

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time — January 27th, 2013



Saint Andrew the Apostle, pray for us

Mass Schedule & Intentions from January 26—February 3, 2012

Saturday	5:00PM	†	Talina, Nicola, & Joseph Marchio by Maria Nobile & family
Sunday	9:00AM	†	Austin & Irene Short by the Catechist Sisters (Thorold) Theresa, Raymond & Stephan Horvat by mother Teresa Horvat
	11:00AM		For the People of our Parish Inscription Ceremony for the Confirmation students
Monday			No Mass
Tuesday	9:00AM	†	Antonio Maddalena by Lina Maddalena & family
Wednesday	9:00AM	†	Alex DiDonato by Vince & Maria Fazzalari
Thursday	9:00AM	†	Ranee Mandis by Wigna & Ranji Benedict
			NET Ministry Retreat for our grade 7 & 8 students
Friday	9:00AM	†	Laurina Pio by Mr. & Mrs. Terzo Pace
Saturday	5:00PM	†	Steve Mannella by Vince & Maria Mannella Jacinta Fernandopulle by Anton & Indri Swampillai
Sunday	9:00AM	†	Stella Ramanauskas by Cheryl Maruice & family Sister Beatrice by St. Andrew's CWL
	11:00AM		For the People of our Parish

Rolling Up The Scroll
He Said, "Today,
This Scripture Is
Fulfilled"



"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour." ... Then Jesus said: "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing". (Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21)



General Audience of Pope Benedict XVI on Wednesday January 23, 2013

"I believe in God"

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In our catechesis for this Year of Faith, we now turn to the Creed, the solemn profession of our faith as Christians. At the beginning of the Creed, we say "I believe in God". Faith is our response to the God who first speaks to us, makes himself known and calls us to enter into communion with him. We hear God speaking to us in the Scriptures, which recount the history of his revelation, culminating in the coming of his Son, Jesus Christ. A central figure in this history of revelation is Abraham, the father and model of all believers (cf. Rom 4:11-12). Sustained by God's blessing and trusting in his promises, Abraham set off into the unknown. Like Abraham, we too are called to let faith shape our thoughts and actions in accordance with God's saving word, even when this runs contrary to the thinking and ways of this world. With the eyes of faith, we discern God's presence and his promise of eternal life beyond the realities of this present existence. In opening ourselves to God's blessing, we become in turn a blessing for others.

The Catholic Women's League St. Catharines Diocesan Annual Retreat

Wednesday, March 6, 2013 OR Saturday, March 9, 2013

At Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, Niagara Falls, ON
Registration and Coffee —8:30am to 9:00am
Lunch is included—Depart at 2:30pm
Theme "Spiritual Poverty": Healthy mind, body and spirit working together.

Guest Speaker: Carol Mullins of Quiet Whispers Ministry. Her presentation is an energetic mix of Biblical story-telling and original music.

Register no later than February 15th, 2013
For more information or to register please contact :
Maria Fazzalari at 905-735-3894.

Last Sunday's Collection - \$1734.80
Building Fund - \$85.00
Bless you for your continued generous support.

Catholic Women's League Meeting

A CWL Meeting will be held on Monday February 4th, 2013 starting with a prayer service at 6:30pm in the church basement. The service will be followed by a regular monthly meeting starting at 7:00pm.

Upcoming Parish Events

Great Adventure Bible Study for kids. This program is ongoing Saturdays 9-12am.

Inscription Ceremony for Confirmation Students on Sunday January 27th at the 11:00am Mass.

Mass with Anointing of the Sick: with every Mass on the weekend of February 9th and 10th.

Trivia Night: Saturday February 9th at 7:00pm in the Church Hall.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper: February 12 at 5:00pm.

Ash Wednesday: February 13th Mass at 9:15am and 7:00pm.

The **Ozanam Soup Kitchen** (located at the Ozanam Centre in St. Catharines) urgently needs volunteers to assist with food preparation and clean-up. The soup kitchen operates two shifts 8-11:30 and 11:30-1:30, Monday through Friday providing healthy lunches to our neighbours in need. Anyone interested in volunteering should call the kitchen at 905-687-8089 for further information.

Year of Faith - Faith Formation Series for Adults

Saturday February 16, 9:00 -11:30am

The second session—The Catechism: What is it? What is the difference between a major catechism and a minor catechism? How do we use it? The relationship between scripture and tradition—will be held as a free presentation for those interested. **Please let the parish office know this week, if you plan to attend.**

Offering Mass for our loved ones

A Mass is offered to pray for a deceased person that they may be at peace in heaven. Masses are also offered for living members as a gift on their birthday or wedding anniversary, for healing of the sick, to give thanks to God for a blessing received or for any needs of a person or family. So Please offer Masses for your loved ones.

Christ is present to His Church (Constitution on Sacred Liturgy, 2nd Vatican Council)

Christ is always present to his Church, especially in the actions of the liturgy. He is present in the sacrifice of the Mass, in the person of the minister (it is the same Christ who formerly offered himself on the cross that now offers by the ministry of priests) and most of all under the Holy Eucharist. He is present in the sacraments by his power, in such a way that when someone baptizes, Christ himself baptizes. He is present in his word, for it is he himself who speaks when the holy Scriptures are read in the Church. Finally, he is present when the Church prays and sings, for he himself promised: Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there in their midst.

Indeed, in this great work which gives perfect glory to God and brings holiness to men, Christ is always joining in partnership with himself his beloved Bride, the Church, which calls upon its Lord and through him gives worship to the eternal Father.

It is therefore right to see the liturgy as an exercise of the priestly office of Jesus Christ, in which through signs addressed to the senses man's sanctification is signified and, in a way proper to each of these signs, made effective, and in which public worship is celebrated in its fullness by the mystical body of Jesus Christ, that is, by the head and by his members.

Accordingly, every liturgical celebration, as an activity of Christ the priest and of his body, which is the Church, is a sacred action of a pre-eminent kind. No other action of the Church equals its title to power or its degree of effectiveness.

In the liturgy on earth we are given a foretaste and share in the liturgy of heaven, celebrated in the holy city of Jerusalem, the goal of our pilgrimage, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God, as minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle. With the whole company of heaven we sing a hymn of praise to the Lord; as we revere the memory of the saints, we hope to have some part with them, and to share in their fellowship; we wait for the Saviour, our Lord Jesus Christ, until he, who is our life, appears, and we appear with him in glory.

By an apostolic tradition taking its origin from the very day of Christ's resurrection, the Church celebrates the paschal mystery every eighth day, the day that is rightly called the Lord's day. On Sunday the Christian faithful ought to gather together, so that by listening to the word of God and sharing in the Eucharist they may recall the passion, death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus and give thanks to God who has given them a new birth with a lively hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. The Lord's day is therefore the first and greatest festival, one to be set before the loving devotion of the faithful and impressed upon it, so that it may be also a day of joy and of freedom from work. Other celebrations must not take precedence over it, unless they are truly of the greatest importance, since it is the foundation and the kernel of the whole liturgical year.