



Notre Dame de Lorette Catholic Women's League

DECEMBER 2020

December 8

"WE HAVE
NEED OF YOUR
IMMACULATE
HEART, TO LOVE
FREELY...SEEKING
THE GOOD OF
THE OTHER."

-POPE FRANCIS

*Solemnity of the
Immaculate
Conception*

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December 12

*Our
Lady of
Guadalupe*

"I WILL SHOW
MYSELF AS A
LOVING MOTHER
TO YOU AND
TO ALL THOSE
BORN IN THESE
LANDS, AND TO
ALL THOSE WHO
LOVE ME AND
TRUST IN ME, FOR
I AM YOUR LOVING
MOTHER."



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DECEMBER 2020

 <p>Beginning December 1st Each evening, read 1 chapter of The Book of Luke in the Bible. There are 24 chapters. On Christmas Eve, you will have read the whole account of Jesus's life and wake up on Christmas Morning knowing Who and Why we Celebrate Christmas.</p> <p>Kelly's Treehouse</p>		TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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6  <p>Second Sunday of Advent</p> <p>Happy 23rd Anniversary, Fr. Jorge Mario!</p>	7	8  <p>Solemnity of Immaculate Conception— holy mass to our intentions</p>	9 	10	11	12   <p>Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe— holy mass to our intentions</p>
13  <p>Third Sunday of Advent</p> <p>CWL Advent Meeting via Microsoft Teams</p>	14	15	16 	17	18	19
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Lacey's Address

Happy Holidays everyone!

Welcome to our last and final newsletter of the year 2020.

I would like to thank each and every one of you for your patience and prayers as we attempted to navigate a very unusual year of CWL. It has been very trying at times and full of uncertainty, but with the knowledge of having all of you there with your support, we were able to pull through.

2020 Pope's Intentions

December 2020: For a Life of Prayer

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

As everything remains uncertain, we will begin to resume our monthly general meetings, however it will be online. Jolene has graciously offered to host an online tutorial/practice for those of us who are a little more technically challenged, such as myself, or anyone who wants a refresher. Check your emails throughout the week for more information.

As we are unable to gather for our Advent gathering this year, our first online meeting will take place on **December 13th**. We will have a brief meeting for the business section followed by an Advent program. Again, an email will be forthcoming.

Our cookbooks are in! Anyone who has reserved copies has already or will be soon contacted about pickups. We have some extras as expected, so please, if you want more or know anyone who would like one, please contact either Mae or Suzanne. Thank you again to everyone who has helped us with this fundraiser.

As many of you may be aware, our parish now has a YouTube channel where the weekly masses are being posted. Please subscribe to the channel and like the videos. If we get enough subscribers, YouTube will allow for a name change to something of the parish's choosing.

The link is: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5_6-jRZYmT5G1L04X76Ag

As we enter into this Advent and Christmas Season, please remember those who may be struggling and/or are lonely. Reach out to your Prayer Partners, other members, senior members of your family and friends who don't have family.

Hoping to see everyone on **December 13** for our Advent gathering and wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Lacey Bernardin



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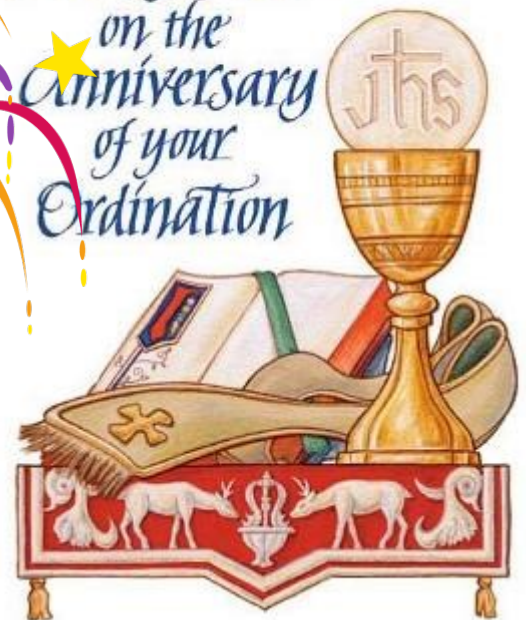
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Fr. Jorge

BLESSINGS
on the
Anniversary
of your
Ordination



December 6, 1997

Counting Our Blessings



Maya Chernichan



Praise the Lord as we rejoice in the good news that after over two years of chemotherapy, steroids, surgeries and other treatments, our granddaughter Maya is no longer required to attend Cancer Care, and that by all accounts, she has successfully won her battle against lymphoblastic leukemia. Maya had her last surgery on Nov 4th to remove the port from which several vials of blood were extracted routinely throughout her illness.

Our heartfelt thanks and gratitude for your supportive prayers as we entrusted Maya's recovery in God's hands and in the wonders of modern medicine.

Today Maya is a healthy, happy and energetic four year old. We realize she is still vulnerable because of Covid-19, but she and her family are living a new normal.

Thank you again.

Rolande Chernichan

Taize Worship Service

November 23, 2020 St. Charles Retreat Centre Winnipeg Manitoba - (30.37min.) It is on YouTube. Good idea to use your headphones as the sound is a little weak at times. Have your Bible ready at 2 Corinthians 1: 3 - 7 for reflection halfway through. [Taize Worship Service November 23, 2020 St. Charles Retreat Centre Winnipeg Manitoba - YouTube](#) - the first 3 minutes are in silence.

Dearest Maryse,
Your sisters in the Catholic Women's League of Canada in Lutte are so pleased to be able to offer some financial support to you for whatever you deem best as you journey in your vocation as a religious.

The funds were collected from our "Mary's Corner" in the parish, some of which are earmarked for vocations. This year, we are honoured to support one of our own.

May God, in his infinite love and mercy, watch over you and bring you ever closer to Him through your prayers and work for His Kingdom.
The NDH CWL xxvxx



Dear CWL Sisters,

I wanted to extend my warmest thanks to you for the generous contribution you sent to help me on my religious vocation journey. I remain very humbled and touched by this thoughtful gesture. I feel blessed to be able to rely on the support of such prayerful, unabashedly faith-filled and dedicated women. I will be forwarding this gift to the Generalate so that it may benefit my other sisters in initial formation as well.

Please know you can continue to count on my prayers and affections.

Blessings, Maryse

Just a little note: I came across this card at Thrifty Treasures and it struck a chord in me. I thought it would be appropriate to send to Maryse. Her response:

I was very touched to receive a CWL card with a generous gift enclosed to help me along my vocational journey. (And I did notice that the card had been made by a Holy Cross sister many years ago!)

Whoa! Holy Spirit wins again! Suzanne

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Dear Friend,

Christmas is a time of joy, happiness, peace, and love. It is also a time to share with those less fortunate. The board members of the Taché Food Resource Center and the Christmas Hamper Committee are getting organized to make sure that there will be something for those in the RM of Taché who need help this holiday season.

Because of the COVID-19 Pandemic we will not be giving out traditional hampers this year. Instead we will be giving out food vouchers and gifts certificates.

We are making an appeal to all businesses, churches, organizations, schools, and individuals for monetary donations. The money collected will go towards the purchase of food vouchers and gift certificates for the Christmas hampers. Any assistance you can give will be welcome. We can take cash or Cheques, made out to Taché Food Resource Center, and mailed to 1294 Dawson Rd, Lorette Mb R5K 0T2. Arrangements can be made to pick up donations. E-transfers to

tachefoodrc@gmail.com.

We will really need your help this year as we expect there to be more families that will require assistance at this time.

Tax receipts are available. We will be getting back to you soon to confirm your participation. In the meantime, call 204-270-0506 if you have any questions. Thank you so very much for your caring and sharing in these efforts to make this Christmas a merry one.

Taché Food Resource Center Board

The Taché Christmas Hamper Committee

Irene Bialek, Connie Haas, Iris Swiderski, Alison Fox, Marcia Poirier,

Maria Raynaud, Helen Townsend, Margeret Lowdowski & Michelle Giesbrecht



Farewell to a friend

Compassionate leader was guided by the legacy of the Grey Nuns

What makes a man? And what drives him to give selflessly to his community?

For Conrad Wyrzykowski Sr., who passed away November 7, 2020, the essence of giving was found not only in financial contributions, but also in the devotion of his time and seemingly limitless enthusiasm.

“Conrad was a generous supporter of patient care and research through St. Boniface Hospital Foundation, and a friend of St. Boniface Hospital, for close to three decades,” said Foundation Board Chair Carmine Militano.

“Over the years, he volunteered on the Hospital’s Patient and Family Advisory Committee and with Spiritual Care Services, and visited countless patients and families as a deacon in his church. He will be missed.”

Perhaps most remarkable about the man was that he supported not only the Foundation, but dozens of charities in Manitoba. These included St. Paul’s College at the University of Manitoba, FortWhyte Alive, the United Way, the Catholic Women’s League, and Knights of Columbus, among many others.

In 2008, Conrad received the Manitoba Philanthropy Award for Outstanding Philanthropist, noted Karen Fowler, Interim President and CEO of St. Boniface Hospital Foundation.

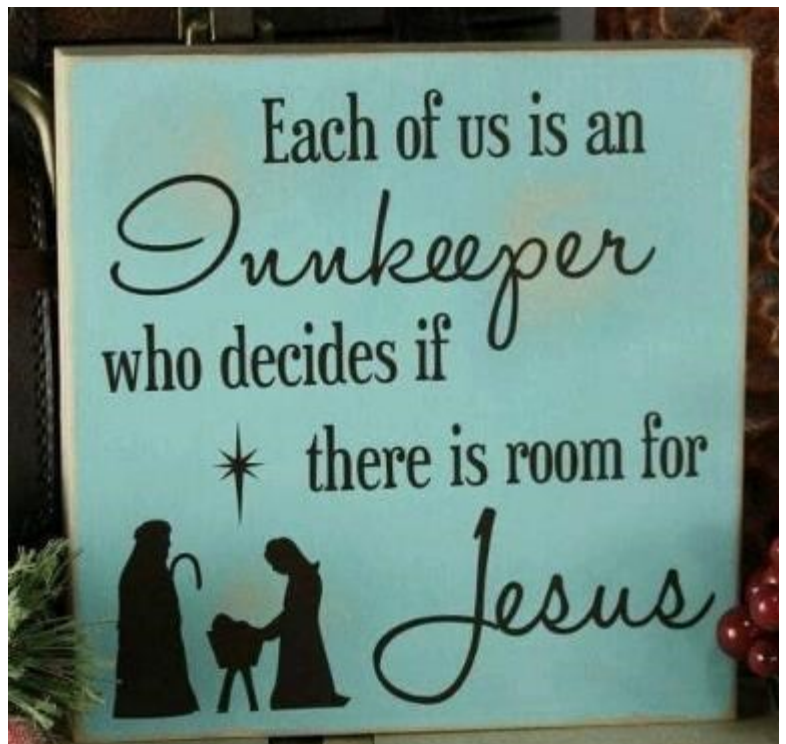
“Our thoughts and prayers are with his family,” she said.

“Conrad’s generosity of spirit will be remembered.”

“His impact on not only St. Boniface Hospital, but also all the individuals and organizations he touched during his lifetime, was immeasurable.”

Over the years, Conrad and his family established five endowment funds through the Foundation, that will continue to give the gift of hope and healing for generations to come. Among them is a fund that has been used to annually support two undergraduate or graduate students in the fields of health care and research.

He will be deeply missed.





Advent Wreath

1st CANDLE – (purple) **THE PROPHECY CANDLE or CANDLE OF HOPE** – We can have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises made to us. Our hope comes from God. (Romans 15:12-13)

2nd CANDLE – (purple) **THE BETHLEHEM CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF PREPARATION** – God kept his promise of a Savior who would be born in Bethlehem. Preparation means to “get ready”. Help us to be ready to welcome YOU, O GOD! (Luke 3:4-6)

3rd CANDLE – (pink) **THE SHEPHERD CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF JOY** – The angels sang a message of JOY! (Luke 2:7-15)

4th CANDLE – (purple) **THE ANGEL CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF LOVE** – The angles announced the good news of a Savior. God sent his only Son to earth to save us, because he loves us! (John 3:16-17)

5th CANDLE – (white) **“CHRIST CANDLE”** – The white candle reminds us that Jesus is the spotless lamb of God, sent to wash away our sins! His birth was for his death, his death was for our birth! (John 1:29)

WHY WOULD GOD HAVE MARY BE IMMACULATELY CONCEIVED WITHOUT ORIGINAL SIN?

1 WAS IT FITTING FOR GOD TO HAVE HIS MOTHER BE BORN WITHOUT THE STAIN OF ORIGINAL SIN?

YES, IT WAS GOOD FOR GOD THAT HIS MOTHER WAS BORN WITHOUT ANY STAIN. THIS IS THE MOST HONORABLE THING FOR HIM TO DO.

2 COULD GOD MAKE HIS MOTHER BE BORN WITHOUT STAIN OF ORIGINAL SIN?

YES, GOD CAN DO ANYTHING, AND THEREFORE HE COULD ORDAIN THAT HIS MOTHER BE BORN IMMACULATELY, WITHOUT ORIGINAL SIN.

3 SO DID GOD DO IT OR NOT?

THEREFORE: GOD CAUSED MARY TO BE CONCEIVED UNTAINTED BY ORIGINAL SIN. WHEN GOD KNOWS THAT SOMETHING IS BETTER TO DO, HE DOES IT.

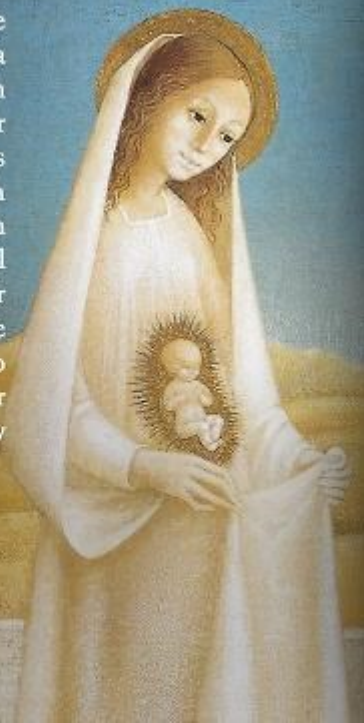
THE FAMOUS ARGUMENT FROM DUNS SCOTUS



Mary was a vessel of the divine. Her body was, in a sense, like the golden vessels dedicated for Temple service. It was forbidden to use such chalices and plates at even the most dignified royal banquet. Likewise, her womb, having borne the Savior, could not return to ordinary activity, no matter how good, no matter how blessed.

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A thousand times in history
a baby has become a
king to **RULE** a nation.



Only one time has a King
become a baby to save
ALL nations.

Bethlehem
is a Hebrew word that means
House of Bread

Mary placed Jesus in a manger,
a feeding trough for sheep to come and eat.
Jesus the Good Shepherd calls His sheep
to eat His Body. Matthew 26:26

Prefiguration
of the
Eucharist



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Merry Christmas

Loving God, Help us remember the birth of Jesus,
that we may share in the song of the angels,
the gladness of the shepherds,
and worship of the wise men.

Amen.

The Byzantine liturgy suggests we should feel proud at Christmas: Here's why

Let us make the prayer our own in front of the crib this year.

What can we offer you as a gift, O Christ our God, for having appeared on earth taking on our own humanity? Each of the creatures shaped by your hands offers you something to give you thanks: the angels offer you their song, the heavens the star, the magi their gifts, the shepherds their wonder, the earth a cave, the desert a manger. But we offer you a virgin Mother!

Bill C-7—An Act to Amend the Criminal Code

Communique #11 – Christian Family Life

October 22, 2020

National Chairperson of Christian Family Life Pat Deppiesse, October 22, 2020

[Pdf \(https://cwl.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/20201022-Christian-family-life-communique-11-website.pdf\)](https://cwl.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/20201022-Christian-family-life-communique-11-website.pdf)

Dear sisters in the League,

I hope and pray you are staying safe and are in good health. I recently sent out a parish council memo, yet I felt it was important to write to inform chairpersons about messages I recently received regarding Bill C-7 *An Act to amend the Criminal Code (medical assistance in dying)*. The bill seeks to expand medical assistance in dying (MAiD) and was re-tabled in parliament on October 5th.

Euthanasia Prevention Coalition's October 2020 newsletter explains the changes Bill C-7 would make to the law. I urge you to visit epcc.ca for updates. Alex Schadenberg, executive director of Euthanasia Prevention Coalition (EPC), requests Canadians write letters to their members of parliament. EPC provides a list of members of parliament and some key talking points including:

1. Bill C-7 must not permit MAiD when a person has become incompetent even if the person was previously approved.
2. Bill C-7 must not eliminate the 10 day waiting period.
3. Bill C-7 must define "psychological suffering" to actually prevent euthanasia for mental illness alone.

On the same website is a link to a statement from Canadian physicians, "Bill C-7 from MAiD to MAD: Medical Assistance in Dying becomes Medically Administered Death—You no longer need to be dying for your physician to end your life." Bill C-7 seeks to expand "medical assistance in dying" (MAiD) to virtually everyone who is sick and suffering in Canada," which would "make our country the world leader in administering death."

Religious leaders from across Canada including Archbishop Richard Gagnon (Winnipeg) and president of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB), wrote a letter in opposition to Bill C-7 stating, "As Canadians, we can and must do better." The CCCC calls "on Catholics and all people of good will to make their voices heard in opposition to the Bill." This letter can be reviewed in full at cccb.ca/media-release/we-can-and-must-do-much-better (<http://cccb.ca/media-release/we-can-and-must-do-much-better>).

I urge you to pass this message to your diocesan counterparts, encouraging them to send it on to parish councils for action. Many Canadians are unaware of Bill C-7. Now is an extremely important time to be aware of what is going on and act. Ask your diocesan counterparts to encourage members to write their elected officials and express their wishes for the government to reject Bill C-7. Together members can make an impact.

God bless and keep you all,

Pat Deppiesse

National Chairperson of Christian Family Life

Go to <https://alexschadenberg.blogspot.com/> for the latest update from the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition: *Canadian Senators state that parts of euthanasia Bill C-7 are unconstitutional*. Copy the link and enter it into the address bar to be able to connect.

The Eucharistic Symbolism of the Manger



The manger, a feeding trough for animals, is highly symbolic and foreshadows the Eucharist.

One of the most profound symbols associated with the birth of Jesus is the manger. St. Luke narrates how the Virgin Mary, “wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a **manger**, because there was no room for them in the inn” (Luke 2:7).

A manger is a **feeding trough for animals** and was likely the cleanest place in the stable where the Virgin Mary could place the baby Jesus. Christians would later reflect on this profoundly symbolic action and find a connection to the Holy Eucharist, where Jesus himself becomes food for humanity.

St. Cyril of Alexandria in the 5th century explains, “The setting of Christ’s birth points us to the Eucharist. Since through sin man becomes like the beasts, Christ lies in the trough where animals feed, offering them, not hay, but **his own body as life-giving bread.**”

Earlier, St. John Chrysostom in the 4th century encouraged his congregation to attend Mass on Christmas Day, where they could approach the altar as if they were going to the manger.

For if we approach with faith we shall surely behold him lying in a manger. His holy table will supply the place of a manger. For there will be spread the body of our Lord, not wrapped in swaddling clothes as then, but on all sides surrounded by his Holy Spirit.

St. Bede in the 7th century also saw this symbolism.

*He is confined in the narrow space of a rude manger, whose seat is the heavens, that He may give us ample room in the joys of His heavenly kingdom. He Who is the bread of Angels is laid down in a manger, **that He might feed us, as it were the sacred animals, with the bread of His flesh.***

This is why the feast of Christmas is often labeled a “**eucharistic feast**,” on account of the rich symbolism of the manger scene.

As you kneel before the Nativity scene this Christmas, dwell upon the beautiful gift of the Eucharist and how we can prepare to receive Jesus into our hearts.

https://aleteia.org/2019/12/22/the-eucharistic-symbolism-of-the-manger/?utm_campaign=NL_en&utm_source=daily_newsletter&utm_medium=mail&utm_content=NL_en





THE O ANTIPHONS - December 17-23

The "O Antiphons" refer to the seven antiphons that are recited during Advent in the Octave before Christmas, Dec. 17-23, with Dec. 24 being Christmas Eve. Each one highlights a title for the Messiah according to the prophet Isaiah: O Sapientia (O Wisdom), O Adonai (O Lord), O Radix Jesse (O Root of Jesse), O Clavis David (O Key of David), O Oriens (O Rising Sun), O Rex Gentium (O King of the Nations), and O Emmanuel.

O WISDOM O Sapientia: "O Wisdom, O holy Word of God, you govern all creation with your strong yet tender care. Come and show your people the way to salvation." Isaiah had prophesied, "The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord, and his delight shall be the fear of the Lord." (11:2-3), and "Wonderful is His counsel and great His wisdom" (28:29).



O SACRED LORD O Adonai: "O sacred Lord of ancient Israel, who showed yourself to Moses in the burning bush, who gave him the holy law on Sinai mountain: come, stretch out your mighty hand to set us free." Isaiah prophesied, "He shall judge the poor with justice, and decide aright for the land's afflicted." (11:4-5).

O FLOWER OF JESSE'S STEM

O Radix Jesse: "O Flower of Jesse's stem, you have been raised up as a sign for all peoples; kings stand silent in your presence; the nations bow down in worship before you. Isaiah had prophesied that a shoot would sprout from the stump of Jesse (11:1). Jesse was the father of King David, and Micah had prophesied that the Messiah would be of the house and lineage of David and be born in David's city, Bethlehem (Micah 5:1).



O KEY OF DAVID

O Clavis David: "O Key of David, O Royal Power of Israel controlling at your will the gate of heaven: Come, break down the prison walls of death for those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death; and lead your captive people into freedom" (Isaiah 9:6; 22:22).

O RADIANT DAWN

O Oriens: "O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death." Isaiah had prophesied, "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shown." (9:1).



O KING OF ALL NATIONS

O Rex Gentium: "O King of all the nations, the only joy of every human heart." Isaiah had prophesied, "For a child is born to us, a son is given us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace." (9:5), and "He shall judge between the nations, and impose terms on many peoples. They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; one nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again." (2:4).

O EMMANUEL

"O Emmanuel, king and lawgiver, desire of the nations, Savior of all people, come and set us free, Lord our God." Isaiah had prophesied, "The Lord himself will give you this sign: the Virgin shall be with child, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel." (7:14), which means "God is with us."



HOW THE APOSTLES DIED

1. **MATTHEW.** Suffered martyrdom in Ethiopia, killed by a sword wound.

2. **MARK.** Died in Alexandria, Egypt , after being dragged by horses through the streets until he was dead.

3. **LUKE.** Was hanged in Greece as a result of his tremendous preaching to the lost.

4. **JOHN.** Faced martyrdom when he was boiled in huge basin of boiling oil during a wave of persecution In Rome. However, he was miraculously delivered From death. John was then sentenced to the mines on the prison Island of Patmos. He wrote his prophetic Book of Revelation on Patmos . The apostle John was later freed and returned to serve as Bishop of Edessa in modern Turkey . He died as an old man, the only apostle to die peacefully

5. **PETER.** He was crucified upside down on an x-shaped cross. According to church tradition it was because he told his tormentors that he felt unworthy to die In the same way that Jesus Christ had died.

6. **JAMES.** The leader of the church in Jerusalem , was thrown over a hundred feet down from the southeast pinnacle of the Temple when he refused to deny his faith in Christ. When they discovered that he survived the fall, his enemies beat James to death with a fuller's club.

This was the same pinnacle where Satan had taken Jesus during the Temptation.

7. **JAMES** the Son of Zebedee was a fisherman by trade when Jesus called him to a lifetime of ministry.

As a strong leader of the church, James was beheaded at Jerusalem. The Roman officer who guarded James watched amazed as James defended his faith at his trial.

Later, the officer walked beside James to the place of execution. Overcome by conviction, he declared his new faith to the judge and knelt beside James to accept beheading as a Christian.

8. **BARTHOLOMEW.** Also known as Nathaniel. He Was a missionary to Asia. He witnessed for our Lord in present day Turkey. Bartholomew was martyred for his preaching in Armenia where he was flayed to death by a whip.

9. **ANDREW.** He Was crucified on an x-shaped cross in Patras, Greece. After being whipped severely by seven soldiers, they tied his body to the cross with cords to prolong his agony.

His followers reported that, when he was led toward the cross, Andrew saluted it in these words, "I have long desired and expected this happy hour. The cross has been consecrated by the body of Christ hanging on it". He continued to preach to his tormentors for two days until he expired.

10. **THOMAS.** He was stabbed with a spear in India during one of his missionary trips to establish the church in the Subcontinent.

11. **JUDE.** He Was killed with arrows when he refused to deny his faith in Christ.

12. **MATTHIAS.** The apostle chosen to replace the traitor Judas Iscariot. He was stoned and then beheaded.

13. **PAUL.** He Was tortured and then beheaded by the evil Emperor Nero at Rome in A.D. 67. Paul endured a lengthy imprisonment, which allowed him to write his many epistles to the churches he had formed throughout the Roman Empire. These letters, which taught many of the foundational Doctrines of Christianity, form a large portion of the New Testament.

Perhaps this is a reminder to us that our sufferings here are indeed minor to compare to the intense persecution and cold cruelty faced by the apostles and disciples during their times For the sake of the Faith.



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A Pinata...



A Scented Candle..



A Coffee Cup...



A Slide...



A Beer..



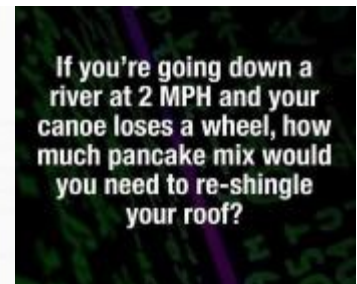
A Pizza..



A Flavour of Chips...



A Math Problem...



A Game...



A Boat..



A Cereal...



A Chord...

