



# *Our Lady of the Assumption*

## *Roman Catholic Church*

*Mission ~ St. John the Evangelist, Keene, Ontario*



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*Pastor: Monsignor Michael Heffernan C.H.H.*

*Permanent Deacon: Rev. Mr. Paul Dunford*

### **Weekend Holy Mass Schedule:**

#### *Our Lady of the Assumption*

Saturday 4:00 p.m. in the fall & winter and  
5:00 p.m. in the spring & summer.  
(Times will switch at Seasonal time change)

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

#### *St. John the Evangelist*

Keene, Ontario

Sunday 10:30 a.m.

### **Weekday Holy Mass Schedule:**

#### *Our Lady of the Assumption*

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday 8:00 a.m.  
Tuesday 6:30 p.m. for the first two Tuesdays  
of the month and 8:00 a.m. for all others  
Friday 7:00 p.m.

#### *Adoration and Benediction*

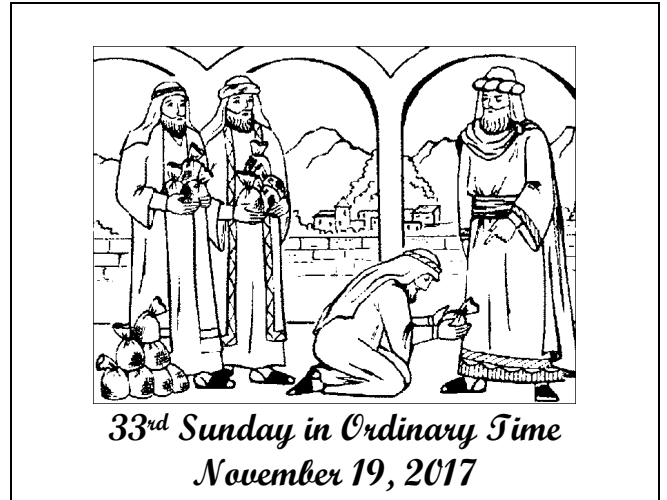
**Every Friday** from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.  
followed by Holy Mass at 7:00 p.m.

#### **NEW PARISHIONERS—**

**Have you registered in our Parish?**  
**“Parish Census” Forms can be found**  
**at the back of the Churches. Please introduce**  
**yourself to Fr. Michael and welcome!**

#### **Reminder -**

**If you or a family member is in the**  
**hospital and you would like the priest at**  
**Our Lady of the Assumption to contact you,**  
**please phone the office.**



Parish Office: Phone: (705) 741-1018

**Secretary: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and**  
**Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

#### **Catholic Women's League:**

► President: Anna Marie Bolin  
(705)742-8249

#### **Knights of Columbus:**

► Grand Knight: Peter Clancy  
(705)748-3075

**Marriage:** Registered Parishioners must  
contact the Parish Office twelve months before  
the proposed Wedding date. No date for a  
Wedding can be set before a couple has met  
with the Priest.

**Baptism:** Please speak with Fr. Michael about  
this after any of the Masses. Preparation  
course is required.

#### **Reconciliation:**

Saturday: 7:30 – 8:00 a.m. & 3:30 – 3:50 p.m.  
Sunday: 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

You may also ask Father at **ANYTIME**

**MOVING?** Please let the office know of your  
move from this parish. In addition, an  
address change is required for sending out  
the year's tax receipts.



**MASS INTENTIONS**

**November 20– November 26**

**MONDAY, November 20**

*St. Felix of Valois*

8:00 a.m. + Edgar & Rita Welch and Gladys Davis

(Ironside Family)

**TUESDAY, November 21**

*Presentation of Mary*

8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention

**WEDNESDAY, November 22**

*St. Cecilia*

8:00 a.m. ~ Mark & Jillien Ironside and family

(Family)

**THURSDAY, November 23**

*St. Clement I, St. Columban*

*Bl. Miguel Pro*

8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention

**FRIDAY, November 24**

*St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions*

6:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00 p.m. + Gerry Doherty

(Edward & Anne Lynch)

**SATURDAY, November 25**

*St. Catherine of Alexandria*

8:00 a.m. ~ Rick & Barb Hilts

(Marrocco Family)

**SUNDAY, November 26**

*Christ the King*

4:00 p.m. (Sat.) ~ Missa Pro Populo

9:00 a.m. + Mike & Glenn O'Brien

(Their Family)

10:30 a.m. + Johanna Verhoeven

(Family)



**Operation Christmas Child**

We extend our thanks to all who packed boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Fifty-one boxes were returned to the parish and will aid in bringing joy to many needy families. God bless you for responding so generously.

**Chalice**

Please consider giving gifts from the Chalice catalogue this Christmas. Your purchase would aid families living in poverty. Go to their website at <http://www.chalice.ca> under 'Ways to Give'.



**Saint Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions**

Andrew Dung-Lac, a Catholic convert ordained to the priesthood, was one of 117 people martyred in Vietnam between 1820 and 1862. Members of the companions group gave their lives for Christ in the 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries, and received beatification during four different occasions between 1900 and 1951.



Christianity came to Vietnam through the Portuguese. Jesuits opened the first permanent mission at Da Nang in 1615. They ministered to Japanese Catholics who had been driven from Japan.

Severe persecutions were launched at least three times in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. During the six decades after 1820, between 100,000 and 300,000 Catholics were killed or subjected to great hardship. Foreign missionaries martyred in the first wave included priests of the Paris Mission Society, and Spanish Dominican priests and tertiaries.

In 1832, Emperor Minh-Mang banned all foreign missionaries, and tried to make all Vietnamese deny their faith by trampling on a crucifix. Like the priest-holes in Ireland during English persecution, many hiding places were offered in homes of the faithful.

Persecution broke out again in 1847, when the emperor suspected foreign missionaries and Vietnamese Christians of sympathizing with a rebellion led by one of his sons.

The last of the martyrs were 17 laypersons, one of them a 9-year-old, executed in 1862. That year a treaty with France guaranteed religious freedom to Catholics, but it did not stop all persecution. By 1954, there were over a million Catholics—about seven percent of the population—in the north. Buddhists represented about 60 percent. Persistent persecution forced some 670,000 Catholics to abandon lands, homes and possessions and flee to the south. In 1964, there were still 833,000 Catholics in the north, but many were in prison. In the south, Catholics were enjoying the first decade of religious freedom in centuries, their numbers swelled by refugees.

During the Vietnamese war, Catholics again suffered in the north, and again moved to the south in great numbers.

In June 1988, Pope John Paul II declared 117 Vietnamese martyrs saints of the Church.

Feast Day: November 24<sup>th</sup> [www.franciscanmedia.org](http://www.franciscanmedia.org)

**Christ the King**

LAY MINISTRY

Sat 4:00 p.m.

Sun 9:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Eucharistic

Joanne Bolton

Judy Lukes

Rose Wornoff

Lector

Roddy Turpin

Bob Holland

Carolyn Doris

**November 26, 2017**

Gift Bearers

Paul & Catherine Kelly

Al & Valerie Collicutt

Bonnie & John Kuharski

## C.W.L. News



LADIES Come and join us for our  
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON on  
Wed, Dec 6<sup>th</sup> at the Parish Hall. Mass

is at 11:30 a.m. with the luncheon to follow.

Come enjoy a turkey dinner with all the trimmings. The cost is \$17.00. This is a catered event so it is necessary to know how many will be attending - PLEASE contact Valerie Collicutt at (705) 748-5237 to let us know if you are attending. COME OUT AND ENJOY THE CHRISTMAS SEASON WITH YOUR FRIENDS.

At the luncheon, we will be having a draw for \$25. All who have paid their CWL membership by Dec 6<sup>th</sup> will have their names entered in the draw. Membership envelopes come in your 2018 envelope box set or you may use an ordinary envelope and mark CWL Membership and write your full name and mailing address.

## Knights of Columbus News



**Memorial Mass** - Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> - St. Martin's  
Ennismore - 11:00 a.m. Mass

Knights of Columbus Sponsored **Parish Christmas**

**Dinner** Friday Nov 24 ... Turkey with all the trimmings.

6 pm - Social 7 pm - Dinner followed by Entertainment.

## Are you able to help?

Sally Rye, of **One Roof Diner**, a community from St. John's Anglican Church which provides meals & food for the poor & homeless of Peterborough **ASKED FOR OUR HELP**. We in turn are opening it to all the parish. They are in desperate need of basic essentials: **Hats, mitts, scarves, socks, baby clothes, women & men's hygiene products, mugs, cutlery etc.** There will be a box in the alcove of both churches for several weekends and a box at our annual CWL Christmas luncheon for donations. **PLEASE BE GENEROUS** and the CWL appreciates your help. **THANK YOU!** Any concerns please call Joanne Bolton 705-313-6750

## The Return of the Flying Fathers

The Peterborough Vocations Office announces the return of the Flying Fathers! The Lord has raised up a new generation of hockey playing priests who will compete at the **Ennismore** arena on **Mon, Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> at 6pm**, featuring two priests from our diocese, Fr. John Perdue and Fr. Paul Patrick. Tickets can be purchased

at [www.ptbovocations.ca/hockey](http://www.ptbovocations.ca/hockey) or at the Vocations Office (JP II House) on Tues. or Thurs. 8:30-4:30.

Tickets - \$15 each, under 12 free Call [705-874-1871](tel:705-874-1871)



## Sacred Heart Annual Christmas Turkey Supper

Delicious Turkey, potatoes, dressing etc.. **Sun, Nov 26<sup>th</sup>**  
at 5:00 pm Tickets Adults \$15.00 Children (6-12) \$7.00  
Tickets are available by calling Jan 705-868-6307

*Offertory Thank you for your generosity*

Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> Offertory: Env. \$1636.00 + Loose  
\$264.00  
= \$1900.00 Fuel: \$95.00 St. Vincent de  
Paul: \$5.00

## Myanmar Crisis Relief Fund

The crisis in Myanmar has resulted in the influx of an additional 816,000 Rohingya refugees into Bangladesh since August, the majority being women and children. This has triggered a humanitarian emergency on such a scale that concerted international action is urgently required.

In order to address this situation, Canada launched the Myanmar Crisis Relief Fund on October 31, 2017. For every eligible donation made by individuals to registered Canadian charities before **November 28, 2017**, the Government of Canada will contribute an equivalent amount to the Myanmar Crisis Relief Fund.

Fr. Andre Boyer, a Missionary Oblate of Mary Immaculate will preach an **Advent Mission** at Immaculate Conception Parish entitled:

### MARY, MODEL OF CONTEMPLATION

Day 1: **Wed, Dec 6<sup>th</sup>** @ 1 p.m. and repeated at 7 p.m.

Topics: a) Personal Witness of his devotion to Mary

b) What is Contemplation + Contemplative

Prayer?

Day 2: **Thurs. Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>** @ 1 p.m. & repeated at 7 p.m.

Topics: a) Mary as model of Contemplative Prayer

b) How St. Anne, mother of Mary prepared her

young daughter to be mother of Jesus and model of Contemplative Prayers

Anyone interested in preparing their minds, hearts & souls for celebrating the birth of Christ are more than welcome & strongly encouraged to attend. Feel free to bring a friend. There will be a free will offering.

## HOLY MASS IN SPANISH IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE Sun, Dec 10<sup>th</sup>

@ 6:00 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Church, 300

Wilson St. Potluck Dinner after the Mass in the

basement. Everyone is welcome. For more

information, please call 705- 745-7631

Email: [office@stjohnpeterborough.ca](mailto:office@stjohnpeterborough.ca)

## Sacred Heart Memorial Wish Tree:

The Annual Candlelight Memorial Mass is on **Sat, Dec 16<sup>th</sup> at 5p.m.** at Sacred Heart Church, 208 Romaine St. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Miehm. Please consider lighting a candle in honour of your friends & family. Flyers are available from the Parish Office at 745-7631. Donations for Sacred Heart Building Fund.

## Sisters in Christ Retreat

The Sisters in Christ 'Wonderwomen' Retreat will take place **November 24-26** at the Villa St. Joseph in Cobourg. Between great discussions about the faith, Holy Hours and Mass, retreatants will have the opportunity to explore some of the fall fun in the Cobourg area.





The retreat starts Friday evening at the Villa St. Joseph in Cobourg (445 Monk Street - we will carpool).  
Registration: \$30 Don't hesitate to contact Father John with questions. [vocations@peterboroughdiocese.org](mailto:vocations@peterboroughdiocese.org)

**November: the month dedicated to the holy souls in Purgatory. Let us remember them in our prayers.**

### Chalice

As you think about gifts this Christmas, please consider the Chalice Catalogue. From there, you can donate many different items ... personal, most needed, farming machinery etc. to people who are in great need. The donation is recorded in the name of the person to whom you are giving the gift and if requested, Chalice will send a notification of this donation to the person. This is great too for companies as they contemplate gift giving this Christmas. It is also a concrete way for children or grandchildren to learn the value of helping others that are less fortunate.

### Prayer Service

Mount Community Centre Nov 24<sup>th</sup> .. 6:00 – 7:00 pm  
Topic: L.G.B.T.(sexual orientation)  
Facilitator: Fr. Leo Coughlin **ALL ARE WELCOME**

The deVeber Institute for Bioethics and Social Research invites you to a Free Annual Public Lecture!  
“Conscience and conscientious objection for nurses and other health care professionals: Advancing a way forward for education and practice”  
Tues, Nov 14<sup>th</sup> at Carr Hall, 100 St Joseph St, University of Toronto Lecture to start at 7:30pm sharp  
\*Please call [416-256-0555](tel:416-256-0555) or email us at [bioethics@deveber.org](mailto:bioethics@deveber.org) to reserve your seat!

**Join the Peterborough & District Italian Club on our annual Christmas shopping bus trip.**

**When: Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

Departing at 8 AM from TBD Stops planned:

1. Vaughan Mills Premiere Outlet Mall
2. Coppa's Fresh Market
3. The Seafood Depot
4. Grace Textile
5. Grande Cheese

Price: \$35/PDIC member or \$40/person

Please RSVP with Deb Malandrino at 536-2906

### Readings:

**Nov 19<sup>th</sup>: 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Proverbs 31: 10 – 13, 16 – 18, 20, 26, 28 – 31

Psalm 128

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5: 1 – 6

Gospel: Matthew 25: 14 – 30

**Nov 26<sup>th</sup>: Christ the King**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Ezekiel 34: 11- 12. 15 – 17

Psalm 23

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 20 – 26, 28

**Gospel: Matthew 25: 31 – 46**

### Holy Father's Intentions: November

**Christians in Asia** That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.

### Latin Tridentine Mass

*Mass will be celebrated on the First and Last Sundays of the month at 1:00 pm and every Saturday morning at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Hastings at 8:30 am.*

*All other Sundays of the month, Mass will be celebrated at St. Mary of the Visitation Church, Campbellford at 12:30 pm.*

*You are most welcome to attend*

### After Abortion Canadian Helpline

Second Chance Ministry 905-430-7990

We offer support to those struggling with emotional and psychological effects of abortion, sometimes known as post abortion trauma or post abortion syndrome.

[Angelina@SecondChanceMinistry.ca](mailto:Angelina@SecondChanceMinistry.ca)

### The Compassionate Community Care

(CCC) helpline is a national service for people who are seeking advice, help & support regarding euthanasia & assisted suicide prevention, and all end-of-life treatment issues or concerns. They can be reached toll free at 1-855-675-8749 ... The number operates 7days a week, 24 hours a day from coast to coast.  
[www.CompassionateCommunityCare.org](http://www.CompassionateCommunityCare.org)



Upcoming Retreats at Villa St Joseph Ecology and Spirituality Centre, 445 Monk St., Cobourg, ON

Interfaith Hour for Peace

Thursday November 23, 2017

7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Come join us for an hour of prayer, as we come together to pray for healing in our fractured world. This will be a time of prayer, music and silent meditation for Peace in our World and the Healing of our Earth. All welcome! Refreshments to follow. Goodwill Offering. To register, call 905-372-2741, email: [villa@csjcanada.org](mailto:villa@csjcanada.org), visit our site [www.villastjoseph.ca](http://www.villastjoseph.ca)

Personal Retreat Days,

Wednesday Nov 29 at 9:00 a.m. to Fri Dec 1 at 4 p.m.

Villa St Joseph offers a quiet and relaxing environment that supports prayer and a deepening awareness of God's presence. The time and space is yours. You may choose to come for the entire time or for a shorter stay. The Sisters at the Villa are available for spiritual direction during these days. Delicious, homemade meals and snacks are provided. Coffee and tea available throughout the day (\$80/day). To register, call 905-372--2741, email: [villa@csjcanada.org](mailto:villa@csjcanada.org)

Advent Sabbath Weekend,  
Friday December 1, 2017 7 pm to Sun Dec 3 at 1 pm  
Come away and embrace the gifts of silence in the  
spiritual journey. The prayerful stillness and beauty of  
nature offer a peaceful and life giving setting. Cost \$160.  
To register, call 905-372--2741, email:  
villa@csjcanada.org

### MAKE A 'LIFE' DIFFERENCE.

Prayer does have power. Join us this Saturday morning from  
10:00 am to 11:00 am across from the Peterborough  
hospital. Come singly or as part of a group. We need you to  
participate in our **sidewalk prayer vigil for the unborn.**  
Defend life and be part of this public witness against the  
horror of abortion. **Paul 741- 4000 or Tom 243-4133**

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**At St Alphonsus Oratory 7a.m. - Midnight and Noon-  
Midnight (Sunday)**



Info: Bernadette 705-742-3055

"Christ is truly the Emmanuel, that is, God  
with us, day and night, he is in our midst.  
He dwells with us full of grace and truth.

He restores morality, nourishes virtue, consoles the  
afflicted, strengthens the weak." (Pope Paul VI, Mysterium Fidei)

### ROSARY FOR LIFE ON THURSDAYS

Come and join in praying the 15-decade Rosary (Joyful,  
Sorrowful, Glorious) for the sanctity and protection of life from  
abortion, euthanasia and assisted suicide, followed by the  
Memorare and St. Michael's Prayer. **Thursdays at 3:00 p.m.  
at Sacred Heart Church.**

### FOOD CUPBOARD AT KEENE UNITED CHURCH

**Thurs. September 14: 12 -2 p.m., & 4 - 6 p.m.**

Donations of goods can be dropped off at Three  
Roads Farm and other Keene locations.

[osmfoodcupboard@nexicom.net](mailto:osmfoodcupboard@nexicom.net) or 295-6952



### Project Rachel

Project Rachel offers accompaniment,  
counselling, personal presence and support, and  
other services at any time they are needed by  
women or men. They also offer weekend retreats  
which provide opportunity for women who have suffered from an  
abortion experience to find healing, forgiveness and  
reconciliation.

Are you hurting as a result of an abortion? Healing is possible.

Please contact them for upcoming dates, in confidence, by  
telephone at 416 629 8264 or by e-mail

[projectrachel@stmarysrefuge.org](mailto:projectrachel@stmarysrefuge.org).

<http://www.stmarysrefuge.org>



**Chalice** is a ministry of the Catholic Community,  
creating and nurturing relationships of life and love. To  
find out how Chalice Helps go to website

<http://www.ccare.ca/>

### Quo Vadis (Where are you going?)

**Quo Vadis** brings together young men (18-35yrs.)  
who are on the journey toward the answer to the  
question 'what is my vocation?' We will have Mass,  
adoration, confessions, talk and lunch. Join us on  
**from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.** John Paul II House.

Quo Vadis for this year: December 2, January 13, February 10,  
March 3, April 7, May 12, June 23

### Flower Committee



Volunteers needed to help with flower decor for the  
Assumption Church Sanctuary. If interested please  
call Judy at 705-740-2062 or Joanne at 705-313-6750.

### Church Cleaning Ministry

Please find the church cleaning sheet on the glass  
religious article case at the back of the church. Once a  
week, one month at a time, we need cleaners to  
vacuum, dust mop and do general dusting at Assumption.



### Peterborough Communication Support Systems

A non-profit agency that provides support services to Deaf /  
non-verbal individuals living with intellectual disabilities.  
They provide quality sewing, custom embroidery, printing  
services and woodworking products. 192 B Hunter St.  
West. Phone: (705) 748 6680

*"The Mass is the most favourable occasion to speak  
with the eternal Father, because then we offer Him  
His only Son as a victim for our salvation. Before  
celebrating, reflect on the sufferings of your  
Redeemer, commune peaceably with Him, even in  
the midst of dryness; carry to the altar the needs of  
the entire world."*  
*St. Paul of the Cross*

**"A saint is not someone who never sins, but  
one who sins less and less frequently and gets  
up more and more quickly."**

— Bernard of Clairvaux

**The greatest deception, and the deepest source of  
unhappiness, is *the illusion of finding life by excluding  
God, of finding freedom by excluding moral truths and  
personal responsibility.* (St. Pope John Paul II)**

St. Jean-Marie Vianney, the Cure of Ars once asked  
one of his parishioners who spent hours in  
adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, "My good  
father, what do you say to our Lord in those long  
visits you pay Him every day?" "I say nothing to  
Him," was the man's moving reply; "I look at Him  
and He looks at me."

*"All the good works in the world are not equal to the  
Holy Sacrifice of the Mass because they are the works of  
men; but the Mass is the work of God. Martyrdom is  
nothing in comparison for it is but the sacrifice of man to  
God; but the Mass is the sacrifice of God for man."*

*St. John Vianney, Cure d'Ars*

*Clearly, what God wants above all is our will which  
we received as a free gift from God in creation and  
possess as though our own. When a man trains  
himself to acts of virtue, it is with the help of grace  
from God from whom all good things come that he  
does this. The will is what man has as his unique  
possession.*  
*St. Joseph of Cupertino*

**St. Anthony Mary Claret:**

The Christian who desires to follow Jesus carrying his cross must bear in mind that the name “Christian” means “bearer or imitator of Christ” and that if he wishes to bear that noble title worthily, he must above all do as Christ charges us in the Gospel; we must oppose or deny ourselves, take up the cross, and follow him.

In danger, in distress, in uncertainty, think of Mary, call upon Mary. She never leaves your lips, she never departs from your heart; and so that you may obtain the help of her prayers, never forget the example of her life. If you follow her, you cannot falter; if you pray to her, you cannot despair; if you think of her, you cannot err. If she sustains you, you will not stumble; if she protects you, you have nothing to fear; if she guides you, you will never flag; if she is favourable to you, you will attain your goal... (Hom. II *super Missus est*, 17: PL 183, 70-71).

— St. Bernard of Clairvaux from his homily on the Incarnation of Christ.

**WHAT IS THE FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION?** The Catholic devotion of First Saturdays was given to the Church by Our Lady of Fatima and the Child Jesus through the children of Fatima. In 1925, Mary and the Child Jesus appeared to Lucia, the sole surviving Fatima visionary, at a convent in Spain and promised her that she would “...assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who on the first Saturdays of five consecutive months confess, receive Holy Communion, pray a Rosary, and keep me company for a quarter of an hour, meditating on the fifteen mysteries with the intention of offering me reparation.” **HOW TO DO THE FIVE FIRST SATURDAYS:** There are 4 requirements to faithfully fulfill the five first Saturdays: Go to Confession. Receive Holy Communion. Say five decades of the Holy Rosary. Meditate for fifteen minutes on the mysteries of the Holy Rosary (separate from saying the Rosary).

***“Bring me the sign of true humility by being not overly ambitious in your position, but lowly. Don’t be impatient over any pain or abuse you might suffer, but endure within the body of holy Church by the firm power of patience, even to the point of death. When you speak and proclaim the truth, whether in giving counsel or in any other role, do it fearlessly, looking only to God’s honour, the salvation of souls, and the advancement of holy Church, as her true son, nurtured by so tender a Mother. In this way you will demonstrate gentle divine charity and patience as well.” (Saint Catherine of Siena)***