



President's Message ~ Mary McKenzie

A warm welcome to all members of St. Leonard CWL. I'm sure you would agree that we have done a tremendous job working together as a group to fulfill our mission for God and Country. We have accomplished much in our first year together. Amazing things happen when we work together for the common good. I'm looking forward with joy and anticipation to all the support given to me in the past and as the final year of my presidency begins.

Blessings and best wishes to you and yours, with much gratitude in my heart.

Spiritual Advisor's Message ~ Fr. Ray Huntley

Dear friends:

Having served in several parishes within the Diocese, I came to The Parish of Saint Leonard confident that the CWL here will be, as in my previous parishes, a source of support and inspiration for me. And such is the case! It is a joy to come to know you and to realize that our parish community has the prayers and faithful service of our CWL. And, as in the other parishes where I have served, I feel a close bond with you as we together build up the Kingdom of God in the Parish of Saint Leonard.

I often ponder the lovely words of Mother Theresa who said that we are called not necessarily to do great things, but to do the little things with great love. I see these words of Blessed Mother Theresa lived out in your service, whether it is while you are at prayer, working funeral receptions, or supporting the various ministries in our parish, diocese and country.

May God continue to bless you. May God continue to bless the Parish of Saint Leonard through you!

Prayer To Saint Joseph

Oh, Saint Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interest and desires. Oh, Saint Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, so that, engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers. Oh Saint Joseph, I never weary contemplating you, and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while he reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss his fine head for me and ask him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. Saint Joseph, Patron of departing souls, pray for me. Amen.

THE CWL INVITES YOU!

An invitation is extended to all women to become a member in the Catholic Women's League of Canada. By doing so you will be:

*supporting the efforts of League members across Canada who are diligently working to promote the teachings of the Catholic church.

*part of the largest national organization of Catholic women in Canada with a tradition of service to others as expressed in its motto " For God and Canada."

The Catholic Women's League of Canada is an organization that contributes to the life and vitality of the church, family and community, both at home and abroad. While your presence at meetings is important, we realize that in this busy world it may not always be possible for you to attend. Be assured that your interest and support is as important as your attendance!

The CWL members are asked to pray for the children who will receive the sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation in early May.

There are 80 children who are First Eucharist Candidates and 55 Candidates for Confirmation. Sacramental Statistics for 2007 to 2010 were published in the bulletin on February 27th, 2011.

Why I belong to the Catholic Women's League... ~ *Leona MacNeil*

I was 27 years old when I first joined the CWL in my home parish. At the first meeting which I attended, three things happened: I was asked to take on convenorship of the Girl Guide movement in our parish

I was given a prayer leaflet which focused on Mary, Our Lady of Good Council and especially important to me was the Mission Statement: " The CWL of Canada is a national organization rooted in gospel values, calling its members to holiness through service to the people of God."

In my association with ladies from all levels of the CWL I've had the opportunity to meet up with so many good women -- all capable of using their gifts and talents for the betterment of our world.

For all the years (over 50) that I've been a member of the CWL -- I've had no regrets. I've seen many ladies who displayed remarkable leadership, others who took on responsibility of kitchen duties while many in their quiet way did the chores which was important to any organization.

Now as I grow older and the energy is not there -- I ask myself why I should continue to belong to the CWL. Well, I can do my best to keep informed of what the CWL is doing in our parish as well as continuing to get the League Magazine and be aware of what is being accomplished by our women across Canada. I can still pray for those in need of prayers and above all I can keep in touch with my sisters in the League.

CWL members are asked to donate an item for a Mother's Day Basket which we will sell tickets on. Please turn your item in by April 15th.

Congratulations to:

Fr. Bill Stephenson on his 50th anniversary of his ordination into the priesthood on May 27th 1961.

Fr. Ray Huntley on his 30th anniversary of his ordination into the priesthood on June 7th 1981.

Jessie MacNeil and Kay MacDonald on their 90th birthday.

We Remember: Our CWL members who have died Jessie White, Eunice Passerine and Lucy MacDonald.

Please remember our sick and shut-ins: Emily Doyle, Mary Aucoin, Chris Burke and Jessie White.

A Story of St. Joseph, Feast Day is March 19th ~ Winnie Odo

The girl whom he was to marry was pregnant and the baby was not his. He could have spoken to others. He could have dumped her. He didn't.

He could have had his revenge. It would have been so easy to kill her or to arrange her death. He didn't.

He married her and made a home for her child. When the child's life was in danger, he and his wife escaped from their own land and walked many miles to safety, crossing national borders and becoming a refugee, returning to their own land only when the political environment was safe.

He taught the boy his own trade, gave him the possibility of caring for his mother and of leading an independent existence. Nobody in the town knew that the child wasn't his and he wasn't the one to divulge the secret of the youth's paternity.

The bare facts of the life of St. Joseph are very few, so few that people have speculated about him for centuries. Was he old or young? When did he die? Was he around to see Jesus grow up? Who was Joseph of Nazareth, the carpenter? In actual fact, the few things we know about Joseph are all the biography that we need, albeit not as much as we would like. There are, of course, conclusions that can be drawn. He must have been a thoroughly decent person and someone who was so dependable and reliable that God could entrust Mary and Jesus to his care, knowing that Joseph would not let him down.

Throughout the world, people depend on Joseph for their practical needs. He was a carpenter, a builder, a husband, a foster-father, a traveler, a refugee, persecuted and poor, someone who, according to tradition, died in the company of Mary and Jesus. He knew what it is like to face opposition and hardship.

It's not surprising, then, that many see him as a protector and a guardian.

If God and Mary can trust him, so can we!

Birthdays :

March

Charlotte Jurcina
Susie Dixon
Mary Aucoin
Anna Currie
Doris Laffin
Agnes MacEachern

April

Kaye Graham
Rhodena Whitman
Alice Aucoin
Theresa Walzak
Willena Balackwood
Mary Lou Luedey
Martha Gillis

May

Ann MacSween
Florence Fraser
Ann MacGibbon
Mary McKenzie
Sherry Timmons
Ann Thorne
Agnes Sullivan
Zena Saule
Joan Purdy
Jeanette MacDonald
Marilyn Ryan
Pat Roach

June

Helen Dwyer
Eunice McCarthy
Cecilia MacEachern
Carmel Rizzo
Helen Chiason
Nellie Chiasson
Rhodena Ling

Swiss Steak

1 lb. steak	4 tbsp. vinegar
1 c. diced onion	3/4 c. brown sugar
1 c. green pepper	1/2 c. water
1 c. ketchup	

Cut steak into bite size pieces.
Mix all ingredients and place in covered casserole dish.
Bake @ 375 degrees F. for 1 hour.
Serve with rice.

Lenten Prayer

God our Father, grant that we who meditate on the passion and death of your son, Jesus Christ, may imitate in our lives his love and service to you and to others. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



FAITH AND JUSTICE ~ *Anna Caverzan*

Our CWL has a new logo centered on faith and justice. The centre of the logo is the cross of prayer. The dove is a symbol of peace with wings outstretched embracing all people. The sprig of greenery is our hope for the world and its environment.

We all need 'faith', the assurance of things hoped for. The essence of faith is that it relates to trust in something or someone. Faith is a gift of God. It is our faith that God is present in each individual, presenting opportunities for love and service.

Relating to justice, justice was preached by the prophets and is expressed in the Ten Commandments. It was lived out completely by Jesus. Justice is a yearning for 'right order' in God's Kingdom. God is 'just'. God has created a good world and we as God's people must act justly and have proper regard for the needs of our sisters and brothers.

Burned Biscuits ~ Author Unknown

When I was a kid, my Mom liked to make breakfast food for dinner every now and then. And I remember one night in particular when she had made breakfast after a long, hard day at work. On that evening so long ago, my Mom placed a plate of eggs, sausage and extremely burned biscuits in front of my dad.

I remember waiting to see if anyone noticed! Yet all my dad did was reach for his biscuit, smile at my Mom and ask me how my day was at school. I don't remember what I told him that night, but I do remember watching him smear butter and jelly on that biscuit and eat every bite!

When I got up from the table that evening, I remember hearing my Mom apologize to my dad for burning the biscuits. And I'll never forget what he said: "Honey, I love burned biscuits." Later that night, I went to kiss Daddy good night and I asked him if he really liked his biscuits burned. He wrapped me in his arms and said, "Your Momma put in a hard day at work today, and she's real tired. Besides, a little burned biscuit never hurt anyone!"

Life is full of imperfect things and imperfect people. I'm not the best at hardly anything, and I forget birthdays and anniversaries, just like everyone else. But what I've learned over the years is that learning to accept each other's faults, and choosing to celebrate each other's differences, is one of the most important keys to creating a healthy, growing, and lasting relationship.

And that's my prayer for you today. That you will learn to take the good, the bad, and the ugly parts of your life and lay them at the feet of God. Because in the end, He's the only One, who will be able to give you a relationship where a burnt biscuit isn't a deal-breaker!

We could extend

this to any relationship. In fact, understanding is the base of any relationship, be it a husband-wife or parent-child or friendship!

Don't

put the key to your happiness in someone else's pocket... Keep it in your own. So, please pass me a biscuit, and yes, the burned one will do just fine.

Be kinder than necessary because everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle.