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I am not my own: I have given myself to Jesus, He must be my only love.

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The world will change only when the minds and hearts of men and women change.

The Greater Good versus the Common Good


One might assume that these two terms are interchangeable, but if I may suggest, they are not. When one considers the meaning of the word greater, it implies to see that what one wishes to do or bring about is in extent, amount, or intensity considerably above the normal, the average of what is presently occurring. This denotes then that it is not merely better than something else, but it is what one ought to strive for because it is such an improvement over what we now have. So, when we say that we are striving for the greater good, this is better than good; it is beyond good. What is better than good? A definition then of "the greater good" is that what is intended, is to be a benefit to the public, ideally to more people than oneself, making the new situation much better and desired. On the surface, this appears to be both noble and desirable, something that we ought to all work for. But when you look more closely, historically whenever this term has been invoked, it has been used as a justification for unimaginable crimes against another.

The greater good rarely if ever, is concerned for what is good. Rather, what it has in mind is to sustain and maintain, what is favourable (good) for those who presently hold power and desire to sway influence over the masses. We have seen this throughout history, how in the name of the greater good, it has been used to justify the death of anyone who imposes those presently in power. You only have to look at all empires, all dictatorships, all ideologies, all "isms", all systems, and any and all relationships that refuse to subject themselves to any all forms of interior reflection or to the external scrutinizing by others. Those who are proponents of the greater good function within a closed system, sharing power only with those who will neither challenge their authority, nor attempt to disrupt their way of living. They are creating the illusion that what they are doing is in your best interest. Whenever challenged they will use multiple tactics to discredit, humiliate and undermine the criticisms put against them as being illegitimate. They do this by attempting to "demonize" or "criminalize" those who challenge them. If successful, enough (the majority) of the people will fall into line and continue to accept the present rhetoric without question, seeing the protestors as being "unfaithful", "dangerous" and "the enemy" who must be stopped. The greater good then is not about ensuring what is in the best interest of the people, but is self-serving and the antithesis to what is in fact good. The common good differs from the greater good in one fundamental way: the common good is a universal benefit and enhancement to all because everyone is willing to change and be changed.

The Common Good is the fundamental basis of Jesus' teaching. The key is that this good is for everyone, without exception. It is to be held in "common" and as the word suggests, that which is common is the most basic and accessible to all. It is intended not to be exclusive or hierarchical, but inclusive and barrier free. Anyone who is a proponent of the common good, desires to seek what is best for everyone, beginning with the last, the least, the lost, the most vulnerable, and the most forgotten. This is not solely for the poor, the marginalized or the disenfranchised to have a token seat at the table, but all who wish to keep others poor, marginalized and disenfranchised, come to that table, and together dismantle it. The common good is embodied in every word and action that Jesus gives us. He showed us how to do it. It is possible then, to move from a "greater good mindset" to "the common good lifestyle" but only when we both understand and internalize the value and the necessity of becoming the Common Good. Anyone who desires the common good must fundamentally change, by dropping all allegiances to anything and everything that condones the diminishing of another or the promotion divisiveness. The moment we accept the common good as our informing principle to our being, then everyone moves to a new place of being, and the old falls away and is no more. The common good then becomes our nature and there is no other.

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March 28 2021
Palm Sunday
Passion Sunday

**Mass Schedule Week of
 March 29th - April 4th**

HOLY WEEK

Monday 9:00AM	March 29th +Helena & Czeslaw Zinkiewicz
Tuesday 9:00AM	March 30th +Brian McCann
Wednesday 11:00AM 12:00Noon	March 31st Exposition /Adoration +Dick Smyth
Thursday 7:00PM	April 1st - Holy Thursday +Walter Gry's Sr.
Friday 3:00PM	April 2nd - Good Friday People of the Parish
Saturday 8:30PM	April 3rd - Holy Saturday +Pater Jan Kehl
Sunday, 9:00AM	April 4th - Easter Sunday SI Spiritual Mothers & Their Priest Sons
Sunday, 11:00AM (B) (B) Baysville	April 4th - Easter Sunday +Rita & Edward Shoniker

Confessions: Saturday 3:15PM - 3:45PM and by making an appointment

Let us pray for our loved ones
 who have died,

**And join our prayers with those
 who are in need ...**

Rebecca Muzzi, Ian Bruce, Bianca Laurie de Hernandez, Joe Hanrath, Pamela Festing, Connie Gregory, John Schreurs, Robert Foley, Ben Boivin, Steven Knox, Claudette Mainville, Ruth Anne Foley, Peter Tompkin, Patricia Quinn, Brian Haywood, Peter Gos, Sam Muzzi, Ed Quinn, Alana Murphy, Brian Dittmar, Pauline Pilon, William Hanrath, Sharon Boivin, Vano Mauro & Philip Tompkin

**If there is someone you would like to
 have added to our prayer list, please
 contact the office. Thank you**

**Loving the "True You" /
 Richard Rohr daily meditations**

I very much enjoyed my time with Bishop Michael Curry, the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, when we worked together on the Reclaiming Jesus project and when I had dinner at his house in New York City. He reminds us why we must accept God's love for us before we can love another:



I've come to see that the call of God, the love that bids us welcome, is always a call to become the true you. Not a doormat. The true you. Not an imitation of someone else. The true you: someone made in the image of God, deserving of and receiving love.

There is a Jewish proverb, "Before every person there marches an angel proclaiming, 'Behold, the image of God.'" Unselfish, sacrificial living isn't about ignoring or denying or destroying yourself. It's about discovering your true self—the self that looks like God—and living life from that grounding. Many people are familiar with a part of Jesus's summary of the law of Moses: You shall love your neighbor as you love yourself [Mark 12:31]. *Yourself*. Loving the self is a required balance. If we fail in that, we fail our neighbor, too. To love your neighbor is to relate to them as someone made in the image of God. And it is to relate to *yourself* as someone made in the image of God. It's God, up, down, and all around, and God is love.

Sometimes we can only recognize God's love for us through the love we receive from another person (whom God has loved well). The important part is that the flow of love gets started. Bishop Curry continues:

The ability to love yourself is intimately related to your capacity to love others. The challenge is creating a life that allows you to fulfill both needs. . . .

I've seen it happen enough times to be confident in saying it. Perhaps loving others saves us from the confusion, the frustration, and ultimately the neurosis that comes when we try to center the world around ourselves. Or perhaps it allows us to step outside the self enough to see ourselves with some distance, for a better perspective on what's missing. Or maybe when loving ourselves is hard, practicing loving others strengthens the muscle enough to turn the force inward. . . .

Love is a commitment to seek the good and to work for the good and welfare of others. It doesn't stop at our front door or our neighborhood, our religion or race, or our state's or your country's border. This is one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth, as the hymn goes. It often calls us to step outside of what we thought our boundaries were, or what others expect of us. It calls for us to sacrifice, not because doing so feels good, but because it's the right thing to do. . . .

God's love is everywhere, in all things, and that includes you.

Bishop Michael Curry with Sara Grace, *Love Is the Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times* (Avery: 2020), 95–97, 23, 49.



	Weekend of April 3rd / 4th		
	8:30PM Mass	9:00AM Mass	11:00AM Mass
Readers	Jim Waters	Judith Gottschalk	Bob Lacroix
Ushers	Walter Gry's Victoria Baumgart Ben Boivin Diana Snowden	Natasha Aben Mike Pearson Judith Gottschalk Walter Gry's	John MacInnis Jean MacInnis Linda Lacroix Hugh Knox
Counters	Tuesday March 30th	Bob Moore	& Mary Kudryk

Parish Pastoral News

Just a quick update on the state of Covid -19 in Simcoe Muskoka. Those over 75 years of age may now register for their first immunization online through the provincial portal at <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/book-vaccine/>. There have been some computer glitches early this week so if you have given up, try again. The phone line is exceptionally busy. If you are trying to book this way, give me a call and I will book online for you. My phone number is 705-783-4678. Please try to call before 4:30 pm.

So, what changes after you have the first immunization? In a nutshell, nothing. One dose of vaccine only confers about 65% immunity which means you may still get covid. If you do, your illness will be milder but you can still pass it on to all your friends and family. We need to continue to observe all Public Health Precautions, mask wearing, hand washing, staying home if you are ill, leave home for only essential reasons, for the foreseeable future. We are all in this together! Observing the Public Health rules, protects one another. If you have any questions about covid or any other health matter do not hesitate to call me.

Stay Safe,

Marguerite Goodfellow, RN, Parish Nurse

Turtle / Kaitlyn Belfry

Kaitlyn Belfry is 21 years old and is a student at Nipissing University studying concurrent education (she is the grand-daughter of Marilyn Smith). Her painting is of a Sea Turtle. I find that people's choice of subject says much about who they are.

The curious thing about these creatures is that out of water, their colouration is rather bland, but when in their natural habitat, beneath the waters of the open ocean, the vibrancy of colour and intricate configuration of pattern found on their head, appendages and shell, come alive and speak of such beauty. Perhaps what Kaitlyn is trying to communicate to us, is to find our own natural environment, and to live their, so we maybe fully alive. She captures it wonderfully here.

On land, they struggle because they do not have the dexterity in their limbs, yet they go to great lengths to lay their eggs and bury them. It is with the hope that one day, some of the Sea Turtle hatchlings, will make it back to the open sea. It is here, in the water, where this beautiful creature floats so effortlessly, moving among other animals and fish, as a silent and gentle presence of calm and peace. It means no harm to anyone, but is regrettably an endangered species. Again, perhaps Kaitlyn is trying to teach us that those people who intend no harm to others, but intend only to live peaceably, are the most endangered in this world. Regrettably, this is not always respected, but it is essential for the good and wellbeing of everyone.

Thank you Kaitlyn for this beautiful piece of art and a reminder to us that in life there are struggles, but if we are willing to go through them, so that others may one day have a chance to live their lives to the fullest, then there is the beauty of our true colours in all humility and gentleness - we are in our element and we are seen as we truly are.



Turtle
 By Kaitlyn Belfry

Holy Week Mass Schedule:

April 1st, *Holy Thursday* / **7:00PM**

April 2nd, *Good Friday Service* / **3:00PM (Full)**

April 3rd, *Easter Vigil* / **8:30PM**

April 4th, *Easter Sunday* / **9:00AM, St. Mary's (Full)**
11:00AM St. Kateri

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"If you want the moon, do not hide from the night. If you want a rose, do not run from the thorns. If you want love, do not hide from yourself." / *Rumi*

"If you want to tap into what life has to offer, let love be your primary mode of being, not fear. Fear closes us down and makes us retreat. It locks doors and limits opportunities. Love is about opening to possibilities. Seeing the world with new eyes. It widens our heart and mind. Fear incarcerates, but love liberates."

John Mark Green