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Grand Knight Report- Neil Fernandes



Dear Brothers,

As the new executive committee takes shape, I would request you to continue to support & be there just as you always have been in the past. As council members your ideas, suggestions & advice are valued, appreciated & encouraged.

We would need help in getting the parish lawns ready for the Canada Day BBQ picnic that everybody looks forward to. Please try to help in clearing the lawn & the area that will be used to host this lovely event. You will be notified by email closer to time & we would need a decent amount of volunteers to help make this a successful event. (Many hands make light work)

We continue to keep our departed brother knights & departed family members of our brothers in our prayers

Vivat Jesus.

Neil Fernandes
Grand Knight #9990

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 02 General Meeting

13 June Funeral for Brother Mike Patterson 10:30

June 16 Executive Planning

June 21 Fathers Day

July 01 Canada Day Picnic

September 01 Labour Day

September 08 General Meeting

September 27 Pancake Breakfast

Holy Trinity Council 9990

Meetings

6234 Spartan Road, Nanaimo, BC

General

7:00 P.M. First Tuesday of the month in the **Boardroom**

Planning

7:00 P.M. Third Tuesday of the month: Meeting room



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- ◆ Brother & PGK Aurel Muego
- ◆ Brother John Vanreeuwijk
- ◆ Widow Norma Dumas
- ◆ Widow Shirley Foucher
- ◆ Brother Terry Hayes

Do you know someone who needs prayers? Send his / her name to the editors to include the name.

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June Anniversaries

Ian & Adele Halowaty	40
Michael & Gay Harrigan	38
Terry & Suzanne Hayes	62
Warren & Betty McCormick	46
Les & Lila Taylor	28
Rene & Carolyn Cusson	28

June Birthdays

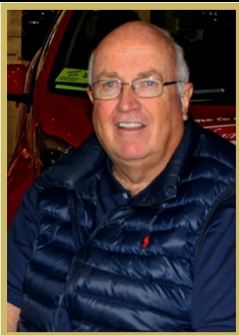
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I'm confused how a cemetery can raise its funeral prices and blame it on the cost of living



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PANCAKE BREAKFAST — 31 May 2026. Mike Finch

This past Sunday saw our second Pancake Breakfast where, to conform to the new mass times, we had to squeezed our meal in-between the 9 AM mass and the 11 AM mass. We are pleased to report that support from the parish was better than last month as our fellow parishioners are adapting to the new schedule. This is very good news! Indeed we are beginning to see parishioners come for an early breakfast, before heading up for the 11 AM mass. An early breakfast, before mass, works for many of our parishioners.

Notwithstanding the adaptation challenge we are faced with, we are very pleased to report good results. Overall we brought in a gross income of \$425 which, after paying our bills and replenishing the float of \$400, we were able to turn over to the Treasurer at total of \$106.80.



We are also pleased to report that support from our council was good despite all the challenges with schedule. However, we still need more brother knights to help us out. Please check your calendars and be sure to mark the last Sunday of each month as PANCAKE BREAKFAST day,

This was the last Pancake Breakfast for this fraternal year. The next opportunity to enjoy our culinary delight will be at the end of the summer. This gives us the summer to work on our promotional material and to perfect our planning to help adapt to the new mass schedule.

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DO YOU KNOW?



By *Allan Crowe*

The Life of Saint Thomas (D. circa 72AD)

Saint Thomas is thought to have come from Galilee, of humble origins. His name is Syrian and literally means “twin”. This is why you often see him referred to as Didymus, Greek for twin. While we do not know how he first came to Our Lord’s attention it is thought that he was a carpenter. His symbol is the carpenter’s square and he is the patron of builders.

St. Thomas is best known for doubting the Resurrection of Christ: when Christ appeared to His Apostles, Thomas was not present and refused to believe the testimony of the others. He wanted to see and touch our Lord himself. The Gospel of John, chapter 20, verses 24-29, provides a vivid, unfading scene for all history to note. V24 Now Thomas, one of the twelve, who is called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. V25 The other disciple therefore said to him: We have seen the Lord. But he said to them: Except I shall see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe. V26 And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them. Jesus cometh, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said:

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Peace be to you. V27 Then he saith to Thomas: Put in thy finger hither, and see My hands; and bring hither thy hand, and put it into My side; and be not faithless, but believing. V28 Thomas answered, and said to Him: My Lord, and my God. V29 Jesus saith to him: Because thou hast seen Me, Thomas, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and have believed.

Saint Thomas was humbled by this reprimand and seized the grace his Saviour was pouring out upon him in mercy and love; he was fortified for his coming Martyrdom although he had as yet to put aside all doubting; he was in much need of Christ's patience and forbearance.

This is how St. Thomas came to evangelize India, taken from the *Acta Thomae*:

When the Apostles at Jerusalem divided the countries of the world for their labours, India fell to Thomas. He was reluctant to go, pleading a lack of strength and that a Hebrew could not teach Indians. Even a vision of our Lord could not alter his resolution but he went anyway after hesitating and making excuses. According to the Acta, a king played a role; we are not certain who he was, but there is historical evidence "that about the year A.D. 46 a king was reigning over that part of Asia south of Himalayas now represented by Afghanistan, Baluchistan, the Punjab, and Sind, who bore the name Gondophernes or Guduphara"; [NEW ADVENT]

There is a large population of native Christians who call themselves "the Christians of St. Thomas". They have an ancient oral tradition that he landed at Cranganoreon Circa 52 AD, and established seven churches in Malabar. He then passed eastward to the Coromandel Coast, where he was Martyred, by spearing, (circa 72 AD) on the 'Big Hill'; eight miles from Madras; and was buried at Mylapore, now a suburb of that city. There are several medieval references to the tomb of St. Thomas in India, some of which name Mylapore; and in 1522 the Portuguese discovered the tomb there, with certain small relics now preserved in the cathedral of St. Thomas at Mylapore. But the bulk of his relics were certainly at Edessa in the fourth century, as the Acta Thomae relate. They were later translated from Edessa to the island of Khios in the Aegean, and from thence to Ortona in the Abruzzi, where they are still venerated.

Pope Paul VI declared Saint Thomas "the Apostle of India"; in 1972 (1900 years after his death)

His Feast Day is July 3.

Addendum: Fact Check: Was *Gondophernes* another name for St Thomas?

A. No. Thomas the Apostle was not known as *Gondophernes*.

Gondophernes was a real king who ruled parts of present-day Afghanistan and northwestern India in the 1st century AD. He appears in the early Christian text *Acts of Thomas*, which tells the story of Thomas traveling east as a missionary. According to that tradition, Thomas was brought to the court of King Gondophernes as a carpenter and builder. The story says the king gave Thomas money to build a palace, but Thomas instead distributed the money to the poor, explaining he was building the king a "palace in heaven."

So:

- **Thomas** = the apostle/disciple
- **Gondophernes** = the king Thomas supposedly met during his travels. They are connected in tradition, but they are different people.

Now you know



This morning my son said his ear hurt and I said on the inside or outside, so he walks out the front door, comes back in and says both.

Moments like this got me to wondering if I'm saving too much for college.

AWARDS



Allan Crowe
April Knight of the Month



Gerald & Diane Laporte
April Family of the Month

A gambler was at the horse races playing the ponies and all but losing his shirt. He noticed a Priest step out onto the track and blessed the forehead of one of the horses lining up for the 4th race. Lo and behold, that horse - a very long shot - won the race.

Next race, as the horses lined up, the Priest stepped onto the track. Sure enough, he blessed one of the horses. The gambler made a beeline for a betting window and placed a small bet on the horse. Again, even though it was another long shot, the horse won the race.

He collected his winnings, and anxiously waited to see which horse the Priest would bless next. He bet big on it, and it won. As the races continued the Priest kept blessing long shots, and each one ended up winning. The gambler was elated. He made a quick dash to the ATM, withdrew all his savings and awaited for the Priest's blessing that would tell him which horse to bet on .

True to his pattern, the Priest stepped onto the track for the last race and blessed the forehead of an old nag that was the longest shot of the day. This time the priest blessed the eyes, ears, and hooves of the old nag.

The gambler knew he had a winner and bet every cent he owned on the old nag. He watched dumbfounded as the old nag came in last. In a state of shock, he went to the track area where the Priest was.

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Madeleine Sherry

It is with deep love and sadness that we announce the death of Madeleine Sherry on April 22, 2026, at the age of 93.

Madeleine will be greatly missed by her husband Donn, daughters Kathleen (Jamie), Colleen (Steve, Andrew and Rachel), and Rotary exchange daughter Véronique (Loonan), sister Gilberte, nieces and nephews, and a wide circle of extended family

and friends.

She was predeceased by her parents, Norbert (Dooley) and Fernande Smith, her sister Fernande (Bob) Hawkes, and sister-in-law Beverley (Loyd) Sherry.

Madeleine was born in 1932 in High Prairie, Alberta, and spent her early years in nearby Jousard on the shore of Lesser Slave Lake. She moved with her family to Nanaimo, BC, in 1944. In Nanaimo she met the love of her life, Donn Sherry, with whom she shared a 63 year partnership rooted in mutual love, respect and unwavering support.

She spent most of her working life employed by the Department of Fisheries & Oceans' Pacific Biological Station. There she excelled as a sought-after clerk to many of the senior scientists. More importantly, she built life-long friendships with many of the staff.

Outside of work, Madeleine found joy in entertaining, volunteering, gardening and travel. The Sherry house was often the site of family gatherings, neighbourhood whist competitions and work parties. The Catholic Women's League, BC Blinds Sports, Nanaimo Lawn Bowling Club, Sendial, and other non-profit organizations benefitted from her generosity of time.

She is perhaps best known for her sense of humour and adventurous spirit. She was often seen with a twinkle in her eye and a passport in her hand. Madeleine loved to travel, whether road tripping across the country with family or exploring farther afield later in life. She and Donn travelled to all 7 continents. She enjoyed a winter home away-from-home in Mesa, Arizona, for more than 30 years. Madeleine lived life to the fullest, succumbing to a stroke while on a Hawaiian cruise, her beloved Donn by her side. The island of Kaua'i and its people now play a special role in her life's journey.

A service in her honour was held at 11:00am, May 21, 2026, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, in Nanaimo, BC. With a reception in the church hall.

In lieu of flowers, the family encourages acts of kindness in Madeleine's memory. Her life was defined by love and generosity. That same endures through all who knew her.

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Confronting Him, he demanded, 'Father! What happened? All day long you blessed horses and they all won. Then in the last race, the horse you blessed lost by a mile. Now, thanks to you I've lost every cent of my savings!'

The Priest nodded wisely and with sympathy. 'My Son,' he said, 'that's the problem with you Protestants, you can't tell the difference between a simple blessing and last rites.'