

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 15, 2017



The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'"

Last Week's Collection

Sunday Offering - \$ 1879.05
'Host a Family..' \$ 50.00
Building fund - \$ 239.00

Bless you for your continued generous support.

Upcoming Events

Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity - Jan.18-25
Ecumenical Service Sunday, January 22, 3:00pm with Bishop Gerard Bergie D.D. at Cathedral
Mass with Anointing of the sick - Feb.11&12
Honouring Married Couples - Feb.18&19
Host a Family Fund Raising Programs:
Family Mass & Luncheon - January 29, 2016
Trivia Night - February
Friends, please join and support that we may help our two Syrian families.

Marriage Vow Renewal

During All Weekend Masses February 18 & 19, 2017 —We honour all married couples who celebrated the Sacrament of Catholic Marriage.



Mass Schedule & Intentions from January 14, 2017 to January 22, 2017

Saturday	5:00PM	† Pasquale Vaccaro by family Domenic Porcaro by Godchildren Tina, Nancy & Rosa Giovinazzo Arcangelo & Angela Alviano by daughter Nancy Fazari & family Maria Sorbara & Candida Consiglio by sister Nancy Fazari & family
Sunday	9:00AM	† Stephen, Raymond & Theresa Horvat by Theresa Horvat Bruna Belcamino by Stella Agostino Rosie Trokas by the Almakhoul family Iolanda Tancredi by Nardina Inneo & family
	11:00AM	For us and for all our dearly deceased ones
Monday		No Mass
Tuesday	9:00AM	† Mass of the Safety of All Pilgrims by Rosemary Lastovic
Wednesday	8:30AM	For Christian Unity
Thursday	9:00AM	Communion Service
Friday	9:00AM	Communion Service
Saturday	5:00PM	† Rocco Longo by Maria Fazzalari Bernardo Marchio by Angelo Fazari
Sunday	9:00AM	† Maria Simone by Antonio & Augusta DeChellis
	11:00AM	For us and for all our dearly deceased ones



Thank you for supporting 'Host a Family Program'

MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK

will be celebrated at all Masses on **February 11 & 12, 2017**. Jesus is with us when we undergo sickness and suffering, and when we care for the sick. When we take suffering with Jesus' passion it is fruitful. The Sacrament of the anointing of the sick gives more graces to the sick person. 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.

RIGHT TO LIFE DINNER

St. Catharine's Right to Life Association will hold its Annual General Meeting at the Holiday Inn and Suites (327 Ontario St., St. Catharines) on Saturday, February 25 starting at 5:00 PM. Guest speaker is Stephanie Gray. For tickets or information call 905-684-7505 or e-mail info@chooselife.ca.
Tickets: \$45 per person, \$25 for students

POPE FRANCIS—General Audience JANUARY 11, 2017



Dear Brothers and Sisters:

In these first days of the new year, following our celebration of the seasons of Advent and Christmas, with their message of the fulfilment of God's promises in the coming of the Saviour, we now continue our catechesis on Christian hope. The Scriptures teach us that side by side with authentic hope, born of trust in God's word, we can be tempted by false hopes and worldly idols, like money, power or physical beauty. Hope in God demands strength and perseverance, whereas these false gods promise an easy security, a future we can control. The Psalmist denounces this kind of idolatry, stating that those who put their trust in images that are the work of human hands, will come to be like them: spiritually blind, deaf and insensible. God is always greater than we are, and we, created in his image and likeness, cannot reduce him to our size or fabricate other gods, made in our own image and tailored to our desires. By trusting in God's word and hoping in his promises, we become more and more like him, sharing in his life and rejoicing in his provident care, revealed in the birth, death and resurrection of Jesus his Son.

To book a Mass

If you would like to have a Mass celebrated for a special occasion, on behalf of a family member, a friend, or a deceased loved one (Holy Souls in Purgatory), please submit a Mass Request to us. Envelopes are available at the back. You may also visit the office during office hours or sent us an e-mail at sandrewrcc@outlook.com

Prayer for Christian Unity: Jan. 18-25

The Bishops of Ontario urge us to join together in prayer for Christian Unity between Wed. Jan. 18 and Wed. Jan. 25. The theme of this year's prayer is 'Reconciliation.' The prayer is a reflection on the text of 2 Corinthians 5.14-20. The title given to this year's prayer is, "The love of Christ compels us," quoting from Pope Francis' 2013 Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium* ("The Joy of the Gospel", Paragraph 9.) A set of eight Biblical Reflections on 2 Corinthians 5.14-20 has been prepared by the World Council of Churches to guide our reflections as individuals, families, small groups or parishes. All are invited to join Bishop Bergie in an Ecumenical Prayer for Unity, at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria, on Sunday, January 22, at 3:00 pm.

Holy Land trip

Fr. Paul will be away (from Jan. 18th to 27th), for a trip to the Holy Land. We cordially welcome **Fr. Andrew Morasse CSC**, who will be taking care of our parish in this period.

Saint Andrew the Apostle, pray for us



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2017:

Reconciliation – The Love of Christ Compels Us (cf. 2 Corinthians 5:14-20)



Germany: The Land of the Lutheran Reformation

In 1517 Martin Luther raised concerns about what he saw happening in the Church by making public his 95 theses. This year marks the 500th anniversary of this key event in the reformation movements, often controversial in the history of inter-church relations in Germany. This is why the Evangelical Church in Germany (EKD) has invited its ecumenical partners at various levels to help commemorate the events of 1517.

After extensive discussions, the churches in Germany agreed that the way to commemorate this Reformation event ecumenically should be a Christfest – a Celebration of Christ. If the emphasis were to be placed on Jesus Christ and his work of reconciliation as the centre of Christian faith, then all the ecumenical partners of the EKD (Roman Catholic, Orthodox, Baptist, Methodist, Mennonite and others) could participate in the anniversary festivities.

The Lutheran – Roman Catholic Commission on Unity has worked hard to produce a shared understanding of the commemoration. Its report, *From Conflict to Communion*, recognizes that both traditions approach this anniversary with new understandings of their own history and theology. In 2017 Lutheran and Catholic Christians will, for the first time, commemorate together the beginning of the Reformation.

From this agreement and the wider ecumenical context emerges the strong theme of this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: "Reconciliation – The Love of Christ Compels Us" (cf. 2 Cor. 5:14).

To Be Continued..

In Memoriam



A longtime parishioner and CWL member Annie Savel passed away on January 9, 2017, at the age of 92. A Funeral Mass was celebrated for her here on January 13, 2017 which was presided by her grandson Rev. Father Stephen Savel & Father Paul. Our hearty condolence to all the bereaving family members. We would like to thank the family for choosing St. Andrew's Parish for Memorial Donations.

In Memoriam

Ralph Mannella, a long standing member of St. Andrew's parish passed away on January 11, 2017. A funeral Mass was celebrated for him on January 14, 2017. Our prayers and hearty condolence to his bereaving wife and family. We also thank the family for choosing St. Andrew's Parish for Memorial Donations.

