

# Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 19, 2017



But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? (Matthew 5: 38-48)

### Last Week's Collection

Sunday Offering - \$ 1556.45  
'Host a Family..' \$ 90.00  
Building fund - \$ 100.00

*Bless you for your continued generous support.*

### Upcoming Events

World Day of Prayer—March 3rd, 1PM  
Respect for Life Mass - March 25, 2017  
Bishops Gala—April 1, 2017

**Host a Family Fund Raising Programs:**  
Trivia Night - February 25. Tickets—\$15

**Shrove Tuesday - Pancake supper**  
Feb 28 at 4PM  
Friends, please join and support that we may help our two Syrian families.

### March Break Camp for Grade 4, 5 & 6 students

The SOLI Sisters and our parish Team will be hosting a 3 day program for the students, starting on March 13, Monday from (9AM to 4PM) at the Church Hall

Please send your children/grand children. More details will be there in next week's bulletin. We are looking for volunteers to help at the kitchen and in other programs.

### Mass Schedule & Intentions from February 18, 2017 to February 26, 2017

Saturday	5:00PM	† Carmela Agostino by Daughter Nancy Fazari & family Gennaro & Maria Minervini by Minervini family <b>Honouring Married Couples at each Mass, this weekend</b>
Sunday <b>K of C Breakfast</b>	9:00AM	† Tony Giovinazzo by Cousins Tina, Nancy & Rosa Giovinazzo Domenico Locco by wife Lea & family Rita Booth by Ivo & Mary Dellosa Ippolito Mauro by wife Ines & family
	11:00AM	For us and for all our dearly deceased ones
Monday	No Mass	<b>CWL Meeting at 6.30, at the Church</b>
Tuesday	9:00AM	† Sister Victorine & Sister Beatrice by Maria Fazzalari
Wednesday	9:00AM	† Maria Simone by Flavia Cercone
Thursday	9:00AM	† Agata Presti by Lily & Dino Sicoli
Friday	9:00AM	† Giacomo Mancuso by Rocco & Nancy Senaca
Saturday	5:00PM	† Ralph Mannella by Carmela Mancuso
		
Sunday	9:00AM	† Rita Booth by Elena Calabretta
	11:00AM	For us and for all our dearly deceased ones

**CWL Annual Retreat**  
at Gethsemane, 84008  
Wellandport Rd, Wellandport.  
From 8.30AM to 2.30PM  
Theme—Mary-responding in Faith by Anne Jamieson.  
Choose one date - April 5th or 8th and call Maria Fazzalari 905 735-3894 to register.

**Thanks to Mary Fazzalari, our accountant, the 2016 Tax Receipts are now ready for pick-up at the Church. Get yours at the earliest.**

**Shrove Tuesday**  
On Tuesday February 28, 2017 at 4:00PM -6:30PM in the church hall. Tickets on sale: Adults \$6 and Children ages 6-13 \$3.00

### SEPARATED AND DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY.

'Looking at Separation & Divorce Through the Eyes of Children' will be discussed on February 27. Meetings are 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, 7020 Stanley Ave, Niagara Falls. No registration required.  
For information call 905-356-4113 or email separatedanddivorced@sainted.com

**Lenten Program 'The Bible & the Sacraments'**  
In this Lenten season, starting from Thursday, March, 02nd we will be showing a presentation by **Dr.Scott Hahn** on Sacraments. It will be at the Rectory (22 Golden Blvd.E) on **March 2, Thursday and the following Wednesday's at 6.30PM. Please plan to join with your family and friends. Kindly bring your Bible!**

## Saint Andrew the Apostle, pray for us



POPE FRANCIS—General Audience  
February 15, 2017



Dear Brothers and Sisters:

As children we were always taught that it is not good to boast. For when we boast about who we are or what we have, we disrespect those who are less fortunate. Yet, Saint Paul surprises us by twice telling us to boast. First, he tells us to boast of the abundant grace we receive in Jesus Christ through the gift of faith. God has created all things as a gift of love, through which he makes known his plan of salvation fulfilled in Jesus. He invites us to make this grace the cause of all our praise and joy. When we do this, we know God's peace, which flows into our lives and relationships. But Saint Paul also tells us to boast of our afflictions. For God's peace is not the absence of fears, disappointments, or suffering. Rather, it reminds us that God loves us and is always with us. This peace, Saint Paul says, bears patience, for even in the most difficult moments, we know that the mercy and goodness of the Lord remain with us, that nothing can separate us from God. Christian hope then is not based on who we are or what we are capable of, but on God's love for each one of us. May we be instruments of hope, so that our greatest boast will be of a Father who excludes no one, but opens his home to all. And may we be a people who sustain one another with this message of Christian hope.

### 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 24, 2017 please call 905-664-5212 or email: hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca or visit the web site at [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org).

### St. Andrew's Trivia Night

Dear friends, our next Trivia night will be on Saturday, February 25, 2017 @ 7PM. This is to raise funds for the "Host a Family program". We are looking for volunteers to help with this event. Those who could donate money or items for door prizes/silent auction may kindly contact : Jonathan Hardt at (905) 732-5798. Please plan to join. Thank you for your support

### Lift Jesus Higher

2017 Lift Jesus Higher Rally will take place on Saturday, March 4, 2017 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. For more information visit [www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.com](http://www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.com).

### Year of the Rosary

"Through Mary to Jesus: Recitation of the Family Rosary"  
Reflection by Fr. Charles Anang (part 3)

Some unknown author wrote something to the effect, "Why is it that more people don't come to Christ? It is because they don't go through Mary." This insight was understood by the two Marian devotees that, since the time of St. Bernard of Clairvaux, have had the greatest influence on Marian devotion in the Church: St. Louis de Montfort and St. Maximilian Kolbe. De Montfort's work, True Devotion to Mary, had a profound influence on Karol Wojtyla, from which he drew his papal motto, Totus tuus. De Montfort teaches that going through Mary leads to greater heights that we can accomplish without her, and the path is safer and she also shows shortcuts. In another work, Secret of Mary, de Montfort speaks of Mary as the "mould" of Christ: she is the closest image of Christ, and being consecrated to and formed in this "mould," this womb, we become the closest image of Jesus, and Mary also teaches us her virtues and path of surrender.<sup>4</sup>

She teaches us the way to allow Christ to be formed in us and Christ to act in us. St. Maximilian Kolbe brings some new insights as well. The path to God the Father is the Son, the path to the Son is the Holy Spirit (active in the Church), and God's desire is that we go through Mary to the Holy Spirit, as she is the spouse of the Holy Spirit. In the other direction, all the Father's graces are given to the Son, which are given to us through the Holy Spirit, and the all His graces are given to Mary to distribute to us (dispenser of all graces).<sup>5</sup>

4. St. Louis de Montfort, Secret of Mary, Ch. 1, n. 17: "Mary is the great mould of God, fashioned by the Holy Spirit to give human nature to a Man who is God by the hypostatic union, and to fashion through grace men who are like to God. No godly feature is missing from this mould. Everyone who casts himself into it and allows himself to be moulded will acquire every feature of Jesus Christ, true God, with little pain or effort, as befits his weak human condition. He will take on a faithful likeness to Jesus with no possibility of distortion, for the devil has never had and never will have any access to Mary, the holy and immaculate Virgin, in whom there is not the least suspicion of a stain of sin." (emphasis mine)

5. H. M. Manteau-Bonamy, "The Immaculata's Universal Mediation" (Ch. 7), in Immaculate Conception and the Holy Spirit: The Marian Teachings of St. Maximilian Kolbe," 87-102.

To be Continued

God Changed My Life