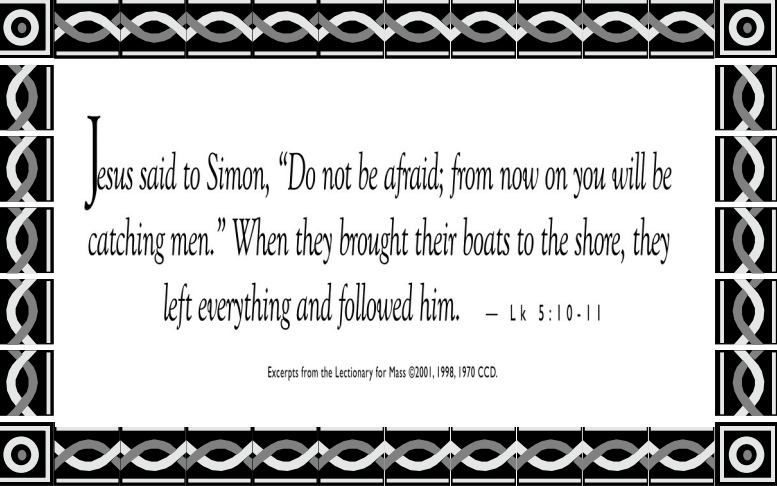


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Sunday, February 7th, 2016
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him. — Lk 5:10-11

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Sat. Feb 6	9-10am	Reconciliation
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sun. Feb 7	9:30am	Intention Available
	11:00am	✠ Joseph & Christopher Rybiak (Barb & Sophie Rybiak)
Mon. Feb 8	7:00pm	Holy Hour & Reconciliation
Tues. Feb 9	9:30am	✠ Elizabeth Lacavera (Tom Lacavera)
Wed. Feb 10		Ash Wednesday
	9:30am	Intention Available
	7:00pm	Intention Available
Thurs. Feb 11	9:30am	Intention Available
Fri. Feb 12	9:30am	Intention Available
	7:00pm	Stations of the Cross
Sat. Feb 13	9-10am	Reconciliation
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	✠ Deceased Family & Friends of the Podolyak Family (Mary & Bill Podolyak)
Sun. Feb 14	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	✠ Armand & Betty Mei (Patti & Cyril Simek)
		✠ Mary Wood (Tim & Joan Crowther)

Reconciliation from 9-9:20am before all weekday masses.
Offertory January 30th & 31st, 2016

92 Envelopes	\$1, 826.00
Loose Collection	\$ 66.00
Total Offertory	\$1, 892.00

Month of January:
Income: \$13, 058.00
Expenses: \$10, 979.00

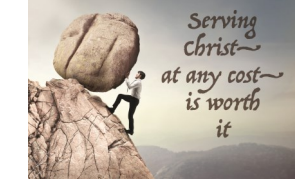
Saturday, March 5th: in every parish church across the diocese, a priest will be available from 10am-2pm to hear individual confessions

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him." Just when business was finally booming, Simon and Company closed up shop. The timing was strange, really. After a lifetime of fishing to make a living, these men had just hauled in so many fish that "their nets were tearing" and "the boats were in danger of sinking." Just imagine the profit on the other side of this night's work! Just imagine how their reputation would have grown. How easy it would have been to go out and buy a new fleet of boats and to upgrade their stash of nets. Most likely for the first time, wealth was within reach.

And yet, just then, Simon, James, and John left their boats on the shore and followed Jesus in the task of "catching men." This is astonishing. Not only did they give up their sudden monetary success, they gave up EVERYTHING. In a moment's time, these men radically altered their life, their plans, their future, and their fortune. And civilization has never been the same since.

Thanks in large part to the courage of these first apostles, and of their successors the bishops, and of all the faithful men and women religious throughout history who have "left everything and followed him," our church has continued to flourish and our culture has been greatly enhanced. Those of us who are members of the laity are likewise called to follow Christ, of course. The tremendous sacrifices that priests and religious sisters make should inspire us, and remind us that serving Christ-at any cost-is worth it. Their lives stand as a powerful witness indeed. Today, let us pause to thank God for these men and women and to ask his blessing on them all.



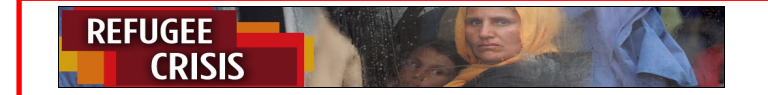
Lent begins February 10th There are traditionally forty days in Lent which are marked by fasting, both from foods and festivities, and by other acts of penance. The three traditional practices to be taken up with renewed vigor during Lent are prayer (justice towards God), fasting (justice towards self), and almsgiving (justice towards neighbour). Today, some people give up something they enjoy, and often give the time or money spent doing that thing to charitable purposes or organizations. Lent is a season of sorrowful reflection that is punctuated by breaks in the fast on Sundays (the day of the resurrection); thus, Sundays are not counted in the forty days of Lent. **Masses Ash Wednesday....9:30am & 7pm.** The distribution of ashes reminds us of our own mortality and calls us to repentance. The ashes that we receive are a reminder of our own sinfulness, and many Catholics leave them on their foreheads all day as a sign of humility.

The following is provided from the Code of Canon Law for your information.

Can.1251 Abstinence from meat, or from some other food as determined by the Episcopal Conference, is to be observed on all Fridays, unless a solemnity should fall on a Friday. Abstinence and fasting are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Can.1252 The law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year. The law of fasting binds those who have attained their majority (age 18) until the beginning of their sixtieth year. Pastors of souls and parents are to ensure that even those who by reason of their age are not bound by the law of fasting and abstinence, are taught the true meaning of penance. The law of abstinence forbids the use of meat, but not of eggs, the products of milk or condiments made of animal fat.

The Jubilee Year of Mercy : In response to our Bishop's request, St. Ann's has a Prayer Hour for Mercy with Eucharistic Adoration every Monday evening at 7:00 p.m.
 The Sacrament of Confession is available during that time until 7:55 p.m. when we will have Benediction. In addition, Confession are available before each weekday Mass from 9:00 a.m. to 9:20 a.m. Tuesday to Friday. Confessions on Saturday are available from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in addition to the usual 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. It is my hope that this Year of Mercy will be a time of increased prayer and increased reception of the Sacraments, especially Confession and the Eucharist, so that we may grow much closer to Our Lord Jesus Christ and better appreciate and put into practice the great love and mercy He shows us.



Volunteers needed for the Syrian Refugee Crisis

As on many occasions in the past, we are once again called upon to assist our brothers and sisters in need who have no reasonable hope of returning to their homes. Pope Francis has called on every parish, religious community, and shrine in Europe to welcome a refugee family. The Pope has led by example by sponsoring one family at the Vatican. Bishop Bergie has requested that we follow the direction of the Pope by sponsoring a family in each parish; thirteen parishes in our diocese have already applied and have been approved by our Canadian Government, and are now awaiting their families.

Some members of our parish family have attended meetings at the Catholic Centre to determine what would be required to participate in this service of charity for refugees. The objectives are to assist newcomers with their adjustment to a new community and life in Canada as well as the following:

- To provide effective and efficient support and offer safe and temporary lodgings.
- Network with social aid agencies providing essential services such as ESL, secondary settlement, legal and other social services.
- Provide transportation to government and medical offices.
- Counselling and assistance in documentation.
- Food and clothing.

To be a participant in this moment of human history we have to establish a Committee to enable their integration and build a welcoming community. **How can you help?**

Please speak to Father Chad or Deacon Jim after Mass or let Liliana know of your interest to become a member of our St. Ann's team.

Syrian Refugee Sponsorship, as of January 29: 14 parishes are committed to sponsoring Syrian refugee families

21 families are being sponsored by our parishes
 6 parishes are taking preliminary steps toward sponsorship commitments

7 Syrian families are expected to arrive in the diocese in the coming weeks and months
 Our diocesan sponsorship initiative is growing. Thanks to generous volunteers, donors and benefactors, the diocese can provide financial and other assistance to parish communities that have the willingness but may not have the financial means to sponsor a refugee family.

Parish Calendar

Feb 6/7....	Blessing of Throats following all masses
Feb 10th.....	Ash Wednesday
Feb 12th....	Stations of the Cross 7pm
Feb 14th....	First Sunday of Lent
Feb 14th....	Anointing of the Sick following the 11am mass
Feb 16th....	Mass cancelled
Feb 17th....	Liturgy Committee meeting 7pm
March.....	
March 4th....	World Day of Prayer—St. Alexander Parish More to follow
March 4th....	Visitation of the sick and homebound
March 13th....	Solidarity Sunday
March 20th....	Palm Sunday
March 24th....	Holy Thursday
March 25th....	Good Friday
March 26th....	Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil
March 27th....	Easter Sunday
March 30th....	St. Ann School Easter Mass 9:30am

The Way of the Cross: For Roman Catholics throughout the world, the **Stations of the Cross** are synonymous with Lent, Holy Week and, especially, Good Friday. This devotion is also known as the "Way of the Cross", the "Via Crucis", and the "Via Dolorosa." It commemorates 14 key events on day of Christ's crucifixion. The majority concern His final walk through the streets of Jerusalem, carrying the Cross. When the Way of the Cross is commemorated in Catholicism this is done by a sort of prayer wherein the faithful imagine the various tableaux of the journey, known as The Stations of the Cross. The word 'station' stems from Latin 'statio', meaning: I stand. As far back as the 16th century these stations could be seen along the street Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem, a well-known voyage for pilgrims. **Beginning February 12th, join us for the Way of the Cross each Friday during Lent at 7pm.**

World Day of the Sick - February 11th— Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes—

highlights the healing ministry of the Church. The ministry of Jesus to the sick is central to the life of the Church. 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. **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 SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14th FOLLOWING THE 11AM MASS.**



Share Lent Calendar 2016

On Ash Wednesday, Development and Peace will launch its annual Share Lent Campaign with its theme for the year, **Create a Climate of Change.** Money raised through Share Lent provides vital support to the poor in more than 30 countries throughout Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. You can make Share Lent a part of your own Lenten journey by putting up a Solidarity Calendar (today's bulletin insert) in your home. Or you can download our Lenten Calendar app for free from the App store or Google Play! Learn more about the campaign at devp.org/sharelent. The Share Lent collection will take place on March 13th, Solidarity Sunday.

CWL Diocesan Retreat: "Living A Merciful Life" - Sat. March 5th or Wed. March 9th. Mt. Carmel. \$40 per person. If you are a CWL member, you will be reimbursed half the cost. **Phone office to register by Feb. 17th.**