

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 29, 2017



“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. (Matthew 5:1-12)

Last Week's Collection

Sunday Offering - \$ 1762.50
 'Host a Family..' \$ 15.00
 Building fund - \$ 50.00
 Other—\$30.00

Bless you for your continued generous support.

Upcoming Events

Mass with Anointing of the sick - Feb.11&12
 Honouring Married Couples - Feb.18&19
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.



Mass Schedule & Intentions from January 28, 2017 to February 5, 2017

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
	11:00AM	For us and for all our dearly deceased ones
Monday		No Mass
Tuesday	9:00AM	† Tommaso DiGioia by Wife & Family
Wednesday	9:00AM	† Maria Simone by Flavia Cerrone
Thursday	9:00AM	† Domenico Locco by Lea Locco & Family
Friday	9:00AM	† Catherina & Rugero Sdao by Franco & Franca Sdao
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
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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.

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 24, 2017, please call 905-664-5212 or email: hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.

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

Saint Andrew the Apostle, pray for us



POPE FRANCIS—General Audience JANUARY 25, 2017



Dear Brothers and Sisters:

In our continuing catechesis on Christian hope, we turn today to the story of Judith. The Old Testament Book of Judith tells how, during the siege of the city of Bethulia by the Assyrian general Holofernes, the people were on the verge of surrendering. In an apparently hopeless situation, the leaders of the city determined to hold off for five days, trusting that the Lord would come to their aid. At that point, Judith appeared to reinforce their wavering hope in the face of fear and to propose a plan that led to victory over the enemy. The example of this woman of great wisdom and courage teaches us to trust in the Lord's providential care, but also, in prayer and obedience, to discern his will and to do everything in our power to respond to the challenges that come our way. Judith's faith inspires us to commend ourselves to the Father with the same obedience that led Jesus, in the Garden of Gethsemane, to pray: "Not my will, but yours be done".

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.

Thank you

We thank **Fr. Andrew Morasse CSC**, who took care of our parish in this period. Thank you Father.

In Memoriam

Rita Booth (Pace) passed away on January 22, 2016. A funeral Mass was celebrated for her here at St. Andrew's on January 26, 2017. Our condolences to the bereaving family and 'pray that God may grant eternal rest to Rita.



Prayers

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

Christ has called us to his kingdom and glory
 (From a letter to the Church of Smyrna by Saint Ignatius of Antioch, bishop and martyr)

From Ignatius, known as Theophorus, to the Church of God the Father and of Jesus Christ, his beloved, at Smyrna in Asia, wishing you all joy in an immaculate spirit and the Word of God. By his mercy you have won every gift and lack none, filled as you are with faith and love, beloved of God and fruitful in sanctity.

I celebrate the glory of Jesus Christ as God, because he is responsible for your wisdom, well aware as I am of the perfection of your unshakeable faith. You are like men who have been nailed body and soul to the cross of Jesus Christ, confirmed in love by his blood.

In regard to the Lord, you firmly believe that he was of the race of David according to the flesh, but God's son by the will and power of God; truly born of the Virgin and baptized by John, that all justice might be fulfilled; truly nailed to a cross in the flesh for our sake under Pontius Pilate and the Tetrarch Herod, and of his most blessed passion we are the fruit. And thus, by his resurrection he raised up a standard over his saints and faithful ones for all time (both Jews and Gentiles alike) in the one body of his Church. For he endured all this for us, for our salvation; and he really suffered, and just as truly rose from the dead.

As for myself, I am convinced that he was united with his body even after the resurrection. When he visited Peter and his companions, he said to them: Take hold of me, touch me and see that I am not a spirit without a body. Immediately they touched him and believed, clutching at his body and his very spirit. And for this reason they despised death and conquered it. In addition, after his resurrection, the Lord ate and drank with them like a real human being, even though in spirit he was united with his Father.

And so I am giving you serious instruction on these things, dearly beloved, even though I am aware that you believe them to be so.

St. Andrew's Trivia Night



Dear friends, our next Trivia night is planned for February 25, 2017. This evening is in support of the "Host a Family program". We are looking for volunteers who would like to assist in the evening. Also, those interested in donating money or items for door prizes are asked to contact Jonathan Hardt at (905) 732-5798. We appreciate your help in this. Thank you.

