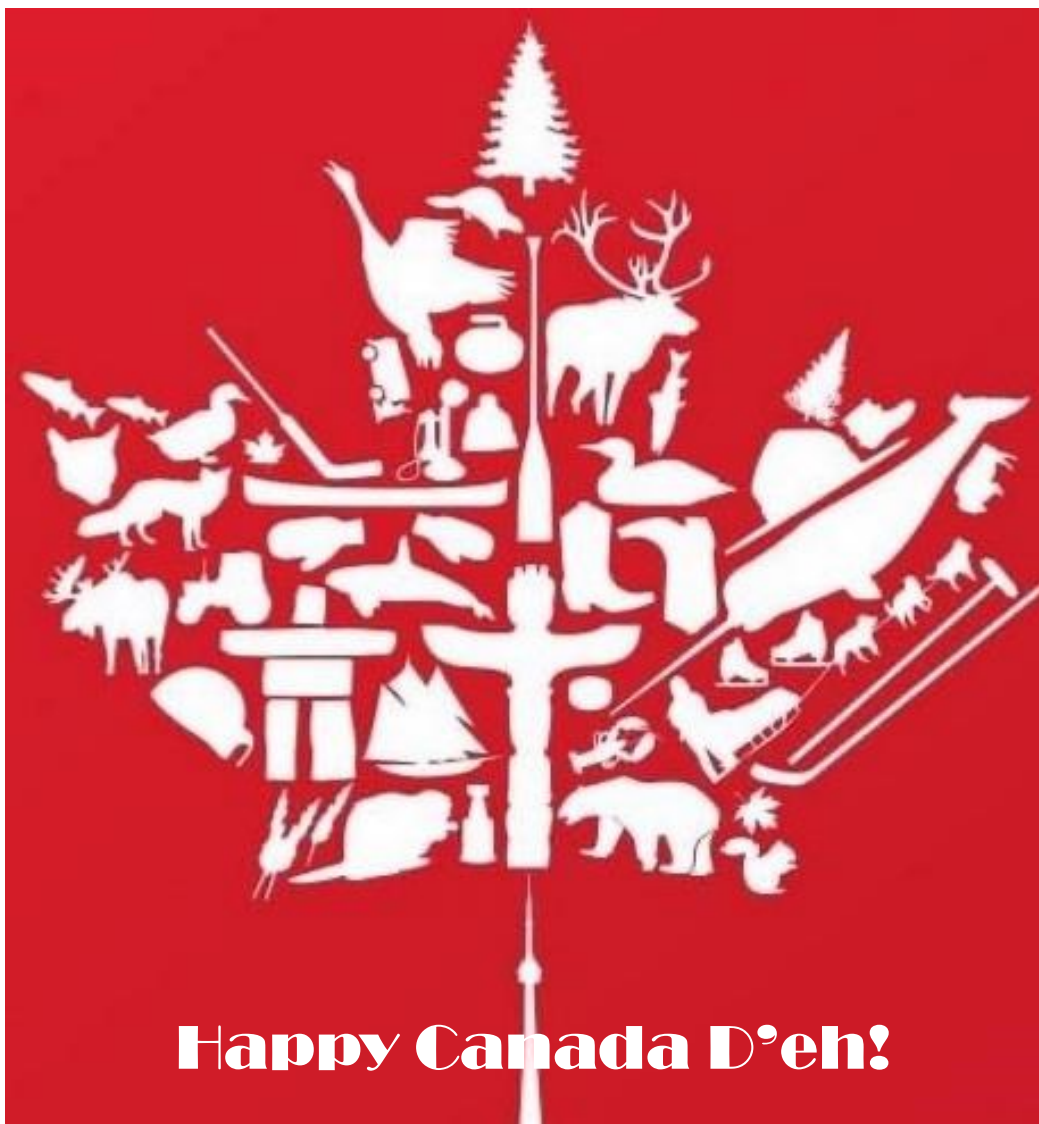


# July 2020

## Clothing



# Happy Canada D'eh!

Marilyn Toutant

# July 2020

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# Lacey's Address

Lacey is ready to shoot her computer and could not get a message ready in time for this publication. She asked me to

convey her best wishes for an absolutely beautiful summer respite.

## The CWL Does The Cooking



From March 11, 2020 to the beginning of May, people all over the world were in isolation due to fears of the rapidly-spreading Coronavirus—COVID 19 and the projected deaths of millions of people. Children were homeschooled via social media and with the help of their parents. Some people worked from home; others were laid off or lost their jobs. Some people enjoyed their time at home; others did not fare well psychologically during the lockdown. Some people used the time to complete jobs around the home; others ate more. Some people went through their freezers and used up what was in there; others tried to stockpile food, just in case. Some people gave generously to worthy causes; others visited the food banks for the first time. Some people reached out to people they hadn't seen or heard in a long time; others retreated into complete isolation. Some people spent their time sewing masks and other Personal Protective Equipment; others stockpiled hand sanitizer and toilet paper. Some people spent more time in spiritual reflection; others railed against God for this isolation. Some babies were born; some people died.

All in all, it was a strange time and we're glad that you are all well. Luckily the projections were inflated and fewer people were affected. As a little bit of remembrance of this crazy time, we present this recipe book from our members. In it, you will find recipes we enjoy and probably made during this time.

Notre Dame de Lorette Catholic Women's League



**Fr. Jorge Mario to remain in Lorette for six more years! Praise God!**



## 2020 Pope's Intentions

July

That families may be a place of authentic joy, faith, and love.

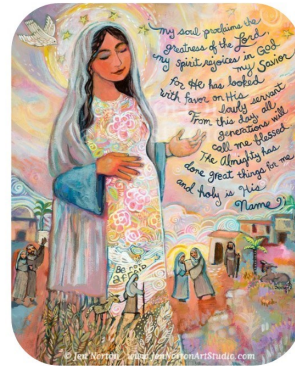
Families

August

That those who work and live on the sea will experience the fullness of God's love.

Maritime World

The Notre Dame de Lorette  
Catholic Women's League  
Lorette, MB



Sharing  
Spirituality  
during  
Isolation



Through Hymns, Songs and Music

April–May 2020

Encouraged and organized by our Spiritual Development Chairperson, Mae Ross, our members submitted their favourite hymns, spiritual music, or Christian songs via email. The personal writeups and links were sent to all the members so that we enjoyed beautiful spirituality throughout the months of lockdown. This was especially poignant and appreciated during Holy Week of 2020. This booklet is a memory of this time.

**Our Council kept in touch during the spring of Covid 19, 2020**



**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary—August 15**

**Mass to intentions of the Lorette CWL**



# June 6, 2020— Working and Celebrating Together



Setting up the Refreshments Stand with Megan & Vanessa



Fr. Jorge Mario leads prayer for a fruitful day



Some of our saintly workers







## Found Items:

- Irene's Blue Bomber car flag
- License plate
- Dead animals—skunk, deer, cats
- Full bottle of wine!
- Vape device
- Cannabis oil container
- Ventolin pump
- Kindergarten homework pouch
- Paint brush
- Virtually no glass
- Box of Kleenex scattered
- Wood panelling
- Lots of doggy doo bags
- Car parts

## CWL plants Autumn Blaze Maple Tree in Front of Church In honour of CWL 100th anniversary and to Care for Our Common Home



Fr. Mario, Bob, Armand and Richard lend a hand



Lots of fertilizer, a scapular, a CWL pin and a St. Benedict's medal are added to the soil.



Not only did they prepare the hole early in the morning, but Joe & Richard finished the planting for us



**Awesome crew of CWL workers!**  
**Thanks to the men and children who came out to help.**



**Manuela Wiebe Ginter** Thank you everyone. I did not see it online, otherwise I would've dragged my fam of 7 out to help

Like · Reply · 1d



2

**Beverly Jervis Schroeder** Good work I saw so many people helping I



Like · Reply · 1d

**Nicole Wilgosh**



Like · Reply · 1d

**Laurie Drysdale-Campbell**



Like · Reply · 11h

**Pat Hallonquist** It looks amazing!! Very clean. Thanks to all of you who cleaned up!!

Like · Reply · 21h



1

**Nickie Jensen** Great job, many thanks to all who took part

Like · Reply · 21h



1

**Doreen Peloquin** thanks, makes our area look clean thanks

**Julie Levreault Lodge** Just drove by, it looks great!

Like · Reply · 1d



2

**Nettie Lambert** Lots and lots of cigarette butts! It always amazes me that they don't start a grass fire!

Like · Reply · 1d



3

**Gisele Chartier** Thanks Suzanne for having helped organizing this...and us!

Like · Reply · 22h



2



**Suzanne Moore** Gisele Chartier thank you for helping!!!

Like · Reply · 22h



1

**Cher Burton** Wow thank you all so much!!

Like · Reply · 22h



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**Kellie Chammartin** Missed some of you at the church for lunch afterwards - had to get home to baby! Great event **Suzanne Moore** and **CWL**



2

**Madelyn McConnell** Awesome job guys!!

Like · Reply · 9h



1

**Kathleen Labossière Messner** Was fun to do with my partner Monika and to all celebrate after together!

Like · Reply · 7h



1

**Janet McDougall** 207 looks great! Way to go! Sorry I couldn't be there.



## Nathanael Program in the Archdiocese

Due to the uncertainties caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, it was decided to postpone Nathanael by one year and to start in September 2021. Please note: The curriculum has been reviewed to be taught within two years instead of three.

It will be a Friday evening and Saturday, instead of a Saturday and a Sunday. Reduction in the total cost of the program. We will still be accepting applications during this next year.

For any questions, please contact Mireille Grenier by phone 204-594-0278 or by email [mgrenier@archsaintboniface.ca](mailto:mgrenier@archsaintboniface.ca)

## Saint Malo Catholic Day Camps

If you are already registered, your camp week will NOT be changing. We have been seeing a need and a desire for 5 to 7 year old Day Camps.

Our situation has changed and we are excited to announce that it is now possible for us to be able to meet this need. The week of July 13th to 17th will now be a Day Camp week for ages 5 to 7 year olds in both French and English.

The French week will happen in Lorette at Notre-Dame-de-Lorette Parish and the English week will be in Winnipeg at Holy Redeemer Parish. This week of Day camps will no longer be offered for 8 to 13 year olds. For more info on how to register, visit our website: [www.catholicway.net/summer-camps](http://www.catholicway.net/summer-camps)

# **MAMAWEWSINI-TA First Nations and Archdiocese of Saint Boniface Food Sharing Project**

Our Sincere Thanks The Anishinaabe word “mamawewesini-ta” means “eating together.” In response to a food shortage identified by Indigenous communities in north-eastern Manitoba, the Archdiocese of St. Boniface undertook a food-sharing project. The communities were: Sagkeeng, Hollow Water, Bloodvein, Little Grand Rapids, Pauingassi, Berens River and Poplar River First Nations, as well as others such as Manigotagan and Seymourville.

Archbishop LeGatt: “A great quantity of need food was sent to these communities in need. From the bottom of my heart, my most grateful thanks. I would like to thank the donors who generously gave financially and materially to the campaign, as well as all parishes, organizers and pastors. For the time being, there is no longer a need to send more food. Still, circumstances can change. If needed, we will continue our efforts, possibly in September.

In the meantime, if you have already collected foodstuffs, please contact Fr. Augustine Ezediniru at 204-881-0025.”



## **Congratulations to Our CWL Scholarship Winner— Miguel Sorin**



The Sorin family— Mom Michelle, Cabral, Miguel, Amélie, Catherine and Dad Marcel. Former CWL Scholarship winners were also siblings Catherine and Amélie. Do you see a pattern?

### **About Miguel:**

Miguel is pursuing his studies at the Université de Saint-Boniface in Education because he wants to be a music or gym teacher. Music, especially the fiddle, plays a large part of his life and he enjoys it immensely. He would like to impart this enjoyment of music and health to his students.

In our parish, Miguel served as altar servant as a young man, then moved on to operating the sound board at the French 11:00 mass.

According to a parishioner, Miguel has shown to be reliable, punctual and courteous. He has been willing and receptive in learning from others and interested in expanding his knowledge.

The Sorin family has just finished a two-year commitment as the Voyageur Host Family, promoting and living the Voyageur life. They met and greeted many visitors and officials from all over. He was a member/leader of a youth called JMCA in la Division scolaire franco-manitobain for three years.

According to his music teacher, Miguel is an

outstanding individual with strong character. He has a very positive attitude and embraces learning. He displays maturity and the will and thirst for knowledge and new challenges.

He demonstrates that he has the ability to manage and organize his time and schedule around different activities in and outside of school hours. He is fluent in the spoken and written official languages, French and English.

Congratulations, Michel and let us know how you are doing. The CWL is pleased to support you!



## Welcome to our Catholic community! June 7, 2020—Feast of Holy Trinity



Our faith community welcomes the newly baptized members , from left to right:

- Trevor Chilton, supported by his godfather, Ray Lambert
- Cary Chilton, supported by his godfather, Joe Bernardin
- Charles Chilton, supported by his very proud godmother, Mae Ross

Fr. Jorge Mario, Lise Lavack and Suzanne Moore, team leaders, will continue to connect with the men in their continuing conversion to Catholicism.

## Ring the Bells 12:00 on Sundays in honour of frontline workers



The Sacraments are not what we do to get God to do our bidding. They are what God does for us, and what God does in us, and what God can accomplish in us, and—quite frequently—in spite of us. — [Dr. Scott Hahn](#) from *A Father Who Keeps His Promises*

The Eucharist is alive. If a stranger who knew nothing about the Eucharist were to watch the way we receive, would he know this? When you and I approach the Eucharist, does it look like we believe we are about to take into our bodies the living person, Jesus Christ, true God and true man? — [Vinny Flynn](#) from *7 Secrets of the Eucharist*

Whether we stand or kneel to receive, we can always, in our hearts, minds, and souls, be prostrate in adoration of the living God in the Eucharist. — [Vinny Flynn](#) from *7 Secrets of the Eucharist*





# The Catholic Women's League of Canada's Online Summer Speaker Series

August 10-14, 2020

## SPEAKERS:



**Dr. Cory Andrew Labrecque**

Associate Professor of  
Bioethics and Theological  
Ethics, University of Laval  
*"Speak to the Earth and  
It Shall Teach You: On the  
Christian Vocation to Tend,  
Guard, and Heal"*

**Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**11:00 – 12:00 p.m. CDT**



**Dr. Donna Orsuto**

Co-Founder and Director  
of The Lay Centre at  
Foyer Unitas, Rome  
*"Women Together Caring  
for our Common Home"*

**Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**11:00 – 1:00 p.m. CDT**



**Sr. Nuala Kenny**

O.C., M.D., F.R.C.P.(C)  
*"Women and Healing  
Our Wounded Church"*

**Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**11:00 – 1:00 p.m. CDT**



**Fran Lucas**

National President-Elect and  
Chairperson of Organization  
*"The League of the Future:  
Part III"*

**Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**11:00 – 12:00 p.m. CDT**



**Anne-Marie Gorman**

National President and  
Chairperson of Laws  
*"The League in 2020"*

**Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**11:00 – 12:00 p.m. CDT**



Care for our

**Common Home**

Join members from across  
Canada as the League  
presents the Summer  
Speaker Series — a focus on  
*Care for Our Common Home,*  
Women in the Church and  
the League of the Future.

For more information or to register, please  
visit the League website at [cwl.ca](http://cwl.ca)



## The Catholic Women's League of Canada Update III to COVID-19 Pandemic Response Deferral of 2020 Convention Business & Extension of Elected Terms of Office

WINNIPEG – June 12, 2020 – In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, with concerns for the safety and welfare of members and to be in compliance with public health orders, the board of The Catholic Women's League of Canada declares all necessary business will be transacted in conjunction with 2021 annual conventions at diocesan, provincial and national levels. Further, the board declares a one-time exception to Part XIV, Section 2(a) of the Constitution & Bylaws (C&B) to extend the term of all existing officers at diocesan, provincial and national levels for one year.

In making its decision, the board's primary consideration was that of care and concern for and protection of members. It determined this care and concern must be given more weight than a temporary infringement on member rights to be present to receive reports from and participate in the necessary business of diocesan, provincial and national councils. Deliberations included the following:

1. Public health and safety measures will be imposed for the foreseeable future.
2. Gathering limits are unlikely to be lifted entirely until mass immunity through vaccination is possible.
3. Non-essential travel and travel restrictions will likely be imposed for the foreseeable future.
4. COVID-19 has a devastating impact on elderly citizens and those with underlying health conditions.
5. More than ½ of CWL members are over the age of 55, with more than ¼ over the age of 70, making the risk of serious infection or death a significant concern for the membership and convention organizers.
6. Eight out of every ten deaths due to COVID-19 occur to those over 65 years of age (CDC).
7. Continued physical distancing will limit the number of members who may attend, a condition that infringes on a member's right to be present and participate.
8. The impact/workload that would be imposed on the 46 diocesan, provincial and national executives required to organize AGMs over the summer months in order to hold them in September, October and November.
9. Public health officials' expression of concern that a second wave may occur in fall 2020.
10. The high degree of caution being taken by citizens, including members, to avoid travel and mass gathering.

To effect this decision, the board will be submitting two amendments and one exception to the *Constitution & Bylaws* for ratification at the 2021 conventions, as outlined on the next two pages

The directors wishes to thank you for your prayers and your patience during this time of uncertainty.

Anne Gorman  
National President



## Proposed Amendments to the *Constitution & Bylaws* - 2020

Current	Proposed
<p>Part XIV</p> <p>Section 3: Diocesan and Provincial Councils</p> <p>(a) The executive of diocesan and provincial councils shall meet at least twice a year, before and after their annual conventions. Due notice having been given, a majority of the members of the executive shall constitute a quorum.</p> <p>(b) The diocesan and provincial councils shall meet in annual convention, diocesan in April or May, provincial in June or July, for the purpose of promoting the Objects and Policy of the League, planning future programs, receiving annual reports, and the election of officers if applicable. Due notice having been given, ten percent of the voting members shall constitute a quorum.</p> <p>(c) The elected officers shall meet for the assignment of standing committees immediately after the annual convention.</p> <p>Section 4: National Council</p> <p>(a) The executive of the national council shall meet at least twice a year, immediately before and after its annual convention. Additional meetings may be called at the discretion of the president. Due notice having been given, a majority of the members of the executive shall constitute a quorum.</p> <p>(b) The national council shall meet in annual convention in August, for the purpose of promoting the Objects and Policy, planning future programs, receiving annual reports and the election of officers if applicable. Due notice having been given, 25 members of the council shall constitute a quorum.</p> <p>(c) The elected officers shall meet for the assignment of standing committees immediately after the annual convention.</p>	<p>Part XIV</p> <p>Section 3: Diocesan and Provincial Councils</p> <p>(a) The executive of diocesan and provincial councils shall meet at least twice a year, before and after their annual conventions. Due notice having been given, a majority of the members of the executive shall constitute a quorum.</p> <p>(b) The diocesan and provincial councils shall meet in annual convention, diocesan in April or May, provincial in June or July, for the purpose of promoting the Objects and Policy of the League, planning future programs, receiving annual reports, and the election of officers if applicable. Due notice having been given, ten percent of the voting members shall constitute a quorum.</p> <p>(c) The elected officers shall meet for the assignment of standing committees immediately after the annual convention.</p> <p><b>(d) Notwithstanding (b), an annual diocesan / provincial convention may delayed and held on such date as determined by the diocesan /provincial executive in the event there is an order from an appropriate governmental authority which restricts social gathering.</b></p> <p>Section 4: National Council</p> <p>(a) The executive of the national council shall meet at least twice a year, immediately before and after its annual convention. Additional meetings may be called at the discretion of the president. Due notice having been given, a majority of the members of the executive shall constitute a quorum.</p> <p>(b) The national council shall meet in annual convention in August, for the purpose of promoting the Objects and Policy, planning future programs, receiving annual reports and the election of officers if applicable. Due notice having been given, 25 members of the council shall constitute a quorum.</p> <p>(c) The elected officers shall meet for the assignment of standing committees immediately after the annual convention.</p> <p><b>(d) Notwithstanding (b), an annual convention may delayed and held on such date as determined by the national executive in the event there is an order from an appropriate governmental authority which restricts social gathering.</b></p>
<p>Part XVI</p> <p>Eligibility, Nominations and Election</p> <p>Section 2: Term of Office</p> <p>(a) At parish, diocesan, provincial and national levels, the term of office for elected officers shall be two years.</p>	<p><b>Notwithstanding Part XVI, Section 2, the national executive extends all current terms of office (i.e. 2018-2020 and 2019-2021 terms) to three years (i.e. 2018-2021 and 2019-2022) to comply with the amendments to Part XIV, Section 3(d) and Section 4(d). All future terms, beginning in 2021 and 2022, will be for two years in accordance with Part XVI, Section 2.</b></p>



## PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND

As you light this lamp, join together with people around the world in praying for peace in the Holy Land.

**"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God" (Matthew 5:9)**

*Lord, help us to be peacemakers in the Holy Land.*

**"Now the Lord of Peace Himself give you peace always by all means," (II Thessalonians 3:16)**

*Lord, give the Holy Land peace by Your means.*

**"For He is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us. (Ephesians 2:14)**

*Lord, be our peace and break down the walls of partition dividing the Holy Land.*

**"I am the light of the world." (John 8:12)**

*Lord, help us to be lights to the Holy Land.*

**"They will hammer their swords into ploughshares and the spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, no longer will they learn how to make war." (Isaiah 2:4)**

*Lord, fulfill this promise now in the Holy Land.*

**"But Esau ran to meet him (Jacob), took him in his arms, threw himself on his neck and wept as he kissed him." (Genesis 33:4)**

*Lord, help the people of the Holy Land follow the example of Jacob and Esau and reconcile themselves to each other.*

**"Your word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light to my path." (Psalm 119:105)**

*Lord, as we light this lamp, let your Spirit enter into the hearts of those in the Holy Land and be a lamp unto their feet and a light to their path.*

**"Peace I leave you with, My Peace I give to you: ..." (John 14:27)**

*Lord, we thank you for your peace and we accept it in the Holy Land.*

## Day of Prayer for the Holy Land & Middle East

After much discussion, a permanent date—**September 21st**, the International Day of Peace—was chosen as a National Day of Prayer for Christians in the Holy Land. Each year on this date, members will offer prayers for their Christian sisters and brothers living in the Holy Land and the Middle East.

I would like to expand on this special day by including the Prayer for Peace in the Holy Land prayer card, which can be circulated to parish councils through the provincial and diocesan councils. Along with this beautiful prayer card, there is information on the Peace Lamps for Holy Land Christians, which can be lit at meetings, special occasions, prayers and more. If interested in ordering a lamp, please contact the Catholic Near East Welfare Association. All funds raised are returned to the community that makes these lamps as a fundraiser.

**I hope to be able to arrange for some of the lamps to be available at the national convention in Toronto in August 2021.**

Although unable to celebrate the 100th annual national convention in Montreal this August, the League is alive and national, provincial and diocesan executives are working hard for the membership.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel bless each and every one of you and your families as you continue to share your talents for the people of God. I will leave you this quote from St. Mother Teresa: "One thing I ask of you: Never be afraid of giving. There is a deep joy in giving, since what we receive is much more than what we give" (St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta, *In the Heart of the World: Thoughts, Stories and Prayers*).

*Marie C. Rackley, National Chairperson of Community Life*

## The 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit

**1. WISDOM:** helps us see the world differently and from God's point of view.

**2. UNDERSTANDING:** enables us to know more clearly the mysteries of faith.

**3. COUNSEL** [also known as Right Judgment]: helps us to discern what is right and what is wrong.

**4. FORTITUDE** [also known as Courage]: strengthens our will so that we can actually accomplish what is true, good and beautiful.

**5. KNOWLEDGE:** enables us to discover God's will in all things.

**6. PIETY:** helps us to love God, our merciful Father, and to obey his precepts out of love for him.

**7. FEAR OF THE LORD** [also known as Wonder and Awe]: helps us to understand how we must depend on God for everything. In other words, he is God, we are not.

When the Gospel is lived without compromise, it casts light on the hearts of individuals. It can also expose the structures that promote injustice and keep the poor in their poverty. The rich and powerful generally lack credibility when they preach to the poor and powerless, even when the words they employ are correct. — **Francis Cardinal Arinze** from *Radical Discipleship*

The commandments are an aid to living well with God and others... St. Thomas Aquinas explained it as follows: Whoever grows in his friendship to God will have a greater desire to keep his commandments, because if someone really loves God, he also loves the things God loves. — **Fr. Michel Remery** from *Tweeting with God*

When Christ rose from the dead, he didn't switch a bright overhead light on in heaven, completely destroying the darkness that shrouded what awaits us after death. He gave us more of a night light, making some things clear while leaving other things a mystery. But to Christians, that doesn't matter. The night light is sufficient because Jesus is there. Much like the presence of a mother or father can completely chase away a child's fears of the dark, Jesus's presence chases away our fear of death. We know he will be there to greet us, and that is enough. — **Dr. Scott Hahn** from *Hope to Die*





# Peace Lamps for Holy Land Christians



**Yes! I want to pray for peace and purchase a Peace Lamp:**

- ☐ \$65 Large lamp (\$45 lamp + \$20 shipping)\*
- ☐ \$50 Small lamp (\$35 lamp + \$15 shipping)\*

**I'd like to give an additional donation to support Holy Land Christians:**

- ☐ \$35    ☐ \$50    ☐ \$100    ☐ Other \$

## Payment method:

- ☐ Cheque enclosed (payable to CNEWA Canada)  
☐ Credit card: ☐ Visa    ☐ MasterCard    ☐ American Express

Card number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ CVV \_\_\_\_\_

Name as it appears on card \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

\* Tax receipts cannot be issued for the cost of the peace lamps. However, tax receipts will be issued for additional donations of \$10 or more.

## Please send the lamp to:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Prov. \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

## Please return to:

**CNEWA Canada 1247 Kilborn Place**

**Ottawa ON K1H 6K9**

**Or call 1-866-322-4441 to order your lamp**

Charitable registration # 86775 7502 RR0001



# To Forgive or Not to Forgive—That Is the Question

A man—I'll call him Robert—wrote to me recently telling me a horror story about his ex-wife. To say she acted uncharitably during and after their separation and divorce would be an understatement. Of course, I am only hearing one side of the story, but his question boiled down to this: "Am I required to forgive her, even though she is not sorry for anything she has done, and then to forget about what she has done because God 'forgets' when he forgives and calls us to do the same? I must confess to you that I just cannot live this because I believe she is dangerous to both me and our children."

Unfortunately, scenarios like this are not rare. But they do end up raising some very important questions about the nature of forgiveness. There are at least five points to be considered for clarifying the issues at hand:

forgiveness?

Jesus seems to answer this question for us in Luke 17:3-4:

[I]f your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him; and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, and says, 'I repent,' you must forgive him.

According to this text, and as we would suspect, Jesus requires his followers to forgive only those who are sorry for their offenses, just as God does. And this only make sense. Colossians 3:13 says we are to called to forgive each other "as the Lord has forgiven [us]."

Some will say at this point, "Didn't Jesus forgive everyone from the cross when he said, 'Forgive them, for they know not what they do' in Luke 23:34?" Actually, he didn't. He

other than will to share the infinite good of himself with every single person ever created or conceived—even the souls who reject his love and forgiveness, because a God not loving would be a God contradicting his own essence, which is absurd.

Thus God's *love* is unconditional, because in one sense it has nothing to do with the other. It comes from within, regardless of what happens outside of the godhead. This brings profound meaning to Jesus' words: "Love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:12). In essence, Jesus is calling us to love with that same unconditional love with which he loves as the God-Man. Regardless of varying situations and relationships in our lives, "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit" (Rom. 5:5) empowering us to "will the good of the other" regardless of what "the other" may bring our way.

On the other hand, forgiveness, as we've said, is *not* unconditional. It's a two-way street. God *offers* his forgiveness to all out of his unconditional love and, therefore, so must all Christians. But here's the rub. Because forgiveness is dependent upon the other, it cannot actually take place until there are willing partners on both sides of the divide.

**3. But God says, "I am He who blots out your transgression for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins," in Isaiah 25:23. Shouldn't we do the same?**

This was Robert's point. "When God forgives, he forgets. So if we must forgive, we must forget as well, right?"

First of all, in Robert's case, there is no imperative to forgive in the first place, because there is no evidence of contrition. But even if there were to be forgiveness here, forgiveness must be properly understood.

There is no such thing as divine amnesia. Jesus will not be forever in heaven asking, "How did these holes get in my hands and feet?" "I will not remember" is an anthropomorphic way of saying God will not forever hold sins against us that have been forgiven. This is not to say there are not temporal consequences for sin. Purgatory is a stark reminder of this.

I must interject here that Robert was actually very relieved when he discovered he did not have to turn his brain off and endanger his

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## 1. We are not called to go beyond what God himself does when it comes to forgiveness.

Many Christians believe with Robert that they are obliged to forgive even those who are not in the least bit sorry for their offenses against them. And on the surface this sounds really . . . Christian. But is it true? God himself doesn't do it. He only forgives those who repent of their sins. II Cor. 7:10 says, "[G]odly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation." I John 1:9 says, "If we confess our sins, he . . . will forgive our sins."

Our Lord obviously has not and will not forgive the souls in hell right now for the simple reason that they did not ask for forgiveness. This seems as clear as clear can be. The question is, are we required to do more than God does when it comes to

petitioned the Father for those who had beaten and crucified him to be forgiven, revealing his will that "all men . . . be saved" (I Tim. 2:4). But this was not a declaration that even these men were actually forgiven, much less a declaration that he was forgiving everyone for all time.

**2. We have to distinguish between our calling to *forgive* those who are sorry and ask for forgiveness and our call to *love* everyone without exception, including those who have wronged us and are not sorry that they did.** Sometimes these two concepts are conflated.

St. Thomas Aquinas tells us love is "willing the good of the other" selflessly (cf. I Cor. 13:5). In a sense, this is all God can do, because "God is love" (I John 4:8). God can do nothing





## 4 Amazing Eucharistic miracles from the last 20 years

God continues to work miracles, even in the 21st century.

Even though a large number of Eucharistic

miracles date to the Middle Ages, many have occurred in the last century, with several being confirmed in the past 20 years. These miracles are a living testament to the Catholic Church's teaching that while the appearances of bread and wine remain, the substance is changed (through the power of God) completely to the body and blood of Jesus Christ. It is a teaching based on scripture and tradition and has remained unchanged in its essence since apostolic times.

Additionally, the Church has recognized that on occasion God intervenes in a more visible way and can change even the appearances of the bread and wine into his body and blood. Or God may miraculously preserve a consecrated host for an extended amount of time, past what is natural for bread (as may be the case with the [possible miracle in Italy](#)).

Click on the next few pages to learn about four amazing Eucharistic miracles that have occurred in the 21st century.

### LEGNICA, POLAND

In 2013, [Bishop Zbigniew Kiernikowski, of the Diocese of Legnica](#) stated:

*On December 25, 2013, during the distribution of the Holy Communion, a consecrated host fell to the floor and then was picked up and placed in a water-filled container (vasculum). Soon after, stains of red color appeared. The former Bishop of Legnica, Stefan Cichy, set up a commission to observe the phenomenon. In February 2014, a tiny red fragment of the host was separated and put on a corporal. The Commission ordered to take samples in order to conduct the thorough tests by the relevant research institutes.*

After the investigations, the Department of Forensic Medicine stated:

*In the histopathological image, the fragments of tissue have been found containing the fragmented parts of the cross striated muscle. (...) The whole (...) is most similar to the heart muscle with alterations that often appear during the agony. The genetic researches indicate the human origin of the tissue.*

### SOKÓŁKA, POLAND

During Mass on Sunday, October 12, 2008, at the parish church of St. Anthony in Sokolka, a consecrated host fell from the hands of one of the priests during the distribution of Communion, next to the altar. The priest interrupted the distribution of Communion and picked up the host, and, in accordance with liturgical norms, placed it in a small container of water. The host was expected to dissolve in the water, which would later be disposed of properly.

At the end of the Mass, at the request of the pastor, Fr. Stanislaw Gnidziejko, the parish sacristan Sr. Julia Dubowska poured the water and the host into another container.

A week later, on October 19, Sr. Julia noticed a delicate aroma of unleavened bread. When she opened the container, she saw, in the middle of the host—which was still largely intact—a curved, bright red stain, like a blood stain: a living particle of a body. The water was untainted by the color.

A piece of the altered host was taken and analyzed independently by two experts, Prof. Maria Sobaniec-Lotowska, MD, and Prof. Stanislaw Sulkowski, MD, in order to ensure the credibility of the results.

The results of both independent studies were in perfect agreement. They concluded that the structure of the transformed fragment of the host is identical to the myocardial (heart) tissue of a living person who is nearing death. The structure of the heart muscle fibers is deeply intertwined with that of the bread, in a way impossible to achieve with human means, according to the declaration of Professor Maria Sobaniec-Lotowska.

### TIXTLA, MEXICO

On October 21, 2006, during a parish retreat, a consecrated host that was about to be distributed effused a reddish substance. The bishop of the place, Most Reverend Alejo Zavala Castro, convened a theological commission of investigation to determine if it was a hoax or a genuine miracle. In October 2009, he invited Dr. Ricardo Castañón Gómez to conduct scientific research with a team of scientists and verify the miraculous nature of the occurrence. Dr. Gómez had recently finished his investigation into the miracle that occurred in Buenos Aires.

The scientific research conducted between October 2009 and October 2012 released the following [statement](#):

*The reddish substance analyzed corresponds to blood in which there are hemoglobin and DNA of human origin.*

*Two studies conducted by eminent forensic experts with different methodologies have shown that the substance originates from the interior, excluding the hypothesis that someone could have placed it from the exterior.*

*The blood type is AB, similar to the one found in the Host of Lanciano and in the Holy Shroud of Turin. A microscopic analysis of magnification and penetration reveals that the superior part of the blood has been coagulated since October 2006. Moreover, the underlying internal layers reveal, in February 2010, the presence of fresh blood. The event does not have a natural explanation.*

### CHIRATTAKONAM, INDIA

On April 28, 2001, in the parish church of St. Mary of Chirattakonam, the parish priest noticed an amazing image that appeared on a consecrated host. He [wrote down](#) exactly what happened.

*At 8:49 a.m., I exposed the Most Holy Sacrament in the monstrance for public adoration. After a few moments I saw what appeared to be three dots in the Holy Eucharist. I then stopped praying and began to look at the monstrance, also inviting the faithful to admire the three dots. I then asked the faithful to remain in prayer and reposed the monstrance in the tabernacle ... On Saturday morning, the 5th of May 2001, I opened the church for the usual liturgical celebrations. I vested for Mass and went to open the tabernacle to see what had happened to the Eucharist in the monstrance. I immediately noted in the Host, a figure, to the likeness of a human face. I was deeply moved and asked the faithful to kneel and begin praying. I thought I alone could see the face so I asked the altar server what he noticed in the monstrance. He answered: "I see the figure of a man."*

Eventually the image became more clear and was of a man similar to that of Christ crowned with thorns. The miraculous image was investigated by His Beatitude Cyril Mar Baselice, archbishop of the diocese of Trivandrum, and the monstrance with the host remains enshrined in the church to this day. [https://aleteia.org/2018/02/27/4-amazing-eucharistic-miracles-from-the-last-20-years/?utm\\_medium=aleteia\\_en&utm\\_campaign=english\\_page&utm\\_source=Facebook#Echobox=1587503217](https://aleteia.org/2018/02/27/4-amazing-eucharistic-miracles-from-the-last-20-years/?utm_medium=aleteia_en&utm_campaign=english_page&utm_source=Facebook#Echobox=1587503217)

# Word of the ‘Living Father’

## Scott Hahn Reflects on the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ

The Eucharist is given to us as a challenge and a promise. That’s how Jesus presents it in John’s Gospel.

He doesn’t make it easy for those who hear Him. They are repulsed and offended at His words. Even when they begin to quarrel, He insists on describing the eating and drinking of His flesh and blood in starkly literal terms.

Four times in today’s reading, Jesus uses a Greek word—*trogein*—that refers to a crude kind of eating, almost a gnawing or chewing (John 6:54, 56, 57, 58).

He is testing their faith in His Word, as today’s First Reading describes God testing Israel in the desert.

The heavenly manna was not given to satisfy the Israelites’ hunger, as Moses explains. It was given to show them that man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

In today’s Psalm, too, we see a connection

between God’s Word and the bread of life. We sing of God filling us with “finest wheat” and proclaiming his Word to the world.

In Jesus, “the living Father” has given us His Word come down from heaven, made flesh for the life of the world.

Yet as the Israelites grumbled in the desert, many in today’s Gospel cannot accept that Word. Even many of Jesus’ own followers abandon Him after this discourse (John 6:66). But His words are Spirit and life, the words of eternal life (John 6:63, 67).

In the Eucharist we are made one flesh with Christ. We have His life in us and have our life because of Him. This is what Paul means in today’s Epistle when He calls the Eucharist a “participation” in Christ’s body and blood. We become in this sacrament partakers of the divine nature (1 Peter 2:4).

This is the mystery of the faith that Jesus asks us to believe. And He gives us His promise:



that by sharing in His flesh and blood that was raised from the dead, we too will be raised up on the last day.

*Yours in Christ, Dr. Scott Hahn*

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children in order to be a good Catholic. Poor Robert was thinking he had to forget everything his ex-wife did and act as though she didn’t do anything wrong. And that is why he thought he just could not live the faith any longer. The truth is, God does not “forget” in that sense, and neither should we. Not only should Robert remember what his ex-wife had done, but he should act with precaution in order to protect himself and his children.

**4. Jesus said “love your enemies” in Matthew 5:44. He did not say we have to “like” our enemies and he did not say we don’t have enemies.** If you proclaim and live truth contradicting a world receiving its marching orders from “the father of lies,” you are *promised* to have enemies. We could start with the guys who want to kill us. Put them down in the “enemies” column.

Jesus calls us to “love [our] enemies and pray for those who persecute [us], so that [we] may be sons of [our] Father who is in heaven.” That means love is not an option, it is a commandment. But loving enemies does not mean you necessarily want to have them over to the house for supper. “Love” doesn’t

necessarily mean “like.” Indeed, it may be unhealthy or even dangerous to even be around your enemy, as may well be true in Robert’s case.

### 5. So what do we do if we find ourselves in a situation like Robert’s?

The first step to loving and forgiving as God does is to recognize that we cannot do it apart from Christ. It is essential to meditate upon what Christ did for us on the cross and the fact that he loves us infinitely and forgives us over and over again. Ultimately, we have to get to the place where we acknowledge our powerlessness so that we can allow Christ to love and forgive in us and through us.

I recommended to Robert specifically that he ask God to help him to truly will the good for his ex-wife—and a telling sign of whether this is so would be when he could sincerely pray to God for good to come to his ex-wife—then he could rest assured that he is loving her as Christ commanded.

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## Don't complicate life

Missing somebody?	CALL
Wanna meet up?	INVITE
Wanna be understood?	EXPLAIN
Have questions?	ASK
Don't like something?	SAY IT
Like something?	STATE IT
Want something?	ASK FOR IT
Love someone?	TELL THEM

Keep your life SIMPLE.





# Man, Woman, and Marriage under Lockdown

Living in lockdown these past couple months has put most of us in close and constant proximity to those entrusted to us in our primary vocation—our spouse and our children. In many cases this has meant that these same people, whom we often see mainly in passing as we navigate the seemingly endless onslaught of practices, play dates, and piano lessons, have suddenly come into much clearer focus. Though I wouldn't wish this Covid situation on a dog I didn't like, it has been a gift and an opportunity to not just see my wife and children, but to truly *behold them*, which, to be honest, I don't do nearly often enough.

Working from home, with everyone's activities canceled, I have found myself reflecting on how grateful I am to have been called to the vocation of marriage and family, particularly how grateful I am for the gift of my wife. It has been a blessing to see her feminine genius up close and personal as she works her motherly magic in all sorts of ways, making our home and family life a place where all those entrusted to her can flourish. It calls to mind what a great blessing marriage is.

**As Catholics, we have a profound understanding** of the mystery of marriage. We know marriage is a sacrament—a vehicle of grace and a visible reality which signifies and makes present a deeper, invisible reality. In the case of marriage, the reality signified is the eternally fruitful personal communion of self-gift, which is the Blessed Trinity. Furthermore, the sacraments of vocation – marriage and holy orders – supply the grace needed not just to do something we are called to do, but to be who we were created to be. Knowing this should remind us, as Catholics, that marriage belongs to God and is entrusted to us as the source of grace and mercy that two striving sinners will need to love Him, and one another, well.

In *Theology of the Body*, St. John Paul II tells us that God desired to make His plan for marriage so obvious that He stamped that call to communion into our bodies. This means that our bodies are not just biological realities, they are theological realities – they make manifest in a finite, created way the eternal essence of the Trinity itself. Our creation as male and female speaks to God's plan to make of the spouses one flesh, and to make that one-flesh union of husband and wife the means through which He would create new human persons.

God didn't need our cooperation to create new human life. As Jesus says in Matthew 3:9, God can raise up children from the stones at the side of the road if he so wills. Rather, God created man and woman for fruitful, life-giving union through our sexual complementarity because he is from all eternity a fruitful, life-giving union of personal self-gift, and He created us in His own image and likeness.

Even our basic biology testifies to this fact. I have been blessed with a healthy reproductive system. Becky and I have been blessed with six children. But here is the crazy thing: half of my reproductive system is walking around in my wife's body, and half of her reproductive system is walking around in mine! Think about what that means: when God created us, He intentionally designed our reproductive system so that it could only be complete, and achieve its purpose, by being brought into union with the reproductive system of a person of the opposite sex.

**This is not true of any other biological system.** For instance, I have a healthy gastrointestinal system (unless I hit the salsa caliente too hard) and it is completely contained in my body; my small intestines are not walking around in my wife's body. The same is true of my cardio-pulmonary system, my nervous system, and so on. But my reproductive system is incomplete and ineffective unless and until I unite it to my wife's healthy-but-incomplete reproductive system in the marital embrace. Our reproductive system is created unique in a way reflective of truths far deeper than mere biology.

This is not some accident of unguided evolution. This is our human nature as created and intended by God, which reveals that our creation as male and female—our sexual complementarity, the one-flesh union of marriage, and our ability to be co-creators with God—are, by his design, central to what it means to be created in his image and likeness. He made marriage to be an icon of the Trinity, and he created the marital embrace to be the highest and most complete expression of the human person this side of eternity.

Small wonder then that the Catholic Church unceasingly defends the truth about man and woman, about sex and marriage, and about the sacredness of all human life and the act which brings it about.

It is worth remembering here that whenever the Church says “No” to something—and, spoiler alert, the Church sometimes says “No” to some things—it is always because she has already said “Yes” to a deeper truth, and a greater good. The “No” always defends the deeper “Yes.”

**So, when the Church says “No”** to all the ways that human beings have found to get sex, marriage, and the whole man and woman thing wrong, it is not because the Church is the universal buzzkill (“Oh no, somebody is experiencing pleasure! Quick, send the pope and make him stop!”). Nor is it that the Catholic Church sees sex as dirty and shameful. On the contrary, when the Church says “No” to sexual sin, it is simply defending the great truth, goodness, and beauty of the meaning of marriage that has been entrusted to her, and which she never stops contemplating, clarifying, and communicating.

As Catholics we know, or ought to know, that marriage is not whatever we want it to be. The same is true for sex and the deep biological and theological realities of masculinity and femininity. They are all gifts with a God-given nature and purpose—gifts that make manifest the *imago dei* and call us to the live-giving communion of persons that is marriage. The Church still treasures truths the world has chosen to forget, to the great detriment of family life and society, and with staggering cost to the dignity of the human person.

As always, the Church has what the world needs. With that in mind, as we slowly make our way back to life in what we pray will be an open and functioning society, let us ask Jesus to make our marriages healthy and holy, so that our faithful living of this vocation might bear witness to the truth that there is great joy in embracing God's will. The truth is, in these troubled times we have been given a marvelous opportunity to pay forward the great gift of marriage. May God grant us the grace to make the most of it.

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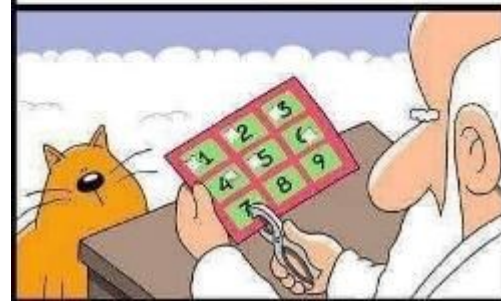
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- Nanaimo Bars - *Nanaimo* 1952
- Poutine - *Warwick* 1957
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- Ginger Ale - *Toronto* 1907
- Canola Oil - *Sask. / Manitoba* 1960's
- Pablum - *Toronto* 1930
- Instant Mashed Potatoes - *Ottawa* 1962
- Yukon Gold Potatoes - *Guelph* 1960's
- Peanut Butter - *Montreal* 1884
- California Rolls - *Vancouver* 1971
- Cuban Lunch - *Winnipeg* 1948
- The Caesar Drink - *Calgary* 1969
- Beaver Tails - *Killaloe* 1978
- Maple Syrup - *Quebec* Pre 17 - 1800's
- Hawaiian Pizza - *Chatham* 1962
- Ginger Beef - *Calgary* 1975
- Chewing Gum - *Toronto* 1860's
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- McFlurry - *Bathurst* 1995
- Green Onion Cakes - *Edmonton* 1978
- Pizza Pops - *Winnipeg* 1964
- Honey Dill Sauce - *Winnipeg* 1989
- Donairs - *Halifax* 1970's
- KFC Gravy - *Crowsnest Pass (Date ?)*
- B52's - *Banff* 1977
- Tourtière - *Quebec* 1796
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During the current Corona lockdown, the Government in Egypt has asked the city's taxi drivers to drive around Cairo sounding their car horns.

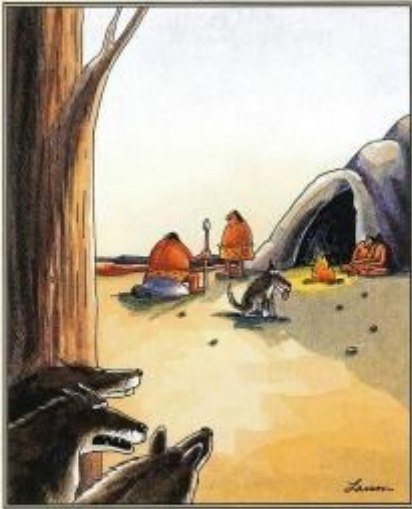
It is hoped that the familiar sounds of the city will induce a return to tranquillity and normality following the recent pandemic.

Operation Toot 'n Calm 'Em will remain in force for the remainder of the current restrictions.



Tensions are high in the produce section as no one dares to lick their fingers

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"It's Bob, all right ... but look at those vacuous eyes, that stupid grin on his face—he's been domesticated, I tell you."



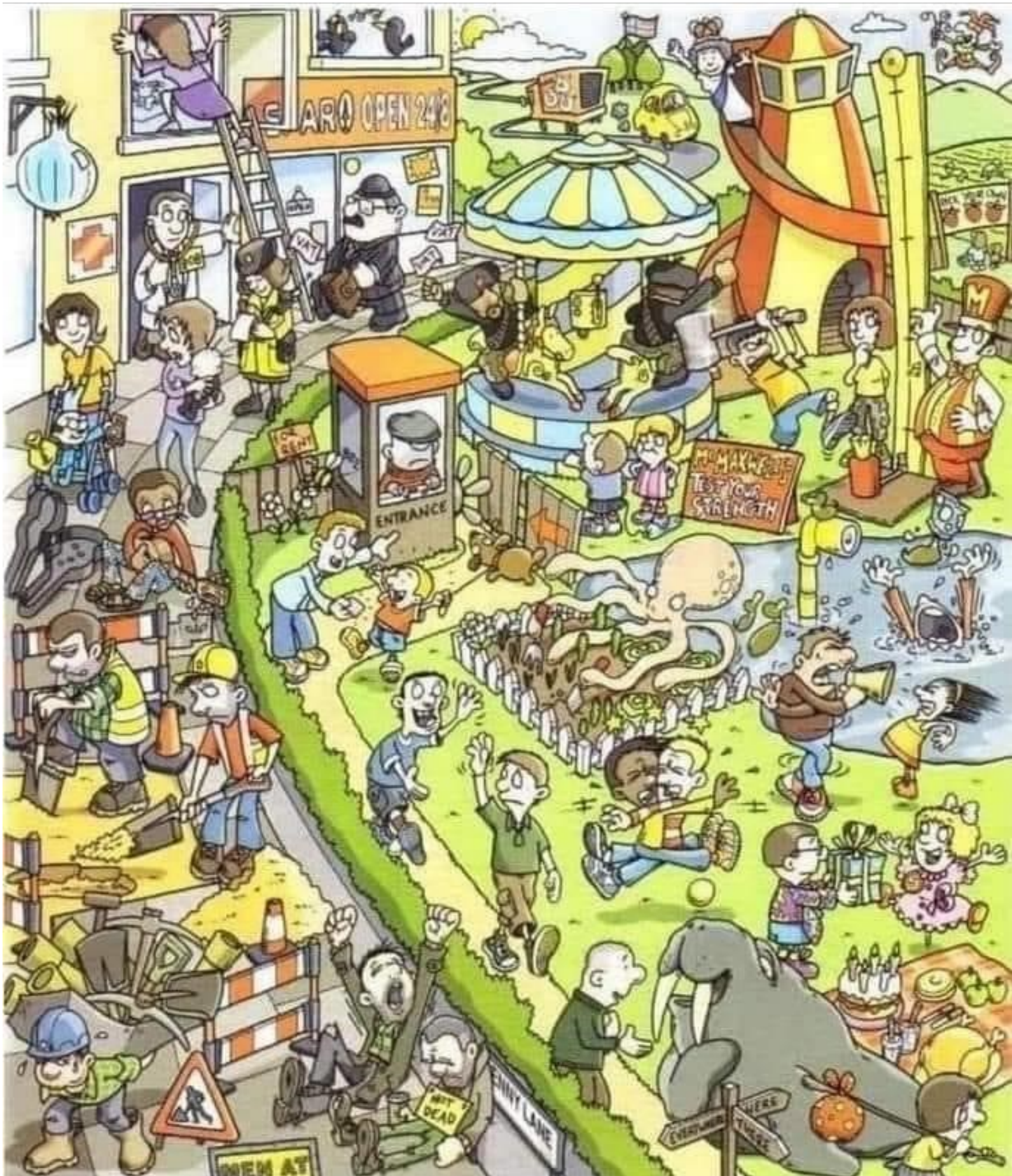
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Taxman  
Octopus's Garden  
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Birthday  
Piggies  
Here Comes the Sun  
Eight Days A Week  
Fixing A Hole  
Dig It  
Baby You're A Rich Man  
Baby's in Black  
She's Leaving Home  
I'll Follow the Sun  
She's Leaving Home  
The Long & Winding Road  
Let It Be  
I'm So Tired  
Help!

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Twist and Shout  
Blackbird  
While My Guitar Gently Weeps  
I am the Walrus  
Glass Onion  
Hello Goodbye  
Strawberry Fields Forever  
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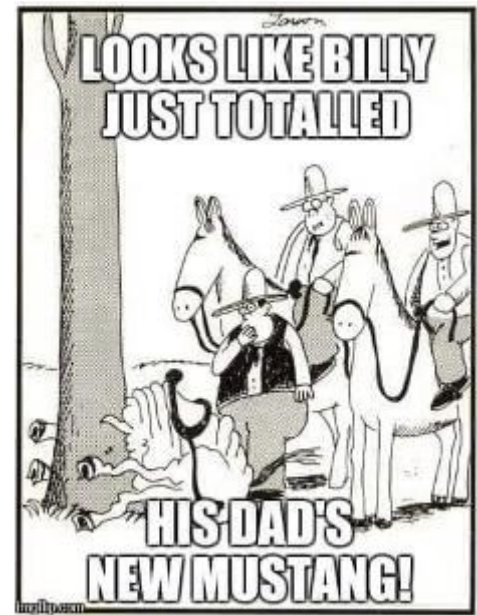
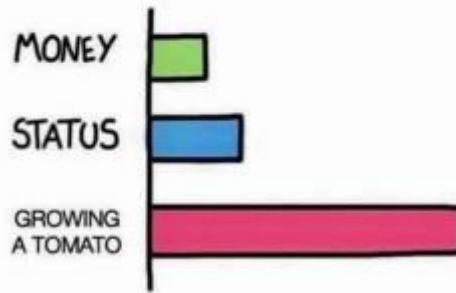






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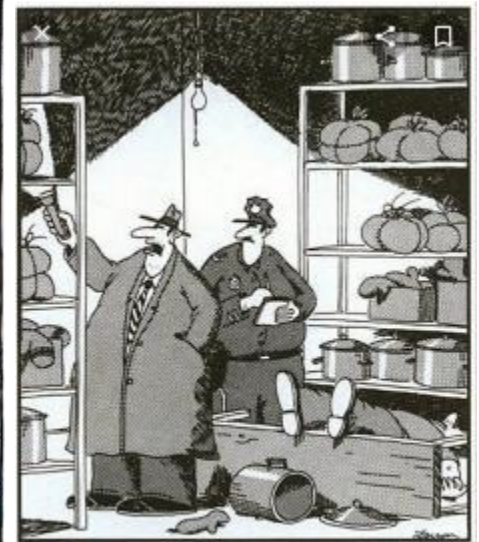
## WHAT GIVES PEOPLE FEELINGS OF POWER



LOOKS LIKE BILLY JUST TOTALLED

HIS DAD'S NEW MUSTANG!

The manager at our local IKEA is retiring, so I sent him this cake...



"Look here, McGinnis — hundreds of bright copper kettles, warm woolen mittens, brown paper packages tied up with string. . . . Someone was after a few of this guy's favorite things."



"Close, but..."

According to most studies, people's number one fear is public speaking. Number two is death. Death is number two. This means to the average person, if you go to a funeral, you're better off in the casket than doing the eulogy. --Jerry Seinfeld

The worst moment for the atheist is when he is really thankful and has nobody to thank. --Dante Rossetti, painter (1828-1882)

Ageing isn't that bad if you consider the alternatives.--Maurice Chevalier, actor (1888-1972)