Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time January 28, 2018



They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" (Mk 1:21-28)

Last Week's Collection

Sunday Offering - \$ 2205.55 Repair & Renovations fund - \$ 155.00 'Host a Family..' \$ 70.00

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.

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 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 27, 2018 to February 4, 2018

5:00PM † Tony Maddalena by Wife & family Saturday 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

Monday 9:00AM No Mass

Saturday

Program^{*}

Tuesday 9:00AM † Sister Victorine & Sister Beatrice

by Maria Fazzalari

Wednesday 9:00AM † Maria Tolentino by Willie & Susie Due

Thursday 9:00AM † Franco Sdao by Angie D'Aurizio

Friday

9:00AM † Les Sumbler by Franca Sdao

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 Thank you for

by Kaba family supporting Host a Family

11:00AM For us and for all our dearly deceased ones

NIAGARA FOUNDATION FOR CATHOLIC **EDUCATION----- "MAKING A** DIFFERENCE FOR STUDENTS IN NEED"

Every day in the Niagara Region, one in five students goes to school hungry. Some wait in line for breakfast. For lunch, they have pizza scraps from the previous night's supper. You can make a difference. Christ says, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are my brothers, you did it to me". Please watch the video on our website www.nfce.org. Thanks!

Marriage Vow Renewal

During all Masses on February 17 & 18. We honour all married couples who celebrated the Sacrament of Catholic Marriage. Sacrament of marriage is more than a contract. It is a sacred covenant.

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.



Saint Andrew the Apostle, pray for us

General Audience January 24, 2018

Dear brothers and sisters:

In my recent Apostolic Journey to Chile and Peru. I had the joy of encountering God's pilgrim people and encouraging the growth of social harmony in respect for the rich diversity of those nations. In Chile, I stressed the importance of listening to the voices of all: the poor, the young and the elderly, the immigrant and the voice of the earth itself. I encouraged the Church in its path of purification and renewal, and, appealing to the example of Saint Alberto Hurtado, I encouraged educators to help the young to share in the building of a just and inclusive society. In Peru, I expressed my confidence that the nation's environmental, spiritual and cultural riches can contribute to to building unity and cooperation in meeting the grave challenges facing society. In my meeting with the Amazonian peoples, I stressed the importance of mutual respect and care for the natural environment. In Trujillo, hard hit by natural disasters, I invited all to work together in confronting the social problems of crime and the lack of education, employment and housing. In Lima, I concluded my visit to these two countries by appealing to the example of the saints and asking their intercession as the Church pursues the path of conversion and mission, and strives to be a messenger of unity, hope and peace for all peoples.

The Sacrament of Anointing of the sick

The Church offers the sacrament of anointing to those who are seriously ill or who are feeble because of old

Anointing of the sick: Developed from the practice of the apostles (Mark 6.13) and of the early Church (James 5.14 15), this sacrament has been renewed in recent years.

Call the priest whenever a believer becomes seriously ill. The more conscious and alert the person is, the more fully he or she can take part in the celebration and be comforted.

Scripture. The Church—represented by the priest, the sick person and the gathered relatives and friends listens to the word of God and prays in faith for the

Laying on of hands. In silent prayer, the priest lays his hands on the sick person's head. —>

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

World Day for Consecrated Life

February 2, 2018 (Celebrated in Parishes February 3-4)

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This

celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. The celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life is transferred to the following Sunday in order to highlight the gift of consecrated persons for the whole Church.

The purpose of the day is "to help the entire Church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelical counsels" as well as "to be a suitable occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervor which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord'

- Saint John Paul II, 1997

-> Anointing with oil. The priest rubs blessed oil on the person's forehead and hands, saying a brief prayer. Other sacraments. The sick person may wish to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation. After the anointing, communion may be received. (No eucharistic fast is required of the sick.)

Who can be anointed? Those who are seriously sick; patients before serious surgery; elderly people who are very weak; sick children old enough to understand and be comforted by the sacrament. Those who have a serious mental illness and who would be strengthened by the sacrament may be anointed. The sacrament is for the living. The priest does not anoint a dead body, but prays for the one who has died.

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