

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 21, 2018



As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. (Mk 1:14-20)

Last Week's Collection

Sunday Offering - 1502.75
Repair & Renovations fund - \$ 211.55
'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.

You Can Help Your Marriage

Are you frustrated or angry at each other or have you just stopped talking to each other? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples. 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 January 20, 2018 to January 28, 2018

Saturday	5:00PM † Oreste Mazzei by Franca Sdao & family Giuseppe Biamonte by Brother in Law Gennaro Tavano
Sunday	9:00AM † Angela Riolino by Lucy Riolino-Smith & family Ippolito Mauro by Wife Ines & family 11:00AM For us and for all our dearly deceased ones
Monday	9:00AM No Mass
Tuesday	9:00AM † Dawn Ann McDonald by Lillian Poirier & family
Wednesday	9:00AM † Maria Tolentino by Willie & Susie Due
Thursday	9:00AM † Giuseppina Gallo by Michelle & Joe Habjan
Friday	9:00AM † Franco Sdao by Teresa DiGioia
Saturday	5:00PM † Tony Maddalena by Wife & family Talina, Nicola & Giuseppe Marchio by Maria Nobile & family Oreste Mazzei by Franca Sdao & family
Sunday	9:00AM † Nancy Pala by family Domenic & Frances Porcaro by godchildren Tina, Nancy & Rosa Raymond, Stephen & Theresa Horvat by mom 11:00AM For us and for all our dearly deceased ones



Thank you for supporting 'Host a Family Program'

World Day of the Sick

The 26th World Day of the Sick will be celebrated on February 11, 2018. The World Day of the Sick focuses on three themes. It reminds the faithful to pray for the sick; it invites us to reflect upon the meaning of human suffering; finally, it recognizes and honours all persons who work in the health care field. Please find attached the English and French texts of the Holy Father's Message, "Behold, your son... Behold, your mother. And from that hour the disciple took her into his home" (John 19:26-27).

Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation

This sacrament will be available in all of our churches on the same day at the same time.
Saturday, March 17, 2018 will be the day with Confessions being offered from 10 am until 2 pm

St Andrew's Catholic Women's League

The dues of \$20 for the year are now due. You will find an envelope in your box of Sunday Offering Envelopes.

The CWL supports the parish in many different ways. A summary of how our money was donated is available at the back of the church. We encourage all women of the parish to join and make a difference in our parish. Extra envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please join us. Thank you.



Saint Andrew the Apostle, pray for us



Pope tells Chilean youth to stay "connected" to Christ to be protagonists of change

Using the analogy of a mobile phone, the Pope explained the importance of always staying "connected" to Christ and charging the batteries of their hearts.

Pope Francis on Wednesday urged young Chileans to be "protagonists of change" in the nation and in the Church by staying "connected" to Christ and doing what He would do in their place.

Speaking to them at the National Shrine of Maipu dedicated to Our Lady of Carmel, in Santiago, the Argentinian Pope improvised amply in his native Spanish, underscoring the importance and experience of young people, saying he wants them to help the Church "to be more faithful to the Gospel," and "draw closer to Jesus."

To read more: visit <http://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2018-01/chile-journey-meeting-with-youth-sanctuary-maipu-santiago.html>

International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking

Thursday, February 8th is the fourth International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking. It is celebrated on the feast of St. Josephine Bakhita. Let us pray for the victims and for those who work to end human trafficking. For more information about this issue that affects victims in our own local community, please go to the RCMP Human Trafficking National Coordination Centre website <http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/ht-tp/index-eng.htm>.

A Prayer for an End to Human Trafficking

God of freedom, beauty and truth we believe that your deepest desire, your most powerful energy, is that all creation might know abundant life.

We raise our voices in anguished prayer for our sisters and brothers, women and girls, men and boys, who are modern day slaves; They are your beloved daughters and sons, exploited sexually or forced to work because of human violence and greed.

Fill us with your holy anger and your sacred passion that those who are trafficked might know healing and justice; that traffickers will come to repentance and conversion; that all of us might live in such a way that others are not made to pay the price for our comfort and convenience.

Hasten the coming of the day when all people and our precious Earth itself will be treated, not as a commodity, but as radiant images of your freedom, beauty and truth. Amen. May it be so.

(Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth, Convent Station, N.J.)

Statement by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops on recent changes to government requirements for "Canada Summer Jobs" program

Employment and Social Development Canada posted information on its website, dated 19 December 2017, announcing a major change to its requirements regarding applications for federal funding under its Canada Summer Jobs program for youth employment.

Attestation must now be included that "both the job and the organization's core mandate respect individual human rights in Canada, including the values underlying the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms as well as other rights. These include reproductive rights and the right to be free from discrimination on the basis of sex, religion, race, national or ethnic origin, colour, mental or physical disability, sexual orientation or gender identity or expression."

This new policy conflicts directly with the right to freedom of religion and conscience which too are enshrined in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms as well in associated case law. It seriously undermines the right to religious freedom since the Government of Canada is directly limiting the right of religious traditions to hold, teach and practise their principles and values in public.

Furthermore, the recently announced policy represents an attempt to restrict the voices of faith communities in Canadian democracy and to limit their participation in the public square. Moreover, it runs counter to the recommendations issued at the end of March 2017 by the Consultation Panel on the Political Activities of Charities which had been appointed by the Minister of National Revenue.

The full statement can be found on the bulletin board in the back of the church or on our web site.

Confession: The Sacrament of Reconciliation:

What's it really all about? Please join us for a series of 8 talks as Fr. Stuart MacDonald unpacks the history and theology of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the Ten Commandments and how to make a truly effective Examination of Conscience. Talks will be presented at St. Anthony of Padua Church, 360 River Road, Welland, Ontario. For your convenience, each talk will be given twice weekly: Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm and Friday mornings at 10:00 am, beginning January 30, ending March 23. For more information or to register, contact Helen Smits: 905 988 2274 or cooj0510@gmail.com.