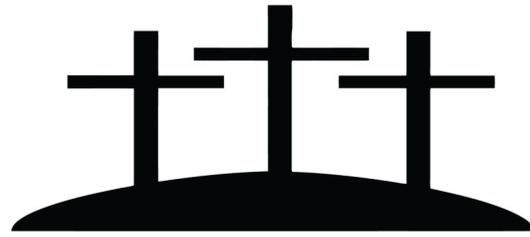




Is God calling you to be a priest?
 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart... He will direct your path."
 (Proverbs 3:5-6)

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Whose House Is This?

Whose house is the church building, God or ours? The answer is yes! Both! Our church is God's house because it is the house of the body of Christ, the church. We cannot contain God. We cannot imprison God in some structure made of human hands. But when we who are made holy by baptism, confirmation and eucharist gather together, then God chooses to live here in this place, among us. When we who are God's church gather together, with our bishop (or his delegate, the priest) and the deacon, around our book (on its stand), at our font (and its water), and especially around the Lord's altar (which is a dining table set in the shadow of the cross), God chooses to dwell here, too.

The God who wove the night time sky and buttoned it with stars, the God for whom the Rocky Mountains are naught but a bit of mud squished between divine toes, and for whom the oceans are but puddles - this God does not need a temple. But the people whom this God loves from before time began do need a place to gather, and to remember in sacred rites that the church is made of flesh and blood before it is made of brick and board. Our church building is that place! So it should be simply beautiful, and we should care lovingly for it. It isn't any old living room. It isn't a museum or a classroom, either. It is a holy place, a holy land right here in our neighborhood where the body of Christ is joined, where the voice of Christ rings out, where the sacrifice of Christ is offered and shared.

It is good to show reverence in and to the church building. But reverence is not ignoring one's neighbor as a distraction. Reverence is the wonder that we experience and the love that we show when we realize that each one of those here gathered around the Lord's altar is a living stone and builds a spiritual house, and it is here that God truly lives among us.



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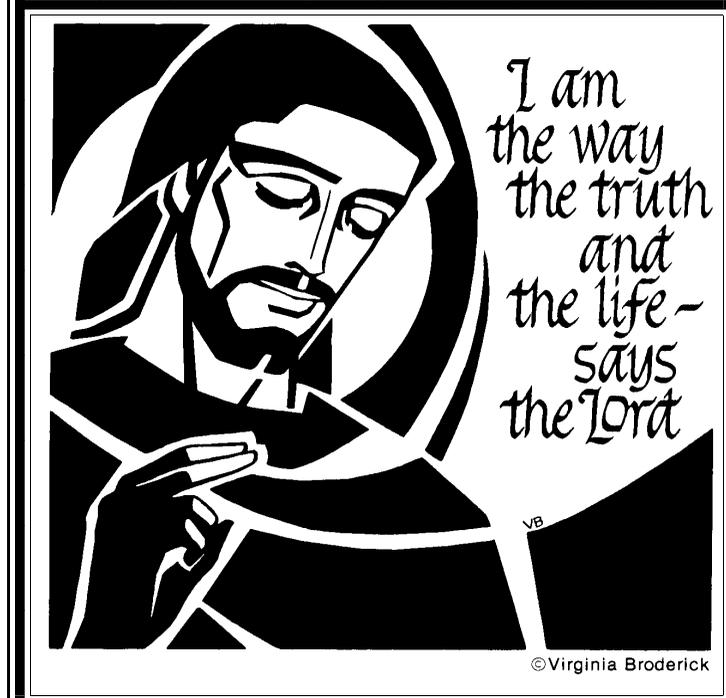
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SUNDAY MAY 10, 2020 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



"We must restore hope to young people, help the old, be open to the future, spread love. Be poor among the poor. We need to include the excluded and preach peace."

- Pope Francis

Reconciliation

Saturdays:
3:00 - 3:30 pm

Baptism :

Expectant parents welcome to register, and speak with Fr. Ron after Mass

Matrimony :

Must register at least eight months in advance. Book the Church before the hall.

Communion at Home :

Lay ministers are available to bring Communion to shut-ins. Phone the parish office.

Prayer-Line :

Rose Marie Spina
254-4064

Angela Filice 253-8607
(Italian)

Visiting & Card

Ministry:

If you wish to send cards or have someone visit people who are confined to their homes. Contact the parish office.

REGULAR CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

**Tues - Friday
9:00-12:00**

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

During this time, we invite you to please drop off your donation envelopes at our office by depositing your envelope in the mail slot of the office door.
Thank you.

**Thank-you To All Who Give!!
Web site: veronica.church**

**TELEVISED MASS ON SHAW CABLE
Channel 10 - Every Sunday at 9:00 AM**

**TELEVISED ONLINE MASS
Saturday, May 9 & Sunday, May 10
Website: veronica.church
*check website for times**

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

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Sixth Sunday of Easter
Saturday, May 16 & Sunday, May 17, 2020

Mass Intentions:

Robert Canale by Mary Ann and Anthony Canale.
Amalia Lewis by Erin Breckenridge and family.
For the intentions of all parishioners of St. Veronica's.

AUTO-DEPOSIT E-TRANSFERS FOR DONATIONS

A new convenient way we are now accepting donations is through Auto-Deposit E-Transfer. Send your E-Transfer to veronicassm@shaw.ca and the donation will automatically be deposited into our Parish's account without the need to create a question or answer! If you are not registered with our Parish, please include your address with the E-Transfer for a tax receipt. Thank you all for your continued support!

MESSAGE TO THE CATHOLIC FAITHFUL OF SAULT STE. MARIE

May 6, 2020

On this feast of Saint François de Laval, patron saint of Canadian Bishops, Pope Francis announced publicly his decision to appoint me as Coadjutor Archbishop of Ottawa-Cornwall. This is the beginning of a new chapter in my life, one that will build upon multiple experiences that have taught me to trust the Lord. I have always been amazed at the callings I received from the Church; however, I did not always understand why I was the one chosen to assume responsibility for a new parish, a new diocese, a new ministry or a new undertaking. My first "fiat" is rooted in my love for God and for his people. It was from this fundamental principle that I responded to all the other callings in my life, offering my service with humility and thanksgiving. God's plan is not always obvious, but it is revealed to us as a Mystery. No matter how many questions I ask, the answer is often the same: "My grace is sufficient for you." So I walk gently and joyfully on a path that will be strewn with signs of divine Providence.

It is with mixed feelings that I write these words to you. Having celebrated Good Shepherd's Mass last Sunday, I feel bad for leaving you. I feel as though I were abandoning you, knowing that we are at a time in our history when the normal course of our Church life has been changed by the pandemic. This increased uncertainty about the future is added to all other issues currently touching your lives. I see so many things that still need to be finished or even started. Projects of all kinds have been discussed and/or partially started. You will need to be patient and to trust that the new Bishop will take over and provide the necessary leadership according to God's plan. Rest assured that there is an exceptional staff at the Diocesan Center, and each of them will support the new Bishop. I also have great confidence in the clergy who assume their responsibilities in their respective parishes. I am very grateful for their dedication and good collaboration over the past four years.

I plan to begin my responsibilities as Coadjutor Archbishop on June 16, 2020. Until then, I will be present in the diocese to meet the many needs and to plan with the diocesan team the steps that will follow. The restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic may complicate gatherings that would allow us to say "goodbye". We will undoubtedly find answers to our multiple questions in the days to come.

I remain with you in thought and prayer. I entrust everything to the intercession of Mary Immaculate and of Saint François de Laval.

+Marcel Dampousse
Bishop of Sault Ste. Marie
Coadjutor Archbishop elect of Ottawa-Cornwall

