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Even A Rock Can Be Taught /

When we allow ourselves to accept that everything at every moment is a lesson, regardless of the source, regardless if we like it or agree with it, it is a lesson. The more we are out of sorts with that lesson, the more we learn about ourselves and the world that we are a part of. Here are a few lessons from Pema Chödrön, an American Buddhist Nun. Her wisdom is subtle yet sharp. Since a rock can learn to sing God's praises, what more might we be able to do when we choose to allow ourselves to be taught. Enjoy

"As human beings, not only do we seek resolution, but we also feel that we deserve resolution. However, not only do we not deserve resolution, we suffer from resolution. We don't deserve resolution; we deserve something better than that. We deserve our birthright, which is the middle way, an open state of mind that can relax with paradox and ambiguity. Letting there be room for not knowing is the most important thing of all. When there's a big disappointment, we don't know if that's the end of the story. It may just be the beginning of a great adventure. Life is like that. We don't know anything. We call something bad; we call it good. But really we just don't know."

"Once there was a young warrior. Her teacher told her that she had to do battle with fear. She didn't want to do that. It seemed too aggressive; it was scary; it seemed unfriendly. But the teacher said she had to do it and gave her the instructions for the battle. The day arrived. The student warrior stood on one side, and fear stood on the other. The warrior was feeling very small, and fear was looking big and wrathful. They both had their weapons. The young warrior roused herself and went toward fear, prostrated three times, and asked, "May I

have permission to go into battle with you?" Fear said, "Thank you for showing me so much respect that you ask permission." Then the young warrior said, "How can I defeat you?" Fear replied, "My weapons are that I talk fast, and I get very close to your face. Then you get completely unnerved, and you do whatever I say. If you don't do what I tell you, I have no power. You can listen to me, and you can have respect for me. You can even be convinced by me. But if you don't do what I say, I have no power." In that way, the student warrior learned how to defeat fear."

"nothing ever goes away until it has taught us what we need to know ... nothing ever really attacks us except our own confusion. perhaps there is no solid obstacle except our own enemy is that we don't like the way reality is now and therefore wish it would go away fast. but what we find as practitioners is that nothing ever goes away until it has taught us what we need to know. if we run a hundred miles an hour to the other end of the continent in order to get away from the obstacle, we find the very same problem waiting for us when we arrive. it just keeps returning with new names, forms, manifestations until we learn whatever it has to teach us about where we are separating ourselves from reality, how we are pulling back instead of opening up, closing down instead of allowing ourselves to experience fully whatever we encounter, without hesitating or retreating into ourselves."

"We think that the point is to pass the test or to overcome the problem, but the truth is that things don't really get solved. They come together and they fall apart."

"He who has ears, let him hear." Matthew 13:9

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"The purpose of life is to live it, to taste experience to the utmost, to reach out eagerly and without fear for newer and richer experience. Life was meant to be lived, and curiosity must be kept alive. One must never, for whatever reason, turn his back on life."

Eleanor Roosevelt

**Fourth Sunday
Of Easter
May 8, 2022**

**Mass Schedule Week of
May 9th - 15th**

Monday, May 9th/ 9:00AM
SI Members of the CWL

Tuesday, May 10th/ 9:00AM
+Gregg LaRocque

**Wednesday, May 11th /
11:00AM Exposition & Adoration**
12Noon - +Zech Fuqua

Thursday, May 12th/ 9:00AM
SI Gunther Siegert

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, May 14th, 1PM
Confirmation Mass

Saturday, May 14th/4:00 PM
+Margaret (Peggy) Murphy

Sunday, May 15th / 9:00AM
+Krystyna Ostronska

Sunday, May 8th/ 11:00AM
For the People of the Parish

*Let us join our prayers with those who have died
and for those who have asked for our prayers ...*

Jaymie Ward, Peter & Phillip Tomkin, Bianca Laurie de Hernandez, Eleanor Wolfle, Robert Foley, Angela & Stephanie Braithwaite, Ruth Anne Foley, Pam & Don Mackenzie, Joe Hanrath, Bill Weber, Ron & Margaret Smith, John Dunbar, Verna Simioni, Connie Gregory, Sharon Boivin, Terry Jordan, John Schreurs, Barb Ataman, Timothy Pelyk, Irene Downey, Sharron Purdy, Doris Lane, Mike Berardi, Marion Majkot, Esther Phillips, Kirsten MacDonald, Joan Ranson, Peter Poustie, Merle Jordan, Evan Maroney & Sheila Bruce



“And who is my neighbor?”

“Who do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?”

“The one who had mercy on him”

“Go and do likewise”

My Sheep Hear My Voice / Jesus uses the example of sheep hearing the voice of the shepherd, as an analogy for us listening to God’s voice and to follow. It is more than familiarity. We are willing to follow another either because he or she exudes confidence, when we do not. But following is not what Jesus is speaking of, nor blindly doing what someone has said. This is about relationship.

When one trusts another it is because he or she has followed through on what they said they were going to do. This leads to the next point, they are honest and forthright: they do not tell you what you want to hear, but what you need to hear. They are prepared to go before you, take the hard knocks, to scout things out for you. It is not about doing everything for us, but to provide an example that we are to take upon ourselves. A good leader prepares others to be good leaders. We are not meant to be followers the entirety of our lives. They are prepared to lay their life down for you, not out of duty or obligation, but out of love. It is then not simply protection, but it is foundationally all about education: one teaches by doing, we learn by seeing and in turn do like wise.

The key however is whether we choose to hear that voice or not. There will always be obstacles and challenges, both within and without. To the degree that the leader has remained true and just, then one is better able to find their way to come to him or her to be taught. We become what we know and value. We become Good Leaders and Good Shepherds to one another. *pah*

Parish Group Meetings /

Choir Practice:	Wednesdays / 6PM / Church
CWL General Meeting	Monday May 9th, 9:45AM, Parish Hall
12 Hours for Palliative Care	Wednesday May 11th, 8AM - 8PM, Church/Hall
Confirmation Mass	Saturday, May 14th, 1:00PM, Church
SVDP Food Drive	Tuesday, May 17th, 9:30AM—12Noon
K. of C. Meeting	Thursday, May 26th, 7PM - Parish Hall

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Parish Pastoral News

Sunday May 8, 2022

CWL Guest Speaker / INVITE YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS: The CWL is sponsoring a guest speaker, Joyce Jonathon Crone, an Indigenous Mohawk from Six Nations Reserve, on Monday, May 9, 2022, at 10:00 AM in the Parish Hall. She will be presenting on Indigenous Issues which will hopefully enlighten us on our journey to Truth and Reconciliation. Everyone is encouraged and welcomed to attend. Orange Ribbons in memory of Residential School Victims are at the back of the Church. Please help yourself to show your support.

12 Hours of Prayer / SAVE THE DATE: WEDNESDAY, May 11 (8:00 AM to 8:00 PM). Prayer and reflection on Palliative Care. Join us to pray for all Caregivers, Palliative Care, the sick, the dying and for all of their families. Come and experience fellowship and the many ways to pray as a community and as an individual. Please see the schedule and flyer on the bulletin boards in the Church.

Sacrament of Anointing / This sacrament does address the physical, bodily conditions of illness, but the primary emphasis of Anointing is **to bring spiritual strength and healing to the sick or dying person.** As a sacrament (an outward sign of something internal), it is performed to give God's grace through the Holy Spirit. It is not magical, nor is its effects imposed. Our will and desire to work with what God is sharing with us, is necessary. A non-Catholic can receive the anointing of the sick, in special situations, just as when we are in need of God’s grace, for spiritual guidance, support, clarity of discerning God’s will, and inner wellbeing. An anointing is as much God calling to us to come and receive his presence as it is our willingness to receive God’s grace. At the end of the 12 Hours of Prayer, we will celebrate communally the sacrament of Anointing. All are welcome.

The CWL thanks everyone for the generous donations towards the Ukrainian Relief Efforts Luncheon. Thank you so much for your support. Also thanks to the Algonquin Deli Restaurant for donating the Pierogies.

Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on **Saturday May 14th at 1PM.** Bishop Daniel Michm will be conferring the Sacrament of Confirmation. Let us continue to pray that God’s gifts of the Holy Spirit will be upon them all.

Altar Servers / To any child who has received Communion, and would like to be an Altar Server, please contact the office. It would be great to have you helping out during the mass in the role of an Altar Server.

Readers, Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Communion, and ushers / Perhaps you might wish to consider one of these ministries, especially if you are not presently involved or you are new to the parish. Interested? For more information, please contact the office (see cover of bulletin) or speak with Fr. Paul directly. This would be a wonderful way to put your gifts and talents at the service of others.

St. Vincent de Paul Request / We are immensely grateful for your continuing support of this ministry. Your generosity allows us to do our loving ministry. At this time we are in need of more volunteers to help us out. If you are at all interested please contact either Al Cormier or Mike O’Mara, in person or call 705-789-0008. Thank you!

Children’s Liturgy / As we come out of COVID time, we are seeing new faces in our parish. It would be great to get our Children’s Teaching Time going again, but this requires your help. Anyone interested in helping, please contact Rosi through her email. It is a great way to pass on your faith to these little ones. Thank you.

50th Anniversary of Camp Northern Lights/ Camp Northern Lights has been a vibrant leadership opportunity for our youth over many years. This year is the 50th anniversary of Camp Northern Lights. The Camp is not holding a formal collection but donations to support this good work may be made to Camp Northern Lights through this link: <http://campnorthernlights.com/>

Next Weekend Ministry Schedule - May 14/15, 2022

	4:00PM Mass	9:00AM Mass	11:00AM Mass
Readers	Heather Semchism	Al Cormier	Michelle MacIsaac
EMC	Deacon Jan	Deacon Jan	Deacon Jan
Ushers	Victoria Baumgart Walter Grys Diana Snowden Margaret Warman	Nadine Diplock Doug Neigel Walter Grys Mike Pearson	Hugh Knox Bob Lacroix Linda Lacroix
Counters	Tuesday May 17th	Giesele Neigel &	Mary Kudryk

“The most intense conflicts, if overcome, leave behind a sense of security and calm that is not easily disturbed. It is just these conflicts and their conflagration which are needed to produce valuable and lasting results.”

Dr. Carl Jung

**Weekend Offertory /
April 30th / May 1st
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