grateful for all The Lord has given us.
- **Some background:**
 - 40+ years ago a second Catholic parish was created in North Nanaimo
 - ✦ An ecumenical project with the United Church of Canada
 - ✦ Nanaimo Ecumenical Centre Soc. created to jointly manage the assets
 - ✦ In 2020 TU gave notice of their intent to dissolve the partnership
 - ✦ Negotiations at the diocese level, with local advice, ensued

March 18, 2021 (Feast of St. Joseph) an agreement was signed to buy the TU interest in the church and adjacent properties.

THE PROPERTY ASSET

- What do we now own outright after buying TU share of property?
 - *6234 Spartan Road – church and parking lot
 - *6244 Spartan Rd. – empty west side lot where July 1 picnic is held
 - *6234 Metral Drive – small yellow house and large rear lot
 - *6204 Metral Drive – mobile home on corner - TC always owned this

Holy Trinity controls all the property from Metral to the Island Highway

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PURCHASE NUMBERS

- Purchase Price: \$1, 962,500
 - MIC Account on Deposit - \$564,500
- *(MIC = Mutual Investment Credit Fund at the Diocese)
*The whole balance was applied to the debt. So Diocese loaned the shortfall to our MIC account - \$1,398,00
*Interest and payment free until March 2024

THIS NUMBER IS THE OVERALL STEWARDSHIP GOAL

LAUNCH NUMBERS as of JANUARY 15/16

- MIC Deficit - \$1,398,000
 - Early Gifts & Pledges - \$67,700 (5%)
- *From a few parishioners who wanted to be early supporters

Campaign Goal Remaining **\$1,330,300**

GIFT & PLEDGE OPTIONS

- Single Gift
- Monthly Pledge - Use marked Sunday envelope “Building Fund”
- Annual Pledge
- SUGGEST PROFESSIONAL ADVICE if considering: Life Insurance, Stocks, Annuities or Bequests

MEASURING OUR SUCCESS

- Campaign thermometer in the narthex/nave/vestibule/lobby
- Updates at weekend Masses and Bulletins
- Families meeting with campaign teams
- Parish fundraising events t.b.a.

Celebratory events to mark campaign milestones

CALL TO ACTION

- Every parishioner invited to take part in this campaign

Parish mailing list – 668 addresses

*Families identified as Holy Trinity – 460

*Sunday envelopes or P.A.D. contributors – 331

The success of the campaign will determine the future of Holy Trinity

WHAT WILL YOUR LEGACY BE?

January Knight of the Month

Mike Smith

More photos on our web page

<https://www.trinity9990.com/copy-of-photos>

NUDITY

A Little boy got lost at the YMCA and found himself in the women's locker room. When he was spotted, the room burst into shrieks, with ladies grabbing towels and running for cover. The little boy watched in amazement and then asked, “ What's the matter? Haven't you seen a little boy before?”