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Jesus said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life' (*John 8.12*). He draws every person to himself to experience in him unimaginable love, unconditional mercy, and peace which flows from the heart. When we bask in that light long enough, we become like him. He says to his disciples, 'You are the light of the world' (*Matthew 5.14*). We become like the 'light' and Jesus sends us out to be the light for others, drawing them closer to Christ through our own witness of life.

We have come to understand that our new Family of Parishes' Vision and Core Values serve as a Lighthouse of Jesus. He is using us as his humble servants and this simple invitation: to call everyone to Christ. Each person is able to experience his life not only in our present life, but also in eternal life.

Saint Patrick Parish, Lucan and Holy Family Parish, London (Lucan Northwest London Catholic Family of Parishes) is obediently responding to Jesus' great commission 'to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching [all] to obey everything that [He] has commanded' (*Matthew 28.19-20*).

Come and allow yourselves to be drawn by Jesus, the Light. Find in him what you can find nowhere else and in no one else. Come and see for yourselves!

What is *The Beacon*?

Jesus invites us to be **Beacons of Hope**. We do this by sharing our stories of how we are being transformed by encountering Jesus and the Holy Spirit. *The Beacon* is how we are sharing the stories of transformation from members of our community.

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Our Vision

Saint Patrick and Holy Family will become an invitational community of disciple-making disciples who have Jesus at the center of everything we believe, say, and do.

Our Core Values

Jesus calls us to be...



Warm-Hearted

We recognize every person as an image-bearer of God. By joining people in their suffering and walking with one another, we are mutually transformed by Christ's love.



Spirit-Reliant

We are dependent on the Holy Spirit's prompting and direction – that we might respond more fully to Jesus' mission to make disciples of all nations.



Scripture-Soaked

By taking time everyday with the Word of God we soak in His Word and are better able to imitate the life of Jesus. We do this because we want to know Jesus and what He wants for our life.



Repentant

We believe in right relationship with God, others, and the environment. This implies that we must own-up to our wrongdoings, ask for forgiveness from God and those who we've hurt, and do what we can to restore true peace.



Beacons of Hope

We want to be a lighthouse on a dark sea and lead souls to the safety of Jesus, the Light. We do this by sharing our stories of how Christ is transforming us.

OUR FAMILY OF PARISHES PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we praise and thank you for bringing us together as a Family of Parishes, called to be the light for the world.

We thank you for giving us a vision to become an invitational community of disciple-making disciples who have Jesus at the center of everything we believe, say, and do.

May we rely on the **Holy Spirit** to inspire us to love the **Scriptures**, to share our **faith stories**, to foster **right relationships**, and to be **warm-hearted**.

We entrust our Family of Parishes to the care of Our Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph –the Holy Family– and Saint Patrick, as we work together to bear witness to our core values and to become the people you desire us to become.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, your Son, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.

Amen.



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What is Lighthouse Living?

Lighthouse Living is choosing, by personal decision, to place Jesus at the center of your life through **The Lighthouse** - accepting the Core Values of *The Lighthouse* to become a disciple-making disciple.

FROM THE PASTOR

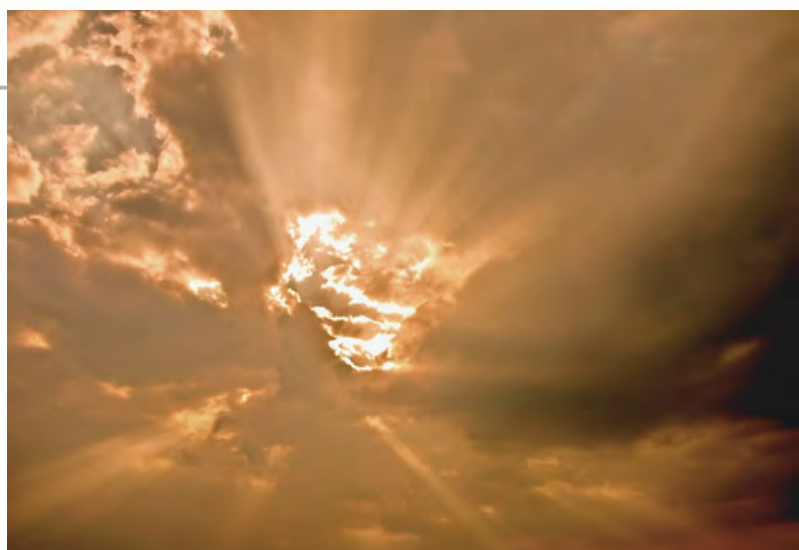
As you probably already surmised, this issue of *The Beacon* is focused on the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. What a great way to start the summer — an opportunity to reflect on the ways in which the Holy Spirit has heightened and deepened our response to the call of being disciple-making disciples who have Jesus at the center of everything we believe, say, and do!

This is truly a summer of personal reflection for all of us. To be aware of the transforming power of the Holy Spirit, we must take time for quiet reflection, spiritual inventory and intentional response.

Paul tells us in his letter to the Romans 12.2, “...be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.” Paul doesn’t tell us to transform **OUR**selves and, yet so often we try to do so through our own strength and willpower. Our call to be Disciple-making Disciples is not going to happen if we think we can just wake up one morning and “will” it! It is not **OUR** work—it is **GOD’S** work—the transforming power of the Holy Spirit!

Many years ago I was told by a very wise woman (someone for whom I was a Spiritual Director – I often wondered who directed who!) that such transformation takes place from the inside out when you stop trying to control everything and everyone, including yourself and **let the Holy Spirit take control.**

Quiet reflection can lead to a deeper understanding that nothing, absolutely nothing is under our control (unless it is in choosing which socks you will wear in the morning, and even then, some of you don’t get to choose since your spouse will choose for you!) Once this realization settles in, it is then that we can ask help from the Holy Spirit acknowledging that we cannot change on our own! Yield your control to the Holy Spirit and invite the Holy Spirit in! In brief, practice daily surrender to God!



Spiritual inventories are not easy, and we just don’t think about doing it! A spiritual inventory is like a health check-up for your soul. Taking the time to reflect on where you find growth and where you may be stuck. A spiritual inventory necessarily involves asking yourself the difficult questions: Who have I hurt? Who have I not forgiven? Am I holding onto grudges and bitterness? Do I practice an attitude of gratitude? Do I complain or blame? Do I have a bad habit that I justify in some way?

Intentional response is how we address and act upon what is revealed to us in our “quiet reflection” and “spiritual inventory”.

In this issue of *The Beacon*, you will find testimonies of how the Holy Spirit has transformed the lives of others who are just like you and me. Remember, God only has good in mind for you and everything is possible WITH God — you too can experience the transforming power of the Holy Spirit!



Fr. Thom Blondin

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INTERPRETIVE KEY TO OUR FAMILY OF PARISHES LOGO

The cosmic Christ shines throughout the universe to every land and to every person.

Symbols of Jesus as the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and End of all, sit on top of the Lighthouse.

The gold band reminds us of our 'Communion in Christ' embracing Saint Patrick & Holy Family Parishes. It also speaks to us of the gift of the Eucharist.

The stripes on the Lighthouse refer to the formation path of disciples – up toward Christ. The path equips the saints for ministry.

Turbulent seas surround the base of the Lighthouse, never to be overcome by them.

The base of the Lighthouse is open. Everyone is invited to enter on the path of encounter and formation as disciples.

Jesus is the light of the world, reaching out first to those who have not yet encountered Jesus Christ; second, to those whose Christian faith has grown cold or who are lost; and finally, to those who struggle to live faith wholeheartedly.

Jesus is our Light, our Lighthouse.

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One Knock Away From Busting Through the Door

What My Toddlers Taught Me About God

BY CHRISTINA BAHATI

Imagine the scene. Desperate for a moment alone, you decide it's time for a bio break. You enter that sacred space and prepare to recharge when, before you've even managed to sit, you see the door knob begin to turn. You've locked the door, but you know it won't be long and sure enough, the lock twists and in bursts a toddler, thrilled that they've used the unplugged prongs of the electric keyboard's cord to unlock the door. Moment of privacy? 10 seconds.

Before I had children, I taught women and couples how to track their fertility cycles using a natural system of family planning. Observations took place exclusively in the washroom and I remember mothers expressing difficulty in taking accurate observations due to the lack of personal space. "My children follow me into the bathroom and I can't always do what I need to do." At that time, I tried really hard to empathize, but I didn't get it. I couldn't understand why these women couldn't just lock the door and tell the kids they needed a minute. Now, as a mother, I get it. Kids don't fully understand boundaries until they're about 3 or 4. Even then, impulse control or lack thereof is real. And so - the parents in the room understand that sometimes, letting a child into one's personal space is more peaceful than a symphony of fists banging on a bathroom door.

What on earth does all this have to do with God and growing in the scriptures? I've been thinking lately about spiritual deserts and dry spells and how sometimes God allows these seasons to occur, but that some of us experience dry spells because we're waiting for something to happen. We're waiting for a revelation, a sign, or some kind of epiphany from heaven to fall out of the sky. We're not in the scriptures because we're not sure where to start, we want to grow but aren't sure how to do it, and we end up frustrated and feeling slightly dejected.



The first page of a brand new sketchbook.

A few scriptures come to mind. The first is a well-known verse from Matthew:

but Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs."

– Matthew 19.14

If we are supposed to be like children, it's worth taking a bit of time to reflect on the habits of children. Children depend on an adult to take care of them. And ideally, that adult is reliable. For some, life has not panned out that way, but for the sake of this illustration, let's assume this is the intended order of a parent to child relationship. I've been blessed to have front-row seats to witness the development of a child's growth and maturity. Having had four children in seven years, my eldest is now nine and, while I'm no expert in the teen years, I've seen enough of early childhood development to understand some of their basic patterns of behaviour.

When my children are hungry, they do not go to their rooms and distract themselves or hope that I'll come find them and ask them philosophical questions about where their hunger comes from. No. My children begin to demand that I feed them. Most of the time, we're on a schedule so they are fed and satisfied before a meltdown can transpire.

Read the rest of the story on Christina's Substack...

cbahati.substack.com/p/one-knock-away-from-busting-through





From Fearful Fishermen to Fearless Witnesses: How Pentecost Changed Everything

BY NIKITA FONSECA

Before Pentecost: Fear Behind Locked Doors

Following the crucifixion, the disciples were not the bold evangelists we often imagine. Scripture tells us that they gathered behind locked doors "for fear of the Jewish leaders" (cf. John 20.19). Their teacher had been crucified, their hopes seemed shattered, and they feared they might be next. These were not fearless heroes preparing to change the world but frightened followers wondering what came next. Into that uncertainty, Jesus appeared among them and spoke words they desperately needed to hear: "Peace be with you" (cf. John 20.19). He then breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit" (cf. John 20.22). Yet the dramatic transformation we associate with the apostles had not fully taken place. That moment would come at Pentecost after the Ascension.

Pentecost Changes Everything

The Book of Acts tells us that the disciples were gathered together when "suddenly there came from heaven a sound as of a violent wind" that filled the house where they were sitting (cf. Acts 2.2). Then, "tongues as of fire" appeared and rested upon each of them (cf. Acts 2.3). These signs were not merely symbolic; they marked the arrival of the Holy Spirit, promised by Jesus before His Ascension.

Scripture tells us that "all of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak different languages as the Spirit enabled them, and gave them the power to express themselves" (cf. Acts 2.4). Pilgrims from across the known world had gathered in Jerusalem during that first Pentecost, and they were astonished to hear the disciples proclaiming "the marvels of God" in their own native languages (cf. Acts 2.11).

Something had changed. The men and women who had once hidden in fear were no longer hiding. The uncertainty and fear that had defined those days after the Crucifixion gave way to courage, conviction, and purpose. Filled with the Holy Spirit, the disciples were transformed from fearful followers into bold witnesses, ready to share the Good News with the world.

What Does Transformation Actually Look Like?

The events of Pentecost were breathtaking and powerful - wind, fire, and the gift of tongues - but the true miracle was not what happened around the disciples. It was what happened within them.

Following the coming of the Holy Spirit, the disciples emerged from the room where they had gathered and began proclaiming the Gospel publicly. No longer paralyzed by fear or uncertainty, they spoke with confidence and conviction about the risen Christ. Their testimonies were so powerful that about three thousand people were baptized that very day (cf. Acts 2.41). The Holy Spirit did not simply comfort the disciples in their fear; He transformed them into courageous witnesses, capable of carrying Christ's message to the ends of the earth.

This transformation is one of the central themes of Pentecost. The disciples were still the same people, yet something fundamental had changed. They had encountered the power and presence of God in a new way, and that encounter shaped everything that followed.



image from *The Chosen*

Mary Magdalene and "The In Between"

This idea of transformation is beautifully captured in *The Chosen* through the character of Mary Magdalene. Reflecting on her encounter with Jesus, she says:

**"I was one way, and now I am completely different.
He was the in between."**

The line resonates with so many because it expresses a truth found throughout Scripture. It could easily have been spoken by the disciples after Pentecost. Before encountering the risen Christ and receiving the Holy Spirit, they were fearful, uncertain, and hesitant. Afterwards, they were bold, joyful, and filled with purpose.

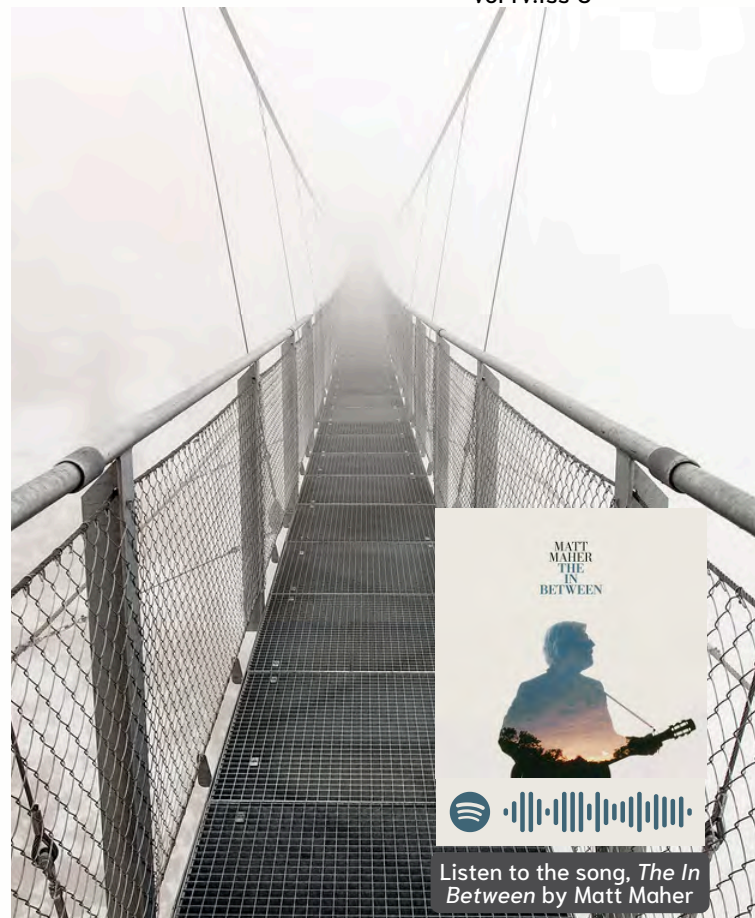
At its heart, Pentecost is a story of transformation. Again and again, we see ordinary people encounter God and emerge changed. The disciples experienced it. Mary Magdalene experienced it. Countless saints throughout history have experienced it. And we are invited to experience it as well.

The Same Invitation Is Given to Us

There is a common saying in Christian discipleship: "We cannot encounter Jesus and remain unchanged." Some might also say, "We cannot encounter Jesus - or the Holy Spirit, and not be transformed."

While the transformation described in Scripture can seem extraordinary, it is often lived out in ordinary ways - like finding courage during a difficult season, growing deeper in faith, or choosing hope when despair feels easier. Sometimes transformation is immediate; more often, it unfolds gradually over time.

Like the Apostles, we are all works in progress. Transformation is not a single moment but an ongoing process through which the Holy Spirit shapes us into the people God calls us to be. Through prayer, the sacraments, Scripture, and daily acts of faith, the Holy Spirit continues to guide, strengthen, and renew disciples (us) today.



Listen to the song, *The In Between* by Matt Maher

What Is Your "In Between"?

Matt Maher's song "The In Between", inspired by Mary Magdalene's words in *The Chosen*, returns to a simple yet profound refrain:

**"I was one way,
but now I'm different."**

Those words invite each of us to reflect on our own journey of faith.

Where have you experienced God's transforming presence in your life?

How has Christ been "the in between" between who you once were and who he is inviting you to become?

Where might the Holy Spirit be inviting you to grow, change, or trust more deeply today?

The same Holy Spirit who descended upon the apostles at Pentecost, transforming frightened followers into fearless witnesses, continues to work in the Church today. Pentecost is not merely an event from the past. It is an invitation that remains open to each of us - a reminder that God is still transforming lives, one heart at a time. 

My Lighthouse Experience: Growing in faith, being transformed by the Holy Spirit



BY MELAD MARBEEN

I am grateful and blessed to be part of Lighthouse and to have participated in the disciple-making formation process through the CCO (Catholic Christian Outreach) Faith Studies. Through Fr. Bob Remark's invitation, I heard a call to become a disciple and joined the Third Formation Group at Holy Family Parish.

Looking back, I am reminded that God does not simply call the equipped — He equips those He calls. As Scripture says,

**"Now may the God of peace...
equip you with everything good
for doing His will."**

— Hebrews 13.20–21

I believe Jesus called me to attend these sessions, and through the work of the Holy Spirit, He gave me the strength and commitment to continue throughout the past 2 ½ years. As Scripture says, "He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it" (1 Thessalonians 5.24).

Through the study materials, participation in group discussions, praying together, worshipping together, and encouraging one another, I received strength and encouragement and experienced spiritual growth both personally and within the community. The formation process helped me become more confident in speaking about Jesus and sharing His love with others.

Jesus calls all believers to be His witnesses, and I believe that through the formation process and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, I have become more aware of the spiritual needs of others and more willing to share the comfort, peace and hope that Christ offers. I have also been blessed by praying with fellow believers and supporting others through prayer, both within and beyond our group.

For anyone considering joining our Disciple-making Formation Process, I encourage you not to wait for the "perfect time." There is no perfect time because Jesus is always calling us to follow Him and participate in His work. As Jesus said, **"Follow me"** (cf. Matthew 4.19).

If you are concerned about your schedule or whether you are ready, do not be afraid. God will provide what you need. Jesus assures us in Matthew 6.33: "Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

I am deeply grateful for our parish, our priests and all the Lighthouse leaders and members who have accompanied me on this journey. Through their support, I have grown in faith and experienced the transforming work of the Holy Spirit. My prayer is that I will continue to live out the Lighthouse values, keep Jesus at the center of my life, and faithfully answer His call to discipleship. I also pray that many others will answer God's call and take every opportunity to be equipped for His service. 🙏



CCO is a Catholic movement raising up Christ-centered, Spirit-filled leaders to evangelize the world one person at a time.

Learn more at cco.ca

Being Transformed and Commissioned



BY ROSE NADEAU

How have you been transformed by becoming Commissioned* – becoming a Disciple-making Disciple?

Looking back, the greatest gift the Lighthouse Formation Process has given me is a deep thirst for the Word of God. It has inspired me to read Scripture every day and to spend time prayerfully meditating on it.

Through Lectio Divina, I have learned not only to speak to God, but also to listen to Him speaking personally to my heart through His Word. Hearing the other members of our group share how God has spoken to them through Scripture has helped me to understand the Word of God more deeply and to appreciate how alive and relevant it is in our daily lives.

My two and a half years with the Formation Process have shown me the importance and value of reading God's Word each day. It has encouraged me to become more Spirit-filled and Scripture-soaked, allowing God's Word to shape my thoughts, my prayers, and my daily life. 🙏

"Commissioned Members" of our Disciple-making Formation Process have journeyed with us over 2-3 years, growing in their faith and relationship with Jesus and the Holy Spirit to become disciple-making disciples who have Jesus at the center of everything they believe, say, and do.

A prayer for the grace to desire God's word

Lord, your words are spirit and truth.
Your words are love and light.
Your words encompass all goodness;
may I hunger for them day and night.

Your words are spirit and truth;
they give us all we need.
Help me to read it daily.
Help me share it and spread the seed.

Grant me the grace, oh Lord
Set my heart on fire.
Grant me the grace to hunger for it;
may it be my only desire.

Help me to ponder it frequently—
every night and all day long.
As I ponder it day and night,
May it flood my soul with song.

Fill me to the brim, oh Lord.
Let your words come alive in me.
Let your words be the food
that will lead me to eternity.

May your words be a light on my path.
May they be my true food.
May your words live in me,
and may I always live in you.

May your word be the light on my path;
with them, I will never be lost.
You died to bring me your word;
your life was the cost.

May I read it constantly
each day, through and through.
Your words bring healing
and forgiveness; they are ever true.

Grant me the grace to open
your book and read it every day.
May I open my heart to listen
to your voice each step of the way.

I need to make your words
a priority. I need to put them first
When I read your words of love,
my heart hunger and thirst

Your words fill my heart
with faith, hope, love, and joy.
Your words are powerful,
your words no one can destroy

Teach me the value of your words;
your promises I will receive.
If only I stay true to your word.
If only I truly believe.

I love you, Jesus.
I want to love you more and more.
I want to know you
love you and serve you
and see your face
at heavens door.

By Rose Nadeau

Scripture

Man can not live on bread Alone
but on every word that comes
from the mouth of God.

Matthew 4:4



Alpha at Ark Aid Mission: Answering the Holy Spirit's call

BY JOHN RYAN

Jenn Devlin was initially reluctant when she was asked to help run an **Alpha** series at an Ark Aid Mission shelter in London's Old East Village.

A group of volunteers asked Jenn to join them for the 11-week program that explores Christianity and cultivates opportunities for people to encounter Jesus at Ark Aid's Cronyn-Warner shelter for 70 unhoused people in a former Anglican church on William Street.

A longtime parishioner of Holy Family Parish, Jenn was part of the first group to complete The Lighthouse Disciple-making Formation Process and has helped run many Alpha programs in the parish.

Jenn wasn't sure the opportunity to bring Alpha to people living on the margins in London was for her.

"I kind of thought I was done with this, but then I received an invitation from (the Holy Spirit)," she said.

Jenn also reflected on her experience of volunteering at a soup kitchen.

"I think you need to say yes, (the Holy Spirit) is calling you," she told herself. "I know how good Alpha is and how it can transform people."

The Holy Spirit helped the team of six people persevere when only two people at the shelter signed up for the course that began in January after invitations along with homemade cookies were distributed.

"Let's just go to opening night and see what happens," Jenn said of the group's attitude. "If people are meant to be there they will be there."

Nine people showed up on the first night, and 16 on the second night. Turnout ranged from 13 to 16 people in the following weeks, including three people who attended every week.

"We could have given up but everyone was all in," Jenn said.

Along with being **Spirit-Reliant**, one of the Core Values at Saint Patrick Parish, Lucan and Holy Family Parish, London, the volunteers running the program also were **Beacons of Hope**, she said.

"Just being there and listening," Jenn said. "We had really good talks about Scripture."

"Having an opportunity to listen to them on a weekly basis was truly amazing."

The experience provided another window for Jenn into the challenges facing Londoners who don't have a permanent home.

Jenn says she continues to journey with two people who took the Alpha at Ark Aid. She visits with them, both of whom have found places to live.

One is a man who lives in the micro-shelter opened by the city in January near an industrial park in southeast London. He shares with Jenn the challenges of trying to find a job while living in the shelter that is poorly served by public transit and far from potential employers.

"I pick him up and we go for coffee," Jenn said.

Other volunteers also are staying in touch with people they met at the shelter, she says.

"I hope it can continue," she says of the Alpha series at the shelter. "The Ark was very open for it. They felt it was good for the residents." 🙏



What is Alpha?

Alpha is an 11-week series that answers life's big questions by introducing Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

more info at: wearelighthouse.ca/alpha

Ark Aid Street Mission Inc. is a ministry organization in the London Old East Village that is dedicated to helping anyone in their time of need, regardless of colour, race or creed. [Learn more... \(arkaidmission.ca\)](https://arkaidmission.ca)

Transformation Happens, One Step at-a-Time

BY FR. MATTHEW SAWYER

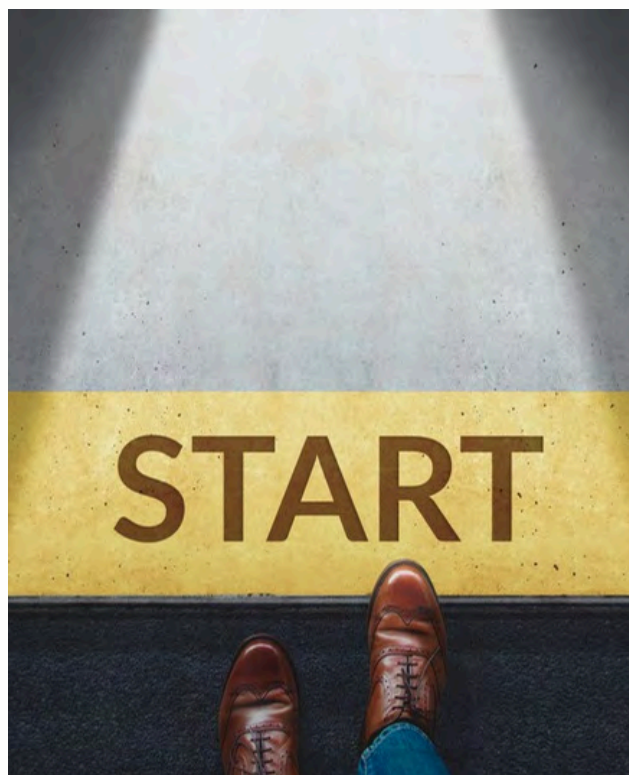
I can't believe it has already been 2 years since I've been ordained to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ. It feels like no time has passed at all since I was in the middle of classes, exams, and projects and yet it feels like a lifetime has flown by as well. To think of the Matthew who was stuck in Seminary and comparing it now to Fr. Matthew at the threshold of his second assignment as a priest, is hard to recognize them as the same person.

I bet if you looked at yourselves, of where you were 2 years ago, and compared yourself now, you would notice a difference as well! Growth is a natural part of life. Like all people however, we can get frustrated when that growth is hard to see. Maybe we didn't grow quite as tall as we would have liked, maybe we messed up at school or work more than we would have liked or maybe our prayer life is still at the beginning stages no matter how hard we try to find time to pray. We can often compare ourselves to the people around us and that may make us feel even worse.

Just because a flower is late to bloom, doesn't mean it's any less important than any of the other flowers in the garden and doesn't mean it won't be just as beautiful when it does. We live in a world that always wants immediate results, but that's not how God designed us. We know from building things, that a good strong foundation will help the building last for a long time. I know that God always wants us to start with a strong foundation so that the transformation we go through, will last.

So, if you're not praying for hours at a time like the Saints we read about did, that's okay. If your prayer life isn't like your mom or dad's or your friend's, that's okay too. We all start from somewhere. Our faith journey belongs to us, not to anyone else. We just need to start.

Today, I encourage you to pray. Start with 5 minutes. Tell the Lord about your day, spend some time in silence with Him. Then do it again the next day, and the next, and then the next. Habits change us; they transform us. If you already pray every day, I encourage you to add 5 more minutes of silent prayer to your day. Hopefully once those habits take hold, you can add more time. Transformation is always a dramatic and explosive thing, sometimes the biggest changes happen in the subtle moments of our day, in our quiet habits. Let's continue to be open to growth and transformation in our spiritual lives, brothers and sisters, one small step at-a-time. 





Encounter Him as a Family of Faith

BY MICHAEL BRANDON

Family Prayer Gathering is held at Holy Family Parish on the last Friday of every month from 7:00-8:30pm. Last month on Friday, June 26, was our first Family Prayer Gathering — an opportunity to gather with other families and bring all the present and absent family members before Jesus, surrendering themselves to Him, to His Divine Mercy and Perfect Love.

Our next gathering will be held on July 31.

Family Prayer Gathering is an evening of Praise and Worship, Scripture reflection on the Gospel of the coming Sunday. It also includes a time of Eucharistic Adoration, with silent prayer and a time of guided intercessory prayer.

It is a time to offer gratitude for our family members and a prayerful surrender of those of our family who have abandoned the faith, or are otherwise struggling with life issues, to the Eucharistic Lord Jesus. Our gatherings are open to the whole family either in-person or in the heart of those family members who can attend.

Do you have family members you are concerned about, whether it is children who are resisting your guidance or siblings and other family members who have turned away from your family values? And what about those who are struggling financially, trying to make ends meet? How many have loved ones struggling with the many destructive addictions plaguing our society? Who does not have one or more loved ones whose lives are at risk due to mental and/or physical health issues? Do you have loved ones who by all accounts seem to be doing well, but you have concerns that they are still not immune to the lures of the world and its empty promises?

God, who knows all and sees all, wants to be the first place we turn to for help in times of trouble. He wants to be our go-to, not our fall-back. He tells us in the book of Proverbs 3.5, “**Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight.**”

For good measure, in the New Testament, we have Philippians 4.6-7, “**Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.**”

Come, bring your loved ones with you, either in-person, or in the depths of your heart, and surrender yourself and your loved ones to the Sacred Heart of Our Saviour. Let His Peace wash over you as His Love embraces you.

You can prepare yourself and your family for surrender to Him with your own, or the following prayers: 

May the Light of Christ be on all my family and their loved ones, so they see themselves as the Heavenly Father sees them, and that I see them as the Heavenly Father sees them.

May the Light of Christ be on me, so I see myself as the Heavenly Father sees me, and that all my family and their loved ones see me as the Heavenly Father sees me.

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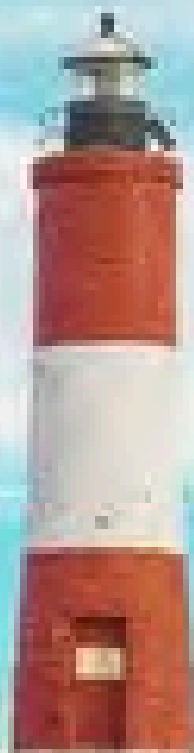
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