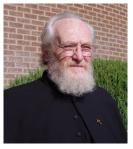
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Fr. Robert's Remarks



FR. ROBERT MANSFIELD, SSC VICAR GENERAL

Heads up! Mark it on your calendar—October 3-7, 2016.

We are planning toward Synod this fall.

In the past we have been most grateful for the presence of Archbishop Haverland; this time, however, he will be unable to be with us. Bishop Rocco Florenza of the ACC Diocese of the Resurrection will attend.

In 2011, Bishop Florenza was kind enough to offer his services at Holy Trinity and St. Jude Parish in Thunder

Bay for the ordination of Stephen Beyer to the diaconate and for the Confirmation of Alison Shaw.



Bishop Florenza

Once again, we shall be using the same location—Queen of Apostle Renewal Centre in Mississauga. This will be our third Synod there.

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Fr. Charles Warner: An Invitation for Renewal

Beginning on Ash Wednesday and during the Lenten season, the Church invites us all to ponder Christ's saving work. We are called upon to live out more deeply the reality of our Baptism and to draw rich



FR. CHARLES WARNER

nourishment from sacred Scripture. We are also invited to relive with Jesus the forty days in the desert, praying and fasting, in preparation for his public mission. Lent is an invitation for renewal.

At the start of Lent, on Ash Wednesday, we receive a very sombre, yet symbolic gesture with the imposition of ashes upon our foreheads. It is at this moment we are encouraged to acknowledge ourselves as sinners and return to God. Initially, we are told that we "are dust and to dust we will return". This is done to remind

us of our own human weaknesses and that ultimately our bodies will degrade and we will die.

Taken from the Book of Genesis (3:19) these words tell us that we are exposed to the world around us, a truly corrupt and imperfect world. The point of this prayer is to lead the supplicant toward a real place of hope and anticipation, beyond the finite existence of humanity and toward the infinite, which rests in God alone.

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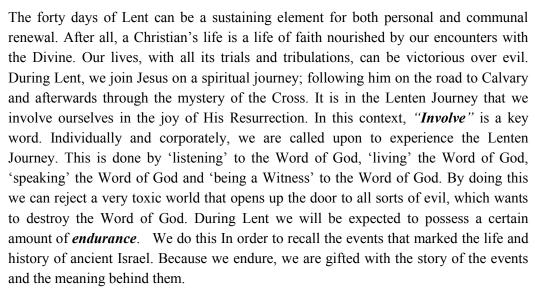


Secondly, the recipient, who has come to receive the ashes of their own free will, is hopefully moved to "Repent and believe in the Gospel." These are the words that were pronounced by Jesus at the beginning of his itinerant ministry. It is an invitation for the receiver to become bold and self-assured in their obedience to the gospel message.

Ash Wednesday, in a real sense, is a hopeful moment where Christ, through the Church, invites us to become deeply aware of His redeeming work. From this moment until Easter, we are *to be in a more meditative state of mind* while we drink up the nourishing Word of God. This awareness culminates with the risen Christ. Through Him we become liberated and alive again. The Church urges the people of God to live fully

their baptismal promises. During this Lent, our faith is reinforced by the knowledge of our personal relationship with God.

During Lent we join Jesus on the road to Calvary



During lent we learn about 'the covenant' established by God with Noah and thus with humanity, and also the forty days that Moses stayed on Mount Sinai, resulting in the gift of the 'tablets of the law'. Most importantly, the Lenten season is an open invitation for all of us to re-experience Jesus' forty days in the wilderness through His praying and fasting.

The Traditional Anglican Church of Canada continues to work on its mission of proclaiming the merciful love of Christ for all of humanity. This is especially manifested during lent when we, along with our other Christian brothers and sisters, join



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in to exercise the *austere disciplines* of Fasting, Praying and Almsgiving. Like Jesus in the wilderness we prepare ourselves for a journey.

An Invitation to Live out Lent

Lent is a time for all of us to begin that journey of reflection and prayer. Together we take a spiritual journey to Calvary focusing on the core mysteries of our faith. We do this because we are preparing ourselves for the joyous Easter event. Lent rouses us out of our sleep and allows the Word of God to enter into our lives. We are indeed gifted with Lent. It is here where we confront the fundamental truth about just who we are, where we come from, and where we are heading. Lent gives us the opportunity to perceive the path our life is taking. Consequently, the Lenten season also shows us how we journey together as a Church. Our liturgy expresses the seriousness of our celebrations. Our experiences are tactile and visceral. Ascetically the tone is dark.

In this way our eyes are open to our own human frailty and our hearts become bare to the merciful love and sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Indeed, lent brings us closer to God and it allows us to *see not only our own weaknesses, but also the emotional and spiritual fragility of our brothers and sisters*. As we begin to journey with Christ, we recognize the broken world we live in. Nevertheless, by being open to the world we are able to realise that other people have needs, including those who are harassed or helpless.

Lent is after all about keeping ourselves and others on that heavenly path. Lent is a time for listening to people based upon the Lord's love for us. Our attitude must then be bold, compassionate and merciful. Jesus is our model, our template. This love is best reflected in the gospel according to St. Matthew: "When [Jesus] saw the crowds, he had compassion for them." (Matthew 9:36).

During these days of reflection and intense prayer let us be inspired by the Word of God. Let us be vigilant in our struggle against Sin, knowing that this battle never truly ends. May we recognize that worldly temptation is a daily reality. May we be aware of our own personal failings and created illusions. Let us never forget the poor, the abandoned, and the marginalized. May we, through our giving, find the time to help others and share with them what we can. Let us live out more deeply the reality of our Baptism and draw rich nourishment from Sacred Scripture. Above all, let us ponder the saving work of Jesus Christ.

So dear Brothers and Sisters, beginning on Ash Wednesday and over the Lenten season may we be purified and renewed through our prayer, fasting and almsgiving.





Bonnie's Reflections: LOVE AND WRATH



MRS. BONNIE IVEY

Early in the second century, a man named Marcion wrote a book, claiming that the God of the Old Testament could not be the Father of Jesus in the gospels. His belief was that the Hebrew God was all about wrath and punishment, while Jesus taught about a loving God.

Another writer of that time, Tertullian, wrote a sarcastic critique of Marcion's work. "Now a better god has been discovered, one who is neither offended nor angry, nor inflicts punishment...He forbids you to sin, but only in writing..."

One often hears "I don't believe in that vengeful Old testament God, with that eye-for-an-eye stuff. It's cruel." Those who say this do not realize the list of "eye for eye, foot for foot" etc. found in Deuteronomy 19 sets up a legal principal of equivalent payment. Victims were not to seek revenge themselves, but to work with the court to gain a just compensation to pay for their injury.

"Wrath" can mean either "intense anger" or "an action, sometimes involving punishment, resulting from intense anger." We don't hear much about wrath in our day. Nor do we hear about "the fear of the Lord". We may prefer a Santa god. We can sit on his lap and hand him a list of what we want.

If we persist in turning away from what God calls good to pursue what he calls evil, he will let us go freely. There will be consequences to our choices. In Romans chapter one, we read of people who, though they were aware of the existence of God from evidence of his wonderful Creation, refused to honour or thank him. They turned to worshipping created things, including their own physical desires. So God "gave them up" to their **darkened minds**. They took that freedom as far as they could imagine, but they experienced God's wrath, in that their actions resulted in poor outcomes.

Proverbs 9:10 says "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of **wisdom**, and knowledge of the Holy One is **understanding**". We can define understanding as insight, good judgment, a firm grip on reality. Holy fear is a recognition of, and submission to, the infinite power of God. When Peter saw the miraculous draft of fish, he fell at Jesus' knees and said "Go away from me, Lord. I am a sinful man". Fear of the Lord produces knowledge of our own smallness and need of God's help.

Our worldly society does not like the idea of judgment. Even some churchgoers prefer their Jesus mild as milk. He was, however, a dangerous man to invite into your home. He might criticize your dinner guests or your actions as host. In the Temple, he knotted ropes together to make a whip, drove out the cattle with it, scattered the merchants, and kicked over their tables. This was his judgment on commercialism in the house of worship. (John 2:13-17) He spoke on judgment repeatedly. He taught about it in parables and plain language. This same Jesus called little children to him, healed the sick, forgave the repentant, ultimately accepting a criminal's death to redeem us. He

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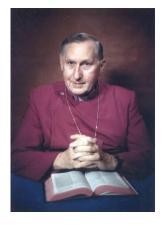
showed us the love of the Father .He said "I and the Father are one." (John 10:30) He showed us that the Father manifests both love and wrath. Love is who he is, his fundamental character. His wrath is his passionate response when provoked by evil.

"I have loved you with an everlasting love: I have drawn you with loving-kindness." (Jer. 31:3)

"No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him." (John 6:43)

"Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of the Father. And even the very hairs of your head are numbered. So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows." (Matt. 10: 28-31)

From the Past



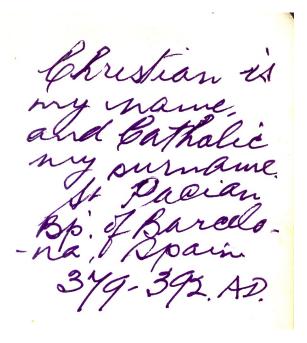
THE RT. REV. ALFRED WOOLCOCK

"Christian is my name and Catholic is my surname."

St. Pacian Bp. Of Barcelona, Spain

379-392. AD.

{Context of quote may be found at: http://www.tertullian.org/fathers/pacian_1_letter1.htm



Written in the front of a prayer book by Bishop Alfred Woolcock.

Prayer Book and photo courtesy Fr. Byron Woolcock, TDC

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Sr. Briege McKenna, OSC: The Sacrament of Baptism

Have you ever thought of the Baptismal Service as a prayer of Intercession?

In the Service of Baptism of Children in the Prayer Book, the priest demands of the Sponsors, *Do you, in the name of this Child, renounce the devil and all his works, the vain pomp and glory of the world, with all the covetous desires of the same, and the sinful lusts of the flesh, so that you will not follow nor be led by them?* The reply expected is *I do*.

In 1996, Sr. Briege McKenna,OSC, an Irish Roman Catholic sister wrote a little book-let published by Pauline Books & Media entitled *The Power of the Sacraments*.

After some prelimianary remarks about Baptism, Sister Briege asks the question, "How can we effectively live out our Baptism?"

Now to Sr. Briege McKenna:

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Sr. Briege McKenna

"How can we effectively live out our Baptism? We can renew it. We were carried to the baptismal font. Perhaps we don't remember that commitment. But now each one of us can rekindle it as we get older. I recall a beautiful testimony of a mother in Florida whose son had renounced the Church. He had turned away and for years she never heard from him. One day a priest asked this mother, "Is your son baptized?" She said, "Yes, certainly he's baptized."

"So do you know what I want you to do?" He told her, "Get the formula of Baptism, the whole baptismal ceremony. Go through it and renew the baptismal promises in your son's name. Renew the promises to renounce Satan and all his evil works. Do that for your son every time you pray for him. Claim the power of the sacrament of his Baptism. Ask

Christ, who sees your son wherever he is in the world, to stir up within him the grace of his Baptism."

Three weeks later, in the middle of the night, this boy phoned his mother. He sobbed, "Mom, I don't know how to describe what has happened to me." Then he related that he had met someone in a store who had invited him to a prayer meeting. In that atmosphere he had rediscovered his faith. She realized that this had happened at the time that she claimed him into the family of God again.

Today the Church warns people that if they desire Baptism for their child, then they have the great obligation to raise that child in the faith. They must give the child the opportunity to know and to experience God's life. The tragedy is that many are baptized but then neglected.

Baptism is the most precious gift we can receive. If we pray, God will fan into flame the graces we received with this sacrament.

The Rev. Vernon Staley: The Christian Way

The Rev. Vernon Staley was a British Anglican who is fairly well known for his book, *The Catholic Religion* which has been used by many. In 1909 he wrote a little called *The Christian Way: A Simple Guide to Doctrine, Devotion, & Duty.* It went through several printings and a new edition was published in 1922. Over the next months we shall be serialising this book from the 1922 edition.

The Christian Way: A Simple Guide to Doctrine, Devotion, & Duty

TO THE READER



Rev. Vernon Staley

IN order to please GOD on earth, and to come to eternal life in His Presence in heaven, every Christian is bound to believe and to do certain things. This little book is meant to teach you and to guide you concerning these things. If you would please God, you must

Believe the truths which He has made known:

Worship Him and pray to Him aright:

Keep the laws which He has made.

In doing these things, you do your duty as a Christian. Of these three divisions of Christian duty and service, you will read in the following pages. May God help you to understand and to practise what you read.

The First Part is meant to enlighten your Mind by the knowledge of the truths which God has made known.

The Second Part is intended to warm your Heart with true devotion to God.

The Third Part is meant to guide your Will to fulfil the duties of religion.

"The Christian Way" has been chosen for the title of this little book, because it suggests the name by which the Christian Religion was first known, namely, "The Way"—the way of grace, and truth, and life. If you will turn in the New Testament to Acts ix. 2; xix. 9, 23; xxii. 4; xxiv. 14, you will see that this is so. Your life on earth is a journey to your true and everlasting home in heaven; and sound Doctrine, true Devotion, and holy Duty are as sign-posts to guide you, and as hedges to keep you safe in "the Narrow Way that leadeth unto eternal life."

INVERNESS, V. S. *July 1, 1909*.

The Christian Way is arranged on the same general plan as my previous work, Christian Duty: but it has been compiled and written afresh to meet the demand for a similar book of much simpler character, suited to the needs of such as might find Christian Duty somewhat beyond them. Compared with Christian

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Duty, there are some omissions and some additions in *The Christian Way*, made with a view to helping those about to he confirmed or those recently confirmed.

The Apostles' Creed teaches you what to believe.

The Lord's Prayer teaches you what to pray for.

The Commandments teach you to love God and your neighbour.

The Sacraments give you grace to do these things.

THE CREED

"O God, Who at sundry times and in divers manners, spake in time past unto the fathers, hath spoken unto us by His Son." Jesus Christ, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, was made Man, and lived amongst men, that He might make known the truths which we need to know about God and our duty to Him. The men whom He first taught were the Apostles. When He went back to heaven, He left the truths which He had made known in the keeping of His Church, of which the Apostles were the first ministers and teachers. Jesus Christ bade them, "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

The chief truths which Jesus Christ made known are set down in the Apostles' Creed. It is so called, because it contains in a short form the main truths which the Apostles learnt from Jesus Christ, and which they taught to the first Christians. The Apostles' Creed is a brief summary of the Gospel, which every Christian ought to believe.

THE APOSTLES' CREED.

I Believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried, He descended into hell, the third day He rose again from the dead, He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the Right Hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I Believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Catholic Church; the Communion of Saints; the Forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body, and the Life everlasting. Amen.

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The chief things which you learn from the Creed are:

First, to believe in God the Father, Who made you and all the world:

Secondly, to believe in God the Son, Who redeemed you and all mankind:

Thirdly, to believe in God the Holy Ghost, Who sanctifies you and all the elect people of God.

THE FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty. "God is Spirit." He has no bodily form. When the Bible speaks of the eye or the hand of God, it is because there are no other words in which His actions can be described. God is Self-existent; He is the only being Who exists of Himself and depends on no one. God is Eternal; for the unchanging life of God has neither beginning nor ending. God is the Supreme Good; and therefore is not capable of evil. God is Almighty; He is able to do all He wills, and nothing is independent of Him. God is the Fountain of wisdom, and knows all things. God is present everywhere, and nothing is hid from Him. God is Love; He always has been and will be love. Before the universe was created, God ever loved in the Divine Society of the Holy Trinity.

There is but One God. In the One God are Three Persons—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These Three Divine Persons are not three Gods, but one and the same God, equal in all things. The doctrine of the One God in Three Persons is called the doctrine of the Trinity in Unity: it is a great mystery, to be received by faith; for God has revealed it by Jesus Christ to the Church and in the Bible. Whilst clearly teaching the unity of God, our Lord revealed Himself as God's equal, and spoke of the Spirit as a Divine Person. He commanded His Apostles to baptize all nations into " the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." In this command He summed up the doctrine of the One God in Three Persons.

God is eternally the Father of His Only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Whilst God is the Creator of all men, He is in a special sense the Father of Christians, who in Christ are His adopted sons.



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Our Synod site.

Fr. Robert's Remarks

As at our two previous Synods, we shall plan on arrival on Monday evening and begin Synod on Tuesday morning. This year the District Council has decided that we should extend the Synod by an extra day so that we can spend more time together and so that we can incorporate some educational sessions and perhaps workshops into the time together.

Further details about Synod will be forthcoming as soon as possible.

I find it interesting how some things can come together.

As I was putting together this issue, I was stuck by some challenging comments in Fr. Warner's invitation to Lent particularly the partly emboldened sentence, "Indeed, lent brings us closer to God and it allows us to *see not only our own weaknesses, but also the emotional and spiritual fragility of our brothers and sisters*". This took me back to last Synod and the table blessing in which the Archbishop prayed "and make us ever mindful of the needs and feelings of others." In Mrs. Bonnie Ivey's column there were the verses with which she chose to close the article—from St. Matthew 10: 28-31—"Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both body and soul in hell. . ." This brought back to mind a talk by Dr. Scott Hahn of many years ago. He recalled how Bishop Fabian Bruskiewitz had spoken of some pro-life issues and mentioned this very same verse as he talked of people in churches committing spiritual abortions by the way they, who profess and call themselves Christians, treat others.

This past week I had the opportunity to listen to a podcast of an Advent Quiet Day given by Abbott Tryphon of All-Merciful Saviour Monastery on Vashon Island by Seattle, WA. He was speaking about "incarnation"—not just Jesus' incarnation but of God incarnate in us and in others. To make a point the Abbott shared several horror stories of several people who had tried attending churches with the intent of conversion and were adversely affected by some members of local churches—both clergy and lay—who were, shall we say, less than friendly, helpful, or sensitive. Fr. Tryphon went on to say some very positive and encouraging things, but I was left thinking, doing some self reflection and self examination.

Yesterday the clergy of Parry Sound got together for lunch and used the opportunity to arrange the preaching schedule for our Lenten services —we are using the traditional Seven Words from the Cross. I got the assignment to preach on Ash Wednesday on "Father forgive them for they know not what they do."

All my reflection brings me to this, if I have offended anyone among you by thought, word, or deed, please forgive me and pray for me.

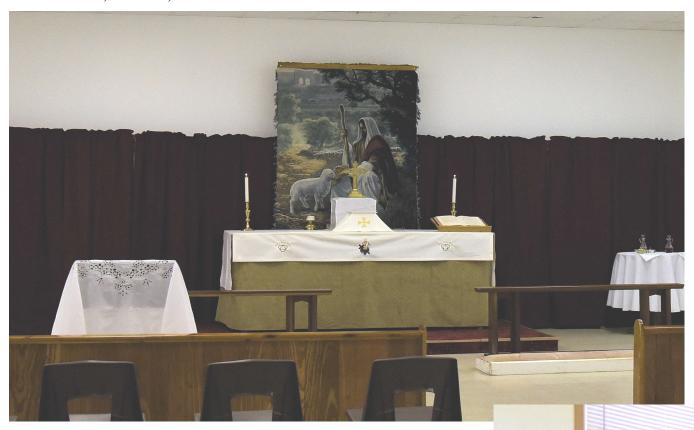
May you have a blessed Lent.



In the woods on December 23

From the Parishes

St. Athanasius, Belleville, ON



SUNDAY SETUP AT ST. ATHANASIUS



Detail from super frontal and stole designed by Fr. Jim.



Detail from super frontal designed by Fr. Jim.

FR. JIM GIBBONS PREACHING ON CHRISTMAS II, 2016

From the Parishes

St. Athanasius, Belleville, ON, continued





DETAIL FROM STOLE; DESIGNED BY FR. JIM

DOSSAL HANGING FROM ST. ATHANASIUS PARISH

Parish Web pages

- 1.) Noted are the ongoing series of sermons by Fr. Peter Jardine on the webpage for St. Matthew's, Ottawa. They are on the "worship page" at http://www.ottawaworship.com/our-worship-s4.php —just scroll down the page
- 2.) News items on the website for the Resurrection, Walkerville at http://cotrbcp.ca/news.html—again, just scroll down the page.

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Resurrection, Walkerville, ON

In the season of Advent Resurrection Parish's sanctuary is adorned by an Advent wreath with its candles.

On every Sunday of the season we light candles: one the first week, two the second, three the third and four on the fourth Sunday in Advent to symbolize that as we get closer to the coming of Jesus, who is The Light Of The World, our path towards Him gets brighter. Finally, at Christmas we light the taller and pure white candle at the centre of the wreath. This candle is called the Christ candle and it represents the first Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ the Sun of Righteousness who brightened our darkness by the radiance of His birth. It also symbolizes the great light which shall reveal all the sins which mankind had thought they had hidden when Christ comes again in might and majesty at the Second Advent to judge the quick and the dead.



FOUR OF THE PARISH'S YOUTH WITH THE PARISH PRIEST, FR. JAMES CHANTLER AFTER EACH OF THEM HAD LIT A CANDLE ON THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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