They had beheld with admiration the incomparable beauty of John’s mode of life: the splendor of his conduct; the unparalleled and surpassing excellence of his piety. For so great and admirable was he, that even the Jewish populace began to conjecture whether he were not himself the Christ, Whom the law had described to them in shadows, and the holy prophets had before proclaimed. Inasmuch therefore as some ventured on this conjecture, he at once cuts away their surmise, declining as a servant the honors due to the Master, and transferring the glory to Him Who transcends all, even to Christ. For he knew that He is faithful unto those that serve Him. And what he acknowledges is in very deed the truth: for between God and man the distance is immeasurable. “Ye yourselves, there, he says, bear me witness that I said I am not the Christ, but that I am sent before Him.” But where shall we find the holy Baptist thus speaking? In the Gospel of John, who has thus spoken concerning him; “And this is the testimony of John when the scribes and Pharisees at Jerusalem sent to ask him whether he were the Christ. And he confessed, and denied not, and said, that I am not the Christ, but am he that is sent before Him. Great therefore and admirable in very deed is the forerunner, who was the dawning before the Savior’s meridian splendor, the precursor of the spiritual daylight, beautiful as the morning star, and called of God the Father a torch.

St. Cyril, Patriarch of Alexandria
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On behalf of all of us who work in the Office of Campus Ministry, please accept our thanks for the many contributions which you have made to our parish and to our outreach in the broader community. Please note that we have now entered into a different phase of ministry, necessitating us being frequently away from the office. Daily Masses are discontinued until the beginning of September. As programming has all but ended for the summer and, as it is good to save trees, we will attempt to print bulletins every second week. Updates will be provided electronically at http://www.kings.uwo.ca/campus-ministry/bulletin/

Again, be assured of our prayers. Michael Béchard (Rev.)

RETURN TO THE NORTH: Father Béchard and a dozen students will travel to Lake Athabasca region again this week to assist with the First Nations’ pilgrimage to Pine Channel. They will return on July 11, 2018. During his absence, the community is grateful for the Sunday ministry of Father Mark Sargent.

COFFEE SOCIAL: Christ the King University Parish will be hosting a gathering on June 24, 2018 for coffee and sweets following the 10:30 AM Eucharist. We hope that many of you will be able to join us in the parish hall.

PASTORAL COUNSELLING: Deacon Jim Panchaud, MSW is open to receiving individuals and couples from our faith community and members of the wider community for Pastoral Counselling. If you would like to setup an appointment to see him, please contact him by phone at 519-963-1477 ext. 4340 or by e-mail at jim.panchaud@kings.uwo.ca. There are no fees for this service.

THANK YOU! June 24, 2018 marks the last Mass before the summer break that the choir will be leading music. In the summer months, music will be led by a cantor and a pianist. The choir will return in September. To the singers and instrumentalists - thank you so much for your generosity of time and talent in enhancing the worship of our community here at Christ the King University Parish. Are you interested in joining the choir in September? If you sing or play an instrument and would like to share your talent with our worshipping community, then we would love to hear from you. Although having previous experience is always helpful, it is definitely not a requirement. Contact Janet Loo at 519-433-3491 ext. 4528 or janet.loo@kings.uwo.ca for more information.

LIVING FAITH RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS: The Sisters of St. Joseph are pleased to announce Living Faith, a retreat for young adults, men and women aged 18 to 39. Taking place in North Bay, August 24 to 26, 2018, it is a project of the Sisters from the three Congregations of the Federation: Toronto, Sault Ste. Marie and the CSJs in Canada. For further information, please contact Kataryna Ryba at 416-467-2645.

RETOUVAILLE WEEKEND: Retrouvaille offers help and hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Please contact Retrouvaille for more information or to register for the August program beginning with a weekend from August 24 to 26th, 2018. Please call 519-243-0687 or email retrouvaillelondonstthomas@gmail.com or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.

JOB OPPORTUNITY: St. Peter’s Cathedral Basilica is seeking a conductor for the Contemporary Choir Sunday evening 7:30 PM Mass. The position requires excellent choral leadership with a knowledge of Catholic Liturgical music. The applicant will conduct weekly rehearsals to prepare hymns and choir anthems and work in collaboration with the Director of Liturgical Music. Applicants should possess a Bachelor of Music degree or equivalent, personal qualities of good organization, responsibility, collaboration, positive attitude and the ability to work effectively with people. This is a part time position of 6-8 hours each week to begin September 1, 2018. Applicants should submit a resume to Brian Galea at bgalea@dol.ca by July 6, 2018. For further information, please call 519-432-3475.
CONGRATULATIONS are extended to Olivia and Elizabeth Fung, daughters of Corinne Coulter & Charles Fung, as they celebrate their baptisms with us June 24, 2018. We pray Olivia and Elizabeth grow in the wisdom and knowledge of the Lord and that their family provide them with a witness of God’s love throughout their lives.

In the coming months, the following couples will be celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage. Please remember them in your prayers, that God strengthen them in faith and love.

Adam Newton and Rachel Welch (July 7, 2018)
Shawn McIntosh and Estefania Rojas (July 21, 2018)
Amadea Setiabudhi and Julien Patel (August 3, 2018)
Omar Saade and Sara Attard (August 25, 2018)
Ali Neves and Zack Fitzmaurice (October 6, 2018)

Saint Peter and Saint Paul (Apostles)

One of the oldest saints’ days in Rome, June 29 was dedicated to the memory of the apostles Peter and Paul as early as the fourth century. This day the church remembers two disciples who differed greatly in style and background, but who shared a tireless energy in spreading the gospel.

Rough-hewn and impulsive Peter left his fishing nets immediately to answer Jesus’ call. Later, during the passion of Jesus, Peter made his denials just as impulsively, though he had pledged his loyalty to Jesus only that evening. Receiving Christ’s gracious forgiveness after the resurrection, Peter went on to become the rock-steady and faithful leader of the disciples. Imprisoned three or four times, he eventually was crucified during the reign of Nero. Legend has it that he was hung on the cross head down because he told the soldiers that he was not worthy to die in the same manner as Christ.

Once Paul, who had been a rigid and violent persecutor of Christians, experienced the love of Christ, he grew meek—though never shy. He founded many churches and was able to affirm the fledgling communities of believers even while he was admonishing them. Paul’s writings are the first Christian scriptures; they are older than the gospels. After many imprisonments, Paul was executed during the reign of Nero. Since he was a Roman citizen, he was beheaded instead of crucified.

Coastal countries like Chile and Paraguay remember Peter the fisherman with nautical parades. In Hungary and in rural England, people braid straw from the wheat harvest into crosses and crowns to honor the two martyr saints.

July 1 is celebrated as Canada’s birthday. Canadians should seek to be witnesses to Christ in Canada and the world, and to continue working to influence those in government to act from Christian principles and attitudes.

Christians, realizing they do not have a lasting home here, should pray and work for justice and peace in Canada and throughout the world, so that all God’s people may share in the goods of this earth. God’s Kingdom will continue only when all people are ready to let Christ’s teaching guide and rule their lives and actions.
The place where we gather for worship and mission is situated on the traditional territories of the Anishinaabeg, Haudenosaunee, Lunaapeewak and Attawandaron peoples who have longstanding relationships to the land and region of southwestern Ontario and the City of London.

VERITAS SERIES FOR FAITH AND CULTURE 2018-2019

Through the Veritas series, King’s endeavors to foster learning and dialogue by gathering scholars, artists and activists who support and challenge us in living lives of faith and justice in the 21st century. The coming year’s series will be dedicated to looking at how we might be agents of healing and justice where there is division and animosity. We hope that many will join us for these gatherings and we encourage you to set aside time in your calendars. This coming year, we will welcome:

Susan Aglukark  
Juno Award Winning Inuk Singer/Songwriter  
Chair of Arctic Rose Foundation  
September 20, 2018

Dr. Tim O’Malley  
McGrath Institute for Church Life  
University of Notre Dame  
Indiana, USA  
October 18, 2018

Archbishop Don Bolen  
Archbishop of Regina  
Regina, Saskatchewan  
January 17, 2019

Sr. Teresa Maya, CCVI  
Leadership Conference of Women Religious  
San Antonio, Texas  
February 7, 2019

Joseph Cardinal Tobin  
Archbishop of Newark  
New Jersey, USA  
November 21, 2018  
Annual Christ the King Lecture

Dr. Murray Watson  
Catholic Biblical Scholar and Interfaith Leader  
Barrie, Ontario  
February 28, 2019

Dr. Catherine Clifford  
Professor, Saint Paul University  
Ottawa, Ontario  
March 21, 2019

Kids4Peace  
Jerusalem  
March 28-29, 2019

Dr. Benjamin Muller  
Associate Professor, King’s University College  
London, Ontario  
April 4, 2019