

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 22, 2017



“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles - the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” (Matthew 4: 12-23)

Last Week's Collection

Sunday Offering - \$ 1591.15
 'Host a Family..' \$ 70.00
 Building fund - \$ 112.00

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 25 \$15 Tickets
 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.

We {still} Do

Mass Schedule & Intentions from January 21, 2017 to January 29, 2017

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| Saturday | 5:00PM | † Rocco Longo by Maria Fazzalari Bernardo Marchio by Angelo Fazari |
| Sunday | 9:00AM | † Maria Simone by Antonio & Augusta DeChellis For Christian Unity |
| | 11:00AM | For us and for all our dearly deceased ones |
| Monday | | No Mass |
| Tuesday | 9:00AM | Communion Service |
| Wednesday | 9:00AM | † Nancy Pala by family |
| Thursday | 9:00AM | Communion Service |
| Friday | 9:00AM | Communion Service |
| Saturday | 5:00PM | † Josephina Mendoza by Willie & Susie Due |
| Sunday | 9:00AM | † Frances Porcaro by God children Tina, Nancy & Rosa Giovinazzo Ralph Manella by Linda Loiselle Antonio Maddalena by Wife & Family |
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Thank you for supporting 'Host a Family Program'



Please remember St. Andrew's Parish in your will and when you think about memorial donations! Thank you.

Parish Ministries

Have you considered becoming more active in our parish community? Please join one or more of our Parish Ministries. There are many to choose from, such as: Children's liturgy, Youth, Seniors, Sick & Homebound, Music, Lector, Ushers, Finance Committee, Greeters, Eucharistic Ministers, Host a Family Program, Money Counting, Family Mass and Luncheon Program and more. Your help and inputs will help us to serve the parish better. Please contact Father Paul or the office.

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

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.

Saint Andrew the Apostle, pray for us



POPE FRANCIS—General Audience JANUARY 18, 2017



Dear Brothers and Sisters:
 In our continuing catechesis on Christian hope, we reflect today on the story of the prophet Jonah, who sought to flee from a difficult mission entrusted to him by the Lord. When the ship that Jonah had boarded was tossed by a storm, the pagan sailors asked him, as a man of God, to pray that they might escape sure death. This story reminds us of the link between hope and prayer. Anguish in the face of death often makes us recognize our human frailty and our need to pray for salvation. Jonah prays on behalf of the sailors, and, taking up once more his prophetic mission, shows himself ready to sacrifice his life for their sake. As a result, the sailors come to acknowledge the true God. As the paschal mystery of Christ's death and resurrection makes clear, death itself can be, for each of us, an invitation to hope and an encounter in prayer with the God of our salvation.

World Day of the Sick

The 25th World Day of the Sick will be celebrated on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, February 11, 2017. 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 a message from Pope Francis for the 25th World Day of the Sick.

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.



Prayers

Please remember all the sick and elderly of our parish that are at home, in nursing homes, and hospitals in your prayers.

Lift Jesus Higher

2017 Lift Jesus Higher Rally will take place Saturday, March 4, 2017 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. For more information visit www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.com.



Christ is present to his Church

(From the constitution on the sacred Liturgy of the Second Vatican Council)

Christ is always present to his Church, especially in the actions of the liturgy. He is present in the sacrifice of the Mass, in the person of the minister (it is the same Christ who formerly offered himself on the cross that now offers by the ministry of priests) and most of all under the eucharistic species. He is present in the sacraments by his power, in such a way that when someone baptizes, Christ himself baptizes. He is present in his word, for it is he himself who speaks when the holy Scriptures are read in the Church. Finally, he is present when the Church prays and sings, for he himself promised: Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there in their midst.

Indeed, in this great work which gives perfect glory to God and brings holiness to men, Christ is always joining in partnership with himself his beloved Bride, the Church, which calls upon its Lord and through him gives worship to the eternal Father. It is therefore right to see the liturgy as an exercise of the priestly office of Jesus Christ, in which through signs addressed to the senses man's sanctification is signified and, in a way proper to each of these signs, made effective, and in which public worship is celebrated in its fullness by the mystical body of Jesus Christ, that is, by the head and by his members.

Accordingly, every liturgical celebration, as an activity of Christ the priest and of his body, which is the Church, is a sacred action of a pre-eminent kind. No other action of the Church equals its title to power or its degree of effectiveness.

In the liturgy on earth we are given a foretaste and share in the liturgy of heaven, celebrated in the holy city of Jerusalem, the goal of our pilgrimage, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God, as minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle. With the whole company of heaven we sing a hymn of praise to the Lord; as we reverence the memory of the saints, we hope to have some part with them, and to share in their fellowship; we wait for the Saviour, our Lord Jesus Christ, until he, who is our life, appears, and we appear with him in glory.

By an apostolic tradition taking its origin from the very day of Christ's resurrection, the Church celebrates the paschal mystery every eighth day, the day that is rightly called the Lord's day. On Sunday the Christian faithful ought to gather together, so that by listening to the word of God and sharing in the Eucharist they may recall the passion, death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus and give thanks to God who has given them a new birth with a lively hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. The Lord's day is therefore the first and greatest festival, one to be set before the loving devotion of the faithful and impressed upon it, so that it may be also a day of joy and of freedom from work. Other celebrations must not take precedence over it, unless they are truly of the greatest importance, since it is the foundation and the kernel of the whole liturgical year.