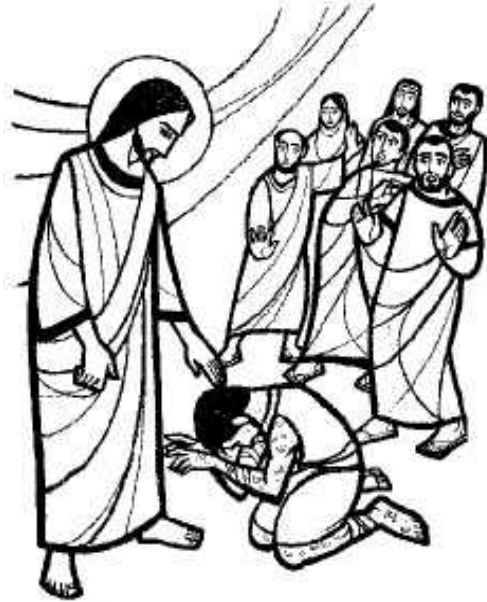


# Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 11, 2018



A leper came to him begging him, and kneeling he said to him, "If you choose, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, "I do choose. Be made clean!" Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean.

(Mk 1:40-45)

## Last Week's Collection

Sunday Offering - \$ 1342.65  
 Repair & Renovations fund - \$ 437.00  
 'Host a Family..' \$ 90.00  
*Bless you for your continued generous support.*

## Upcoming Events - 2018

**Honouring Married Couples - Feb.17&18**  
**Adoration & Stations of the Cross Lenten Friday's at 6.30PM**  
**Host a Family Fund Raising Programs: Family Mass and Luncheon - March 25**  
*Friends, please join and support that we may help our 2nd Syrian family.*

## A Lifeline for Marriage

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Retrouvaille has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels. For confidential information about, or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on March 16, 2018, at the Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre in Niagara Falls, please call 905-664-5212 or email: hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca or visit the web site at [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org)

## Mass Schedule & Intentions from February 10, 2018 to February 18, 2018

Saturday	5:00PM + Oreste Mazzei by Toni & Maria Grazia Sdao & family Vittorio Muzi by Sister & family Pasquale Vaccaro by Wife & family
Sunday	9:00AM + Raymond, Stephen & Theresa Horvat by Mom Gilda & Filodoro Guglielmi by Loreta Zinatelli 11:00AM For us and for all our dearly deceased ones
Monday	9:00AM No Mass
Tuesday	9:00AM + Lina & Mario Pagliaccio by Sister & family <b>Pancakes - 4 to 6:30 pm Church Hall</b>
<b>ASH Wednesday</b>	9:10AM + For the Teachers & Students and families by the Rosary Apostolate 7:00PM + Les Sumbler by Rita Camposarcone
Thursday	9:00AM + Mike Fazzalari by Maria Fazzalari
Friday	9:00AM + Mary Krasnay by Helen Charette <b>6.30PM Adoration &amp; Stations of the Cross</b> <b>Honoring All Married Couples</b>
Saturday	5:00PM + Tony Giovinazzo by Cousins Tina, Nancy & Rosa Carmela Agostino by Nancy Fazari Oreste Mazzei by Toni & Maria Grazia Sdao & family
Sunday	9:00AM + Lydia Matchett by Marie Chuckry 11:00AM For us and for all our dearly deceased ones

*Thank you for supporting 'Host a Family Program'*

## The liturgical season of Lent (Ash Wednesday Feb.14th)

*Rev. Michael Basque—Diocese of St. Catharines*

If you go into your local Chapters or Barnes and Nobles Bookstore you would likely discover that self-help books have become a growth industry. There are books on how to make your health better through dieting (no more deserts) and exercise (no pain, no gain). Other books will tell you how to improve your performance at work so you can get a better job with more pay (work harder and smarter). Some books will help you get better returns on your investments so you can retire early (save now, spend later). Finally, there are books to help you improve your relationships with others (maybe even your sex life) and develop a happier life. So why do people who desire self-improvement have such a problem with Lent? The season invites us to take a good look at ourselves and discover the parts of our life which need improvement. It gives us the same tools to achieve this goal as the authors of self-help books: discipline, sacrifice and commitment. Lent gives us the chance to discover we are better people than we think. It allows us to reach more of our potential. Finally, the season tells us Jesus will be there to guide and support us. *Continued next week.*



## Saint Andrew the Apostle, pray for us



### Pope Francis - General Audience February 7, 2018

Dear brothers and sisters:  
 In our catechesis on the Eucharist, we now turn to the culmination of the Liturgy of the Word in the Gospel and in the homily. The Gospel sheds the light of the mystery of Christ on the scriptural readings that precede it. By our acclamations and the rites that accompany its proclamation, we venerate the Gospel as the living and saving word of God, who speaks to us in the midst of the liturgical assembly and awaits our response. This dialogue between the Lord and his people continues in the homily, which seeks to make God's word incarnate in our hearts and in our lives. The homily draws us more deeply into the mystery of the communion in Christ that we celebrate in the Eucharist. The homily makes demands on both the homilist and the congregation; both must be disposed to consider how the word of God applies to the here and now of our lives, even when its summons to conversion proves challenging or painful. Familiarity with the Gospel through private reading and reflection can enable us appreciate ever more fully the beauty and richness of the readings of each Sunday's Mass.

### So what, in essence, is fasting?

It's "the deprivation of the good, in order to make a decision for a greater good," explained Deacon Carnazzo. It is most commonly associated with abstention from food, although it can also take the form of giving up other goods like comforts and entertainment. The current fasting obligation for Latin Catholics in the United States & Canada is this: all over the age of 14 must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays in Lent. On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, adults age 18 to 59 must fast – eating no more than one full meal and two smaller meals that together do not add up in quantity to the full meal. Catholics, "if possible," can continue the Good Friday fast through Holy Saturday until the Easter Vigil, the U.S. Catholic Bishops Conference adds. Other Fridays throughout the year (aside from Friday within the Octave of Easter) "are penitential days and times throughout the entire Church," according to Canon Law 1250. Catholics once abstained from meat on all Fridays, but the U.S. bishops received permission from the Holy See for Catholics to substitute another sacrifice or perform an act of charity instead. <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/whats-the-point-of-fasting-anyway-29180> *to read more.*

### Free on-line Bible Study during Lent!

This Lent, the **St. Paul Center** is happy to announce that both of our highly acclaimed Journey Through Scripture **Bible studies** will be available for free!

Join host Matthew Leonard for each of these visually stunning series that explore God's gifts of life and love to His children. Experience the power of the Church's seven signs of grace in **The Bible and the Sacraments**, or unveil the mystery of Our Lady in Scripture in **The Bible and the Virgin Mary**. Join thousands of Catholics online by participating in these free studies!

The free online studies begin on February 14, 2018 and will continue throughout the Lenten season. Sign up now to participate at "St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology" [mail@stpaulcenter.com](mailto:mail@stpaulcenter.com)

### Communal celebration of Anointing of the Sick

On Sunday, February 11, 2018, the World Day of the Sick, Bishop Bergie will celebrate Mass with the communal celebration of the Sacrament of the Sick at 2:00 pm at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria. All are welcome to attend, especially the sick.

### Right to Life Dinner—Feb.28th

St. Catharines Right to Life Dinner: Saturday, February 24, 6:00 p.m. at Holiday Inn Parkway Conference Centre, 327 Ontario St., St. Catharines. Guest Speaker: Josh Brahm, founder of the Equal Rights Institute. Join us for an excellent dinner, fellowship and an outstanding pro-life speaker who will inform, inspire and encourage us. To reserve tickets (\$50, \$25 for students), call our office 684-7505 or email: [info@chooselife.ca](mailto:info@chooselife.ca)

### SEPARATED AND DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY.

This month's topics are 'Identifying the Losses', (February 12); and 'Finding Peace', Deacon Gunther Eyer, presenter (February 26). Meetings are 7 to 9 pm at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, 7020 Stanley Ave, Niagara Falls. Pre-registration is not required. For information call 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154, or email [separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com](mailto:separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com)

### CWL NEWS

**Meeting Monday February 12 @6:30 in the church.**

**CWL Diocesan Annual Retreat**  
**Saturday March 17 or Wednesday March 21**  
 @ Gethsemane Ministries, 84008 Wellandport Rd.  
 Wellandport, ON  
**Please call Maria by February 20, 2018 at 905-735-3894**

### Shrove Tuesday

Tuesday February 13, 2018 at 4:00PM–6:30PM in the church hall. Tickets on sale: Adults \$6 and Children ages 6-13 \$3.00 while Children 5 and under are Free.