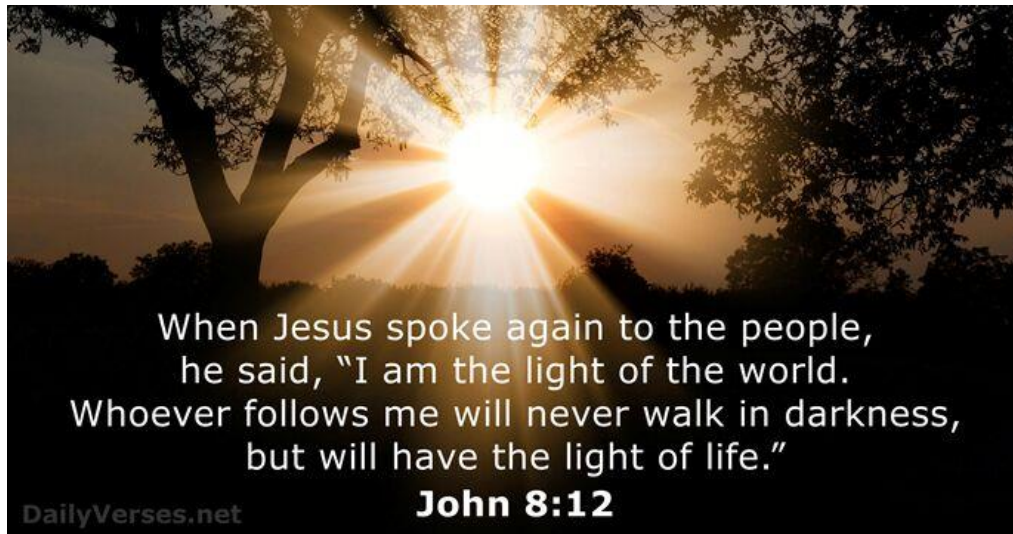


THE PARISH OF LONG POINT BAY



PORT ROWAN ♦ PORT RYERSE ♦ TURKEY POINT ♦ VITTORIA ♦ ST. JOHN'S WOODHOUSE

Sunday February 6th 2022



Opening

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

Sentence

I am the light of the world, says the Lord. Those who follow me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

John 8.12

Collect

Merciful Lord, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever

Readings

ISAIAH 6:1-8 (9-13);

PSALM 138;

1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11;

LUKE 5:1-11

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When a priest is Inducted into a new parish as the Rector, the Wardens and others give them symbolic items that indicate parts of his or her ministry. The usual items include, keys, bread and wine, the Bible etc. It was therefore interesting to me when one of my colleagues was given a newspaper by the Wardens and asked if he would bring the concerns of the world into the Church. Some people believe that politics and religion don't mix and the Church should only be concerned with our eternal soul and leave the concerns of the world to others, like politicians or business people. Some say they want a Sanctuary in the Church from the cares of the world. This attitude is very common, and understandable to me. Life in the world is complicated and messy and it would be nice to retreat into a world of calm and pleasant feelings. I wish I could tell you that that's what Jesus taught and practised in his earthly ministry, but we both know that isn't true. He confronted the authorities both religious and secular, broke social conventions by associating with the social outcasts and ended up being crucified for his commitments and teaching. It is therefore appropriate I believe to have thoughts about what is currently happening in Ottawa, with the Anti Vax Truckers Protest.

I remember my Grandparents and Parents talking about their experiences in WW2. They talked about the rationing, the fear of attacks in England, the many rules they needed to live by including curfews, restrictions on what you could write in letters and what you could speak about. They even remember the anguish of children being taken into the country for protection. However, they talked about these things, not to complain or protest, but were proud that they "did their bit" to help the whole society endure the war. They gave up their personal freedoms for the sake of the greater good of their friends and neighbours and the common cause.

It is therefore with mixed feelings that I see images of people waving flags, signing our anthem, and pretending to stand up for freedom when it seems to me, they are simply acting in the most selfish way possible. Jesus taught that love was putting the needs of others at least at some level as ones own and even being a servant to others if needs be. It was never "all about me" for Jesus. When I see individuals claiming the right to not take precautions that would benefit our society and help end this pandemic, when I see businesses that are already stressed being shut down by this protest, when I see a school disrupted, and first line workers and police stressed and abused for doing their jobs, when I see hate slogans and flags directed at other members of our society, I cannot believe that this is patriotic or in any sense Christian behaviour. The truckers symbolic act of parking a truck on the grave of the Unknown Soldier said it all for me, my parents and grandparents sacrificed and, in some cases, fought and were injured to preserve the freedoms of our society. To see these rights, that they fought for, so abused by selfishness and hatred makes me glad that most of them (my father still lives) have already died and don't need to witness this sacrilege.

Love is caring more for the weakest and most vulnerable in our society, working for the common good and sacrificing if necessary. We are all tired of the restrictions brought about by the pandemic, most of us are "doing our bit". God bless those who have taken the path of love, compassion and self sacrifice in the face of this devastating pandemic who care enough for others to be vaccinated, who wear masks because they actually work, who follow the public health guidelines even if it means sacrifices as great as not having the funerals or weddings or visits to Grandchildren and others that they would dearly like. God bless you for following Jesus Path of Love and self giving and not the path of "its all about me".



Prayers for Sunday 6th February, 2022, submitted by Dorothy Koorn

(Based in part on a prayer by Peter J. Scragnell.)

We pray for your church, O God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

We ask that you would fill us with the Spirit of love and unity all around our world.

We ask for your help to set aside our differences and look to the greater cause, the cause of Christ. Please help us to truly live out a life of love.

We pray especially for Todd our Bishop, Anne our Metropolitan, Linda our Primate, Mark National Indigenous Archbishop, Marinez Bishop of Amazonia, AD Rick Jones, Rev Enrique Martinez, and Rev Jack Cox.

For the week beginning Sunday 6February, 2022, we will be praying for the **Rev. Rob Park**, the **Rev. John Ogilvie**, the **Rev. Jack Cox**, the **Rev. Canon Bob Schroeder**, the **Rev. Margaret Shortell** and the people of **St. Mark's, Brantford**.

We pray for peace in our time, O God, author and giver of peace,

In whose image and likeness each of us has been created with a human dignity worthy of respect on earth and destined for eternal glory.

Listen to the cry that rises from every corner of this fragile earth, from our human family torn by violent conflict:

Give peace in our time, O good and gracious God, that peace which, as your son Jesus Christ told us and as we have experienced in these days, is a peace which the world cannot give.

To world leaders grant the wisdom to see beyond the boundaries of race, religion, and nation to that common humanity that makes us all your children and brothers and sisters to one another.

To those who have taken up arms in anger or revenge or even in the cause of justice grant the grace of conversion to the path of peaceful dialogue and constructive collaboration.

To the innocent who live in the shadow of war and terror, especially the frightened children, be a shelter and strength, their haven and hope. And to those who have already lost their lives as victims of human cruelty, open wide your arms and enfold them all in the embrace of your compassion, healing, and everlasting life.

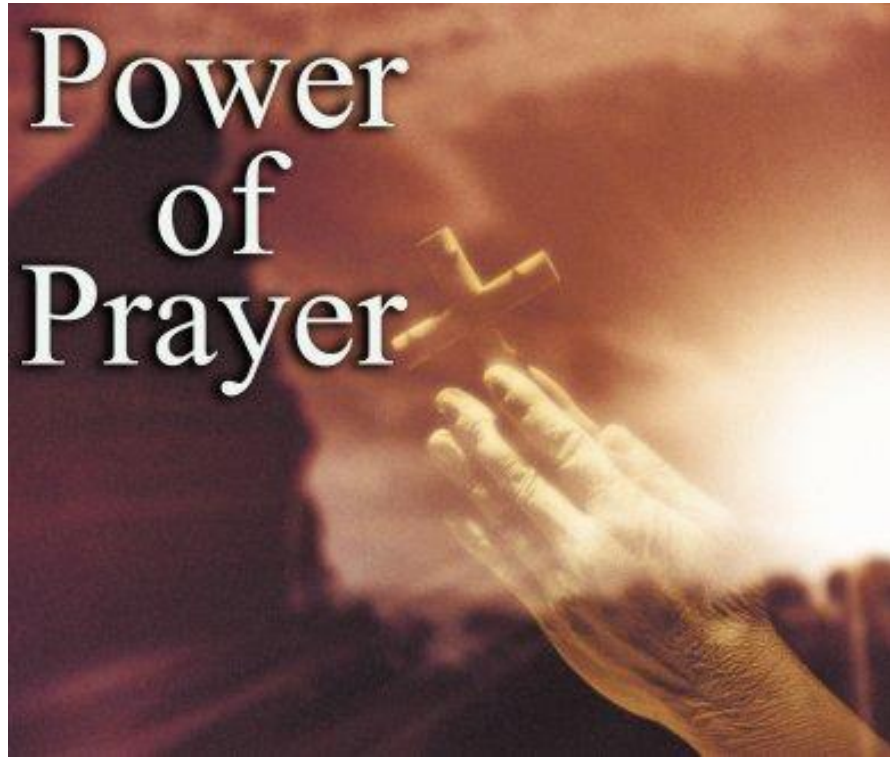
We pray for all those who are sick or sorrowful. When they suffer, we suffer with them. Revive and heal them, we pray. May your joy be their strength.

We pray for the ones who have asked for your healing touch upon their lives: Betty F., Don G., Franz and Elaine Z., Steven K., Rebecca M., Trista P., Bill MC., Dwayne M. and Andrea B., Susan A., Olivia H., Karen M., Delores B., Dale F, Rose G, Julie, Carol M., George F., Carol H., Bud W. Juanita K. Mary B. and anyone known to you, silently or aloud

Remember as well our shut-ins June, Shirley & John, Iris, Julie, Sheila, Sylvia, Anna and Jack B

It is important that we keep the prayer list and shut-in list up to date. If you know of any changes to these lists, can you please email Anne at lpbparishsecretary@gmail.com or Enrique at enrique6921@gmail.com

If you know of anyone that has asked you to pray for them let us know and we will add to the list



Prayer of Confession

Search us O God and know our hearts today
Try us and know our anxious thoughts,
see if there are any hurtful ways in us
and lead us in your loving and life-giving Way

Words of Assurance

God knows our secret fears, ignorance & selfish ways.
God forgives, forgive yourself, forgive others
Amen

Closing Prayer

God our strength and salvation, receive all we offer you today, and grant that we who have confessed your name, and received new life in baptism, may live in the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ the Lord, Amen

Doxology

Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Please click on the link to watch this week's Parish Video

This one will be on the website

<https://youtu.be/eMNtQtYtIMY>

This is an additional one from Father Justin – not on website

<https://share.icloud.com/photos/04dkdmei9gxJbxBDs-Ww6R9IA>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In house worship will begin on February 13th at St John's Port Rowan. We will let you know you know further details in the coming week.

We will only be publishing the newspaper every two weeks instead of weekly from now on.

If you have anything you would like to contribute or comment on. Any good movies you've seen or books you have read. Do you have memories you want to share? Please send them to Rev. Enrique and he can include in the newspaper.

Any birthdays/anniversaries/special occasions in February – Let me know for the newspaper. We can celebrate you and add some facts that happened on that day in history. I don't need your year of birth, just the month and date. Of course, if you have a special age birthday and want to celebrate it just let me know. If you are interested in this special occasion section, please send me details.



Sing along to this mornings Hymns

Hymn Texts – Sunday, February 6, 2022

1 – Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

1. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee:
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, holy, holy, All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
3. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

350 – Stand Up and Bless the Lord

1. Stand up and bless the Lord, you people of God's choice;
Stand up and bless the Lord of hosts with heart and soul and voice.
2. Though high above all praise, above all blessing high,
Who would not fear God's holy name, and laud and magnify?
3. O for the living flame from God's own altar brought,
To touch our lips, our minds inspire, and wing to heaven our thought!
4. God is our strength and song, who makes salvation ours;
Then be God's love in Christ proclaimed with all our ransomed powers.
5. Stand up and bless the Lord; the Lord your God adore;
Stand up and bless the glorious name henceforth for evermore.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

At this extraordinary time if you wish a telephone visit, please call Enrique. If you have any other announcements or news contact Anne Halls at the contacts below.

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