

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 4, 2018



That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. (Mk 1:29-39)

Last Week's Collection

Sunday Offering - \$ 1528.15
 Repair & Renovations fund - \$ 37.50
 'Host a Family..' \$ 20.00
 Bless you for your continued generous support.

Upcoming Events - 2018

Mass with Anointing of the sick - Feb.10&11
Honouring Married Couples - Feb.17&18
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.

Married Singles Lifestyle

The Married Singles Lifestyle describes couples that may have lost a sense of closeness they once had as marriage partners and are living more like roommates. Retrouvaille has helped thousands of couples experiencing 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

Mass Schedule & Intentions from February 3, 2018 to February 11, 2018

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| Saturday | 5:00PM † Giuseppina & Antonio Gallo by Family Pietro Serravalle by Franca Sdao & family Oreste Mazzei by Angelo Fazari & Mother Nancy Caterina & Ruggero Sdao by Franca Sdao |
| Sunday | 9:00AM † Shaoukath Sloom, Watfa Saloom By Kaba family 11:00AM For us and for all our dearly deceased ones |
| Monday | 9:00AM No Mass |
| Tuesday | 9:00AM † Margaret Marko by Helen Charette |
| Wednesday | 9:00AM † Carmelo Presti by Rita & Paul D'Amico |
| Thursday | 9:00AM † Giuseppina Gallo by Mr. & Mrs. Sam Addario |
| Friday | 9:00AM † Franco Sdao by Luigi Paonessa |
| Mass with Anointing of the sick-Feb.10&11 | |
| 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 |



Thank you for supporting 'Host a Family Program'

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.

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

Rev. Michael Basque—Diocese of St. Catharines

Lent is the liturgical season which needs a public relations consultant. I know few people who look at it in a positive frame of mind. Lent has a lot going against it. In this part of the world, it begins in winter when it is still cold and there is usually lots of snow on the ground. The trees are bare. Although the days are getting longer most of us are still leaving for work in the dark. At night, we are hunkered down in doors watching television. Some of our hockey teams have already been eliminated from the playoffs. The calendar may tell us spring is only a few weeks away but it seems like an eternity. Lent reminds us we are sinners. On Ash Wednesday we are told we are dust and unto dust we shall return as the ashes are traced on our foreheads. It is a day of fasting (no in between meal snacking) and abstinence (no meat sandwiches for lunch). Most Catholics give up some small pleasure for Lent like chocolate or scotch. It is a time we are reminded of our need to pray, fast and give alms. We know it is for our own good but we do it with little gusto. **Continued next week.**



Saint Andrew the Apostle, pray for us



General Audience
 January 31, 2018

Dear brothers and sisters:

In our continuing catechesis on the Eucharist, we now consider the importance of the Liturgy of the Word. There God speaks to us, and the same Holy Spirit who inspired the sacred Scriptures opens our minds and hearts to that living word. At the table of God's word, we find nourishment for our lives as we listen to the Old and the New Testaments proclaim the one mystery of Christ and call for our response. Drawing from the richness of the Church's Lectionary, the Liturgy of the Word invites us to silent openness to God's saving message as it resounds in the ecclesial assembly and continues God's constant dialogue with his people, the Church. Since we do not live "by bread alone", but by every word that comes from the mouth of God (cf. Mt 4:4), we need to be constantly open to, and challenged by, that word, in our lives as individuals and in our life as a Church. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to make the word sown in our hearts bear abundant fruit and guide our steps, day by day, on this, our earthly pilgrimage.

The Baroness - A New Book

The inspiring true story of Blessed Maria Schininà, a rich young woman who left everything to serve the poor, the sick and abandoned for the love of God. In 1889 she founded the Sister of the Sacred Heart. For a donation of \$10 or more you receive a copy of this book. All proceeds go towards the sisters of the Sacred Heart for their new mission in PEI.

The Sacrament of Marriage

A communion of life and love

"#1660 The marriage covenant, by which a man and a woman form with each other an intimate communion of life and love, has been founded and endowed with its own special laws by the Creator. By its very nature it is ordered to the good of the couple, as well as to the generation and education of children. Christ the Lord raised marriage between the baptized to the dignity of a sacrament. —>



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

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 .

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

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The grace of the sacrament

#1661 The sacrament of Matrimony signifies the union of Christ and the Church. It gives spouses the grace to love each other with the love with which Christ has loved his Church; the grace of the sacrament thus perfects the human love of the spouses, strengthens their indissoluble unity and sanctifies them on the way to eternal life.

The deeply personal unity of conjugal love

#1643 Conjugal love involves a totality, in which all the elements of the person enter – appeal of the body and instinct, power of feeling and affectivity, aspiration of the spirit and of will. It aims at a deeply personal unity, a unity that, beyond union in one flesh, leads to forming one heart and soul; it demands indissolubility and faithfulness in definitive mutual giving; and it is open to fertility. Read more: <http://www.cccb.ca/site/Files/Churchteaching.html>