

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 5, 2017



“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:13- 16)

Last Week's Collection

Sunday Offering - \$ 1571.25
'Host a Family..' \$ 196.85
Building fund - \$ 45.00

Bless you for your continued generous support.

Upcoming Events

Mass with Anointing of the sick - Feb.11&12

Honouring Married Couples - Feb.18&19

Respect for Life Mass - March 25, 2017

Host a Family Fund Raising Programs:

K of C Breakfast - January 19, 2017

Trivia Night - February 25. Tickets—\$15

Friends, please join and support that we may help our two Syrian families.

Annual Diocesan

RESPECT FOR LIFE MASS

Celebrated by

Most Rev. Gerard Paul Bergie

Bishop of St. Catharines

Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria

Saturday, March 25, 2017 at 10:00a.m.

A Special Diocesan Mass

- to thank God for the gift of life
- to pray for human life in all its stages
- to pray for those wounded by abortion.

Reception to follow in the parish hall

Hosted by the Diocesan CWL

Information: Elise 905-684-7569, Martina 289-686-6122
Diocesan Respect Life Committee

Mass Schedule & Intentions from February 4, 2017 to February 12, 2017

Saturday	5:00PM	† Giuseppina Lucci by Maria Fazzalari
Sunday	9:00AM	† Leonida Aonan by Willie & Susie Due Anne Lemay by Linda Loiselle Ralph Manella by Shirley Donovan Maurice Soong by Maria Fazzalari
Monday	11:00AM	For us and for all our dearly deceased ones No Mass
Tuesday	9:00AM	† Sister Victorine & Sister Beatrice by Maria Fazzalari
Wednesday	9:00AM	† Agata Presti by Maria & Antonio Guarnaccia
Thursday	9:00AM	† Terzo Pace by Franco & Franca Sdao
Friday	9:00AM	† Giacomo Mancuso by Mike Addario
Saturday	5:00PM	† Antonio Gallo by family Annie Savel by C.W.L. of St. Andrew Giuseppina Nero by Husband Amore & family Talina, Nicola & Giuseppe Marchio by Maria Nobile & family
Sunday	9:00AM	† Maria Simone by Antonio & Augusta DeChellis Ugo Bacciaglia by Teresa Paonessa Anne Lemay by Ivo & Mary Dellosa Rita Booth (Pace) by Dino Lostacco
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Thank you for supporting 'Host a Family Program'



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Thank You - Family Luncheon

A big thank you to all those who assisted this past Sunday in the Family Luncheon, especially those who brought soups, desserts and other treats as well as those helping set up the tables.

Year of the Rosary for our diocese

God wants us to be 'peacemakers' and our Blessed Mother shows us the way. We can feel overwhelmed by what is happening in a world that is filled with sin and division. In a world of uncertainty, we need to focus on what we know for certain. One of those certainties is the power of praying the Rosary. As we commemorate the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima, I am initiating the Year of the Rosary for our diocese from January 1, 2017 to January 1, 2018. Our intention will be to pray for world peace. I ask that we focus on praying the Rosary as individuals, parishes, schools, and families. Let us ensure that everyone has a rosary and knows this prayer. On October 13, 1917, the Lady revealed her identity: "I am Our Lady of the Rosary. I have come to exhort the faithful to change their lives and to stop offending the Lord by their sins." She also said: "Pray the Rosary every day to obtain peace in the world and the end of war." Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.



Saint Andrew the Apostle, pray for us



POPE FRANCIS—General Audience February 1, 2017



Dear Brothers and Sisters:

In our continuing catechesis on Christian hope, today we turn to the earliest writing of the New Testament, Saint Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians. The Apostle writes to confirm this young Christian community in its faith in Christ's death and resurrection, but he also speaks of the meaning of this mystery for the life of each believer. For Christ is the firstfruits of the future resurrection. Before the mystery of death, and the loss of our loved ones, we Christians are challenged to hope more firmly in the Lord's promise of eternal life. Paul tells the Thessalonians to wear the hope of salvation like a helmet (1 Thess 5:8), in the knowledge that, because Christ is risen, the object of our hope is certain. Christian hope, then, is a way of life; we live daily in expectation of the resurrection. In that same hope, and in the communion of the Church, we pray too that those who have gone before us will live for ever in Christ. Let us ask the Lord to strengthen us in the sure expectation that one day we will be united with him, and all our loved ones, in the joy of the resurrection.

Stress in Your Marriage?

Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Most couples don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. Retrouvaille can help. For confidential information about, or to register for the program beginning with a weekend March 24, 2017, please call 905-664-5212 or email: hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.

Mass with Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated at all Masses next weekend, **Feb 11 & 12**. It is a sacrament that we can receive any number of times. It is not the 'last rite' to be administered to the unconscious body. We encourage the elderly or chronically/seriously sick members to receive it.

Marriage Vow Renewal

During all Masses on **February 18 & 19**. We honour all married couples who celebrated the Sacrament of Catholic Marriage. Sacrament of marriage is more than a contract. It is sacred covenant. *We (still) Do*



Year of the Rosary

“Through Mary to Jesus: Recitation of the Family Rosary”
Reflection by Fr. Charles Anang

Catholics deeply imbued with our Tradition know that without the Church there is no salvation, or as St. Cyprian famously said: “You cannot have God for your Father unless you have the Church for your mother....”¹⁾ Henri de Lubac more recently wrote, “Without the Church there is no redemption.”²⁾

There is a long tradition that views the Church as “Mother Church” (Ecclesia Mater). But there is a second mother whose role mirrors and parallels that of “Mother Church,” Blessed Virgin Mary. So great is she that the marvelous praise given by Henri de Lubac below for the Church applies equally to her: This wonderful mother gives us a myriad of benefits, we owe her so much. The Church is the Mother of love, of healthy fear, of divine knowledge and holy hope. She is also the living Ark, the Gate of the east, the Beloved of the Lord of the Universe, initiated into His secrets. Her supernatural splendour never fades, and it is thanks to her that our darkness is bathed in light. She is the holy Mother, the unique Mother, the immaculate Mother, the great Mother, the holy Church, the true Eve, and sole true Mother of all the living.

1) "You cannot have God for your Father if you do not have the Church for your mother.... God is one and Christ is one, and his Church is one; one is the faith, and one is the people cemented together by harmony into the strong unity of a body.... If we are the heirs of Christ, let us abide in the peace of Christ; if we are the sons of God, let us be lovers of peace" (St. Cyprian, "The Unity of the Catholic Church").
2) Henri de Lubac, The Splendor of the Church.

To be Continued

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.