

# Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time — September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012



*Saint Andrew the Apostle, pray for us*

## Mass Schedule & Intentions from September 22-30, 2012

Saturday	5:00PM	†	Nicola, Talina & son Joseph Marchio by Maria Nobile & family Antonio Gallo by family Rosario & John Maddalena by wife & family
Sunday	9:00AM		In Honour of Saint Gabriel, Saint Antonio & Saint Padre Pio by Aladino & Maria Magazzeni
		†	Andre Coulombe by Mr. & Mrs. Slobodnick
Monday	11:00AM		For the People of our Parish No Mass
Tuesday	7:00PM	†	Robert Linton by Yvonne James
Wednesday	9:00AM	†	John Silvestri by Conceta Nacaro
Thursday	9:00AM	†	Marvin McLeod by Mr. & Mrs. McCombs
Friday	9:00AM	†	Giorgio & Angela Fazzalari by Teresa Fazzalari
Saturday	5:00PM	†	John Silvestri by Franca & Frank Sdao Mary Guzda by Mary Mollica Rosina Bonfilio by Frank & Franca Sdao
Sunday	9:00AM	†	Stephan, Raymond & Theresa Horvat by mother Teresa Horvat Josefina Berardi by Danny & Penny Laocco Eddy Gauthier by John & Barbara Nenadovich
	11:00AM		For the People of our Parish



### THE WISDOM THAT COMES FROM HEAVEN

James might be called the "Apostle of Social Justice". He preaches a strong message about defending the rights of the oppressed. In today's reading he contrasts earthly with heavenly wisdom. Worldly wisdom dictates that success must be financial gain, achieved by any means. Divine wisdom teaches the value of peace. We become righteous--having a right relationship with God--by curbing selfish desires and ambition.

### On weak Christians From St. Augustine's sermon on Pastors

*You have failed to strengthen the weak,* says the Lord. He is speaking to wicked shepherds, false shepherds, shepherds who seek their own concerns and not those of Christ. They enjoy the bounty of milk and wool, but they take no care at all of the sheep, and they make no effort to heal those who are ill. I think there is a difference between one who is weak (that is, not strong) and one who is ill, although we often say that the weak are also suffering from illness.

My brothers, when I try to make that distinction, perhaps I could do it better and with greater precision, or perhaps someone with more experience and insight could do so. But when it comes to the words of Scripture, I say what I think so that in the meantime you will not be deprived of all profit. In the case of the weak sheep, it is to be feared that the temptation, when it comes, may break him. The sick person, however, is already ill by reason of some illicit desire or other, and this is keeping him from entering God's path and submitting to Christ's yoke.

There are men who want to live a good life and have already decided to do so, but are not capable of bearing sufferings even though they are ready to do good. Now it is a part of the Christian's strength not only to do good works but also to endure evil. Weak men are those who appear to be zealous in doing good works but are unwilling or unable to endure the sufferings that threaten. Lovers of the world, however, who are kept from good works by some evil desire, lie sick and listless, and it is this sickness that deprives them of any strength to accomplish good works.

The paralytic was like that. When his bearers could not bring him in to the Lord, they opened the roof and lowered him down to the feet of Christ. Perhaps you wish to do this in spirit: to open the roof and to lower a paralytic soul down to the Lord. All its limbs are lifeless, it is empty of every good work, burdened with its sins, and weak from the illness brought on by its evil desires. Since all its limbs are helpless, and the paralysis is interior, you cannot come to the physician. But perhaps the physician is himself concealed within; for the true understanding of Scripture is hidden. Reveal therefore what is hidden, and thus you will open the roof and lower the paralytic to the feet of Christ.

As for those who fail to do this and those who are negligent, you have heard what was said to them: *You have failed to heal the sick; you have failed to bind up what was broken.* Of this we have already spoken. Man was broken by terrible temptations. But there is at hand a consolation that will bind what was broken: *God is faithful. He does not allow you to be tempted beyond your strength, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.*

### Needs of the Church in Canada Special Collection September 29-30, 2012

Each year the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) is asked to speak out, give leadership, and provide guidelines for the faithful on a wide variety of topics. In order for our bishops to be able to make sound judgments on modern topics, they must have the benefit of research and expert advice.

Through the yearly Bishops' collection for the needs of the Church in Canada, an appeal is made to all Catholics to be generous in supporting the work of their bishops at the Conference level.

We are also asked to pray for the work of the Bishops and to participate in and cooperate with the various projects of the CCCB.

### Diocesan Anniversary Mass & Dinner

Married couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th anniversary in the year 2012 are invited to the diocesan anniversary Mass, Monday November 26, 2012 at 5:30 pm at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria in St Catharines. To register and to receive a formal invitation from Bishop Bergie, contact the parish office to fill in a form by October 15. A dinner will be held at Club Roma, St. Catharines, at 7:00pm. Details of dinner cost will be included in the formal invitation.

**Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend** helps you prepare for your future, your married life together, with topics such as Communication, Forgiveness, Romance, Finances, and much more. Weekends are held four times a year. Upcoming is Nov. 9-10. For more information or to register, call Liz & Claude at 905-357-1232 or [ceeniagara@gmail.com](mailto:ceeniagara@gmail.com)

### Retrouvaille Weekend Oct. 19-21, 2012

**Thinking about Separation or Divorce?** Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage? Or do you feel helpless? Retrouvaille is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced.

For confidential information about, or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on October 19-21, 2012 in Niagara Falls, at the Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, please call 905-664-5212 or email: [retrouvaille.hamilton@cogeco.ca](mailto:retrouvaille.hamilton@cogeco.ca) or visit the web site at [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org).

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### Upcoming Parish Events

**R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults):** Classes will begin on 27th September, 7pm. Contact our Office for more information or to register.

**Fresh Homemade Pie Sale:** just in time for Thanksgiving. Saturday September 29th after 5:00pm Mass.

**Great Adventure Bible Study** for kids is an adaptation of Jeff Cavins' Bible study program. **The start date has changed to Saturday November 3rd, 9am-12pm.**

### Life Chain

Participate in **Life Chain**, a peaceful, prayerful witness to the sanctity of human life on Sunday September 30, 2012 along Lundy's Lane in Niagara Falls from 2:30pm-3:30pm. With your family and friends, come stand in solidarity with thousands all over the world, rain or shine, to pray for the millions of unborn children who have no voice but ours. For more information, contact Adelaine: 905-892-0998

### Wells of Hope

Knights of Columbus Council 1394 presents its Third Annual Benefit Dinner for Wells of Hope on Saturday October 13, 2012 at Club Capri, 36 Cleveland Avenue, Thorold. Cash Bar 5:30 pm. Dinner 6:30 pm. Entertainment "Down East Five" Tickets \$25.00 per person. For tickets call Mike 905-682-5216.

### Youth Ministry Fundraiser

St. Andrew's Youth Ministry will be hosting a fundraiser event on Saturday September 29th. After the 5:00pm Mass we will be selling pumpkin and apple pies for \$10 each in the church hall. Pre-orders are available by contacting the Parish Office. All other pies will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis.