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Sunday, January 29th, 2023



4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.” - Mt 5:10-12a

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Sat. Jan 28	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
	5:00pm	✠ Nicola Colangelo (Rosa Colangelo & Family)
Sun. Jan 29	9:30am	Intentions of Kevin Mullin (Colin & Teresa Walters)
	11:00am	Missa Pro Populo
Mon. Jan 30	9:30am	No Mass
Tues. Jan 31	9:30am	✠ Emmanuel Arcaro (Ferrara Family)
	7-8pm	HOLY HOUR & Confessions
Wed. Feb 1	9:30am	✠ MASS CANCELLED
Thurs. Feb 2	9:30am	✠ Joseph Pizzacalla (John & Diane Szydowski)
Fri. Feb 3	9:30am	Intentions of Dave & Ester Parkin (Colin & Teresa Walters)
		Vince Addario (Lena Addario)
	6:00pm	Holy Hour & Confessions
	7:00pm	Mass
Sat. Feb 4	8:00am	Holy Hour & Confessions
	9:00am	Mass
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
	5:00pm	Special Intention for DiMartile Family (Karen Kennedy)
Sun. Feb 5	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	✠ Antonio Addario (Vince Addario)

Confessions from 9-9:25am before all weekday Masses.

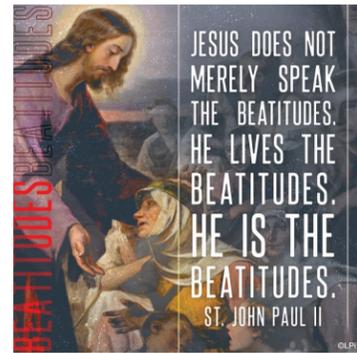
ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

If your child is Catholic, in Grade 3 or above this year, has made their First Communion and is interested in becoming an altar server, please fill out the form (available at the back of the church) and give to Fr. Jacek or bring to the church office.

Tax receipts for 2022 are now available to pick up (at the church entrance). Those remaining will be mailed this coming week.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In my parents' bedroom there were on the wall two photos of my mom and dad from their early adulthoods. The photo of my mother entranced me when I was a boy. I loved looking at it, even though I saw her in daily life. Something about that picture captured her perfectly. It was an image of the joy, wisdom, beauty, and strength that enveloped me from the start of my life. It was an icon of the woman who fed, taught, and encouraged me. I felt a deep pride that I came from such beauty.



The beatitudes of Jesus are a kind of self-portrait. But it is a strange picture. At first, the blessings of being poor, mourning, and hungering and thirsting for righteousness may seem bizarre or, worse, a religious delusion. Who wants to look like *that*? But if we look again, we begin to see the characteristics of Jesus' form. He becomes poor and fills it with his riches for us, he weeps and mourns for us, and fills it with his joy, he hungers and thirsts for us to be righteous, and so satisfies us. And so on. It's the way he appears on the cross.

Perhaps we should put on our bedroom room walls the words of the beatitudes next to a crucifix of the Lord Jesus. Then we can do what the beatitudes are designed for, to gaze at the joy, wisdom, beauty, and strength of the one who is our origin, and who is with us every day. And little by little, we'll start to look like him.



Feast of St. Blaise— February 3rd

St. Blaise lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. Due to religious persecution, he was forced to flee and hide in a cave in the back country in order to save his life. History has it that one day a group of hunters stumbled upon where St. Blaise was living. They found the bishop kneeling in prayer, surrounded by wolves, lions, and bears that he had tamed. The legend has it that as the hunters dragged Blaise off to prison, a mother

came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command, the child was able to cough up the bone and thus lived. Today we remember the saint on his feast day by taking two candles, crossing them against the throat, and saying the following prayer:

Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

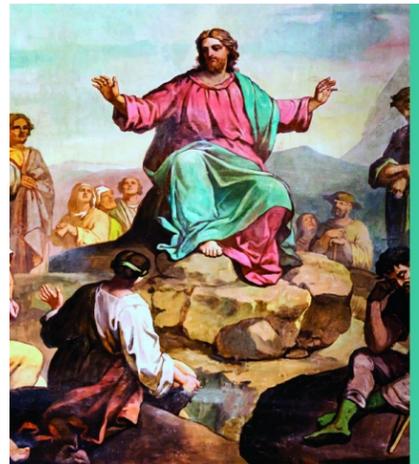
If you would like to participate in this tradition, Fr. Jacek will bless throats following Mass on Friday Feb 3rd and Masses on the weekend of Feb 4/5.

Pope's prayer intention Month of February: For Parishes— We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

YOUTH MINISTRY—MONDAY EVENINGS FROM 6:30-8:30PM IN THE PARISH HALL. Registration forms are at the back of the church. All youth in Grades 5-8 are welcome!

Offertory January 15th, 2023— \$2,110.00
Offertory January 22nd, 2023- \$1,625.00

Sunday, February 5th, 2023



5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.” - Mt 5:14

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Mon. Feb 6	9:30am	No Mass
Tues. Feb 7	9:30am	✠ Kiyoko Suzuki (Mike & Anne Young)
	7-8pm	HOLY HOUR & Confessions
Wed. Feb 8	9:30am	✠ Deceased Members of the Horton Family (Horton Family) Reparation for all the sorrows of The Sacred Hearts of Jesus, Joseph & Mary (Colin & Teresa Walters)
Thurs. Feb 9	9:30am	✠ Helen Albanese (Vince Addario)
Fri. Feb 10	9:30am	✠ Angelo Albanese (Vince Addario) Reparation for offences Committed against the Blessed Sacrament (Colin & Teresa Walters)
Sat. Feb 11	9:00am	Adoration
	9:30am	Mass & the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
	5:00pm	Vince Addario (Lena Addario)
Sun. Feb 12	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	✠ Mary Wood (Joan & Tim Crowther)

Confessions from 9-9:25am before all weekday Masses.
Choose Life Niagara Annual Dinner Event: Sat. Feb. 25th, 2023. Club Italia, Niagara Fall, O+

nt. Tickets \$50, student \$25. Speaker— Emily Albrecht, Director of Education and Outreach at the Equal Rights Institute in the U.S. Purchase tickets at: chooselife.ca/events or call 905-684-7505.

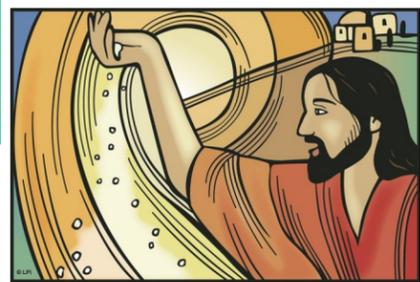
Tuesday, February 8, is the International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking. It is celebrated on the Feast of St. Josephine Bakhita. Let us pray for the victims and for those who work to end human trafficking. For more information about this issue that affects victims in our own local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

The Diocesan Separated & Divorced Healing Ministry Support Group : February 13th, 2023—Understanding Loss. Meetings will be held both in person at Mount Carmel and virtually via Zoom platform. To participate via Zoom, phone or email. 905-684-0154, separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

I recently decided to learn to cook. As I sit at the feet of various YouTube cooking masters, I notice how much of cooking is adding ingredients that don't provide any more nourishment, like herbs and other seasonings. But man! They make all the difference because they make the meal delightful to eat and share.

Jesus calls his disciples “salt of the world.” No one eats just salt. So, Christians are not meant to replace or do away with the world. They are meant to be agents of preservation and glorification. Notice how often these days the Church seeks to preserve what is threatened: the goodness of marital and family love, the desires of young people for greatness, the value of honest work, healthy



politics, and altruistic political engagement, the dignity of the poor and vulnerable. Over and over, we say to a world who wants to throw things out, “It's worth saving! We'll preserve it! We'll show you it's wonderful.” If we can't engage the world like that, Jesus says we are the ones who get thrown out, because salt alone is worthless.

Jesus only asks us to do for others what he does for us. He is the “salt” of everything in our lives. Is there something in your life starting to rot a bit? Something tasting bland and boring? Let Jesus salt it and see if you like it better.



Feast in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes.

This is also the World Day of the Sick. This day highlights the healing ministry of the Church and recognizes the service of those involved in health care.

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops issued a media release regarding [Pope Francis's message for the 31st World Day of the Sick](https://www.cccb.ca/media-release/pope-franciss-message-for-the-31st-world-day-of-the-sick-11-february-2023/), to be celebrated on Saturday, February 11, 2023. The Holy Father's message is entitled: “Taking care of him” – *Compassion as a synodal exercise in healing*. Please visit the CCCB website to read the full message that includes ideas on how to promote the World Day for the Sick. <https://www.cccb.ca/media-release/pope-franciss-message-for-the-31st-world-day-of-the-sick-11-february-2023/>

An invitation is extended to all parishioners who are elderly and/or suffering from a serious illness or disease to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick on the weekend of Feb 11/12 following Masses. Mass will also be celebrated on Sat. Feb. 11th at 9:30am (Adoration begins at 9am). Fr. Jacek will be available following Mass to administer the Sacrament.

World Day for Consecrated Life Feb. 2nd: Wednesday, February 2, is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. It is also the World Day for Consecrated Life. The image of light has traditionally been associated with the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord as candles are blessed and distributed to the faithful. This image can also be associated with Consecrated Life. Throughout the history of the Church men and women religious have been a light in the darkness by living out their various charisms. We are most grateful to those in Consecrated Life in the Diocese of St. Catharines who have contributed so much to education, healthcare, works of charity, and parish life. They have been the light of Christ to so many in the past, present, and will continue to be in the future.

