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Sunday, January 16th, 2022

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine."
 - Jn 2:1-3

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life. Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus.



SYNOD 2021-2023, Journeying Together

"The purpose of the synodal process is ultimately not a mere inward looking, but the consultation occurs in view of being more deeply the church of Christ so as to live communion, achieve participation in order to proclaim with integrity and effectively the Gospel, that is, be a missionary church." (PD) For more information, visit <https://www.synod.va/en.html>. For information on what is happening in our local Church, visit <http://www.saintcd.com/synod-2021-2023>.

The Diocesan Separated & Divorced Healing Ministry Support Group

meets every second and fourth Monday of the month (except holidays) from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Given the newly introduced Provincial health guidelines under the COVID-19 protocols effective January 4, 2022, Separated and Divorced Healing Ministry meetings will only be conducted virtually for the time being. For our pamphlet, information, and registration call 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154, or email separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com **Jan 24, 2022, Overcoming Loneliness**

Message from His Excellency Bishop Gerard Bergie: As we begin another year let us give thanks to Almighty God for the many graces our diocese received during 2021 and pray that 2022 will be a blessed year. I look forward to this New Year filled with hope, that the fire of faith will burn with greater intensity in all of our hearts, as we continue to deal with the impact of the ongoing pandemic.

"May the Lord bless you and keep you; May the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace" (Num. 6: 22-27).

Sunday, January 23rd, 2022

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me... He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free.
 - Lk 4:18

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the "gods" of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainty of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away.

SYNOD 2021-2023, Journeying Together

Every voice is important and everyone is invited to participate in the Synod. You can sign up for a parish discussion group or form your own group. We want to hear from young and old, working and retired and unemployed people, students, active and inactive Catholics; single, married, separated, divorced and widowed Catholics; prayer groups and Bible study groups; ethnic and cultural and special interest groups, marginalized and socially excluded individuals, etc. Pope Francis, in his Opening Address for the Synod said, "It is important that the synodal process be exactly this: a process of becoming, a process that involves the local Churches, in different phases and from the bottom up, in an exciting and engaging effort that can forge a style of communion and participation directed to mission."

The Government of Ontario announced that on Wednesday, January 5th, 2022 at 12:01 am, Ontario will move to a modified Step 2 of its Re-Opening Plan.

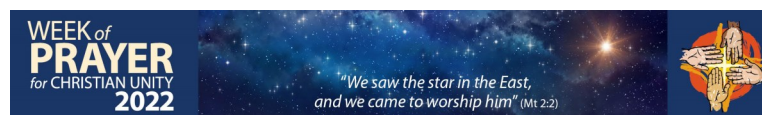
This modified Step 2 will be in place until at least January 26th, 2022. Large indoor religious services, rites or ceremonies, including wedding and funeral services are limited to 50% capacity. This will not impact our current capacity since we are required to maintain physical distancing of six feet/two meters which effectively allows for one-third capacity for church services.

Parish offices are to remain closed to visitors, with staff working remotely as much as possible. **Email and phone messages will be checked regularly.**

Indoor social gatherings and organized public events are limited to 5 people. All diocesan and parish scheduled meetings are to take place virtually or be postponed/cancelled. The Catholic Centre will be closed with staff working remotely. Will keep you posted with any further changes. Our website stannfenwick.com will have updates as well.

Mon. Jan 24		NO MASS
Tues. Jan 25	9:30am †	Brian Finora (Colin & Teresa Walters)
		† Isaiah (Magazzeni Family)
	7-8pm	HOLY HOUR & Confessions
Wed. Jan 26	9:30am †	Ralph Biancanello & Gerard Gosselin (Vince Addario)
Thurs. Jan 27	9:30am †	Marion Mullin & Joseph Mullin (Colin & Teresa Walters)
Fri. Jan 28	9:30am	Intentions of Peiter Saaksman (Colin & Teresa Walters)
Sat. Jan 29	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
	5:00pm †	Deceased Members of the Podolyak Family (Bill & Mary Podolyak & Fam.)
Sun. Jan 30	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am †	Domenic Cecco (Pat Vaillancourt & Family)

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



The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is 18-25 January— we pray together for that full unity which is Christ's will.

THEME: "**We have seen his star in the East and have come to pay homage to him**" (Mt 2:2). More than ever, in these difficult times, we need a light that shines in the darkness and that light, Christians proclaim, has been manifested in Jesus Christ. The materials were produced by the Middle East Council of Churches: a regional ecumenical body, which brings together Churches for a common Christian witness in the region where Christ was born, lived, died, was buried and rose from the dead: from Iran down to the Gulf in the East, to the Mediterranean Sea and Egypt in the West. With them, we pray that greater unity among Christians in the Middle East and around the world may contribute to a more dignified, just and peaceful life for all men and women in our time and in the times to come.

Sat. Jan 15	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
	5:00pm †	Nicola Colangelo (Rosa Colangelo)
Sun. Jan 16	9:30am †	Lewis Tremeer (Tremeer Family)
	11:00am	Missa Pro Populo
Mon. Jan 17	9:30am	NO MASS
Tues. Jan 18	9:30am †	Helen Lelievre (Racz Family)
	7-8pm	HOLY HOUR & Confessions
Wed. Jan 19	9:30am †	Anthony Filbert (Lynda Filbert & Family)
Thurs. Jan 20	9:30am	Intentions of Bishop Bergie (Colin & Teresa Walters)
Fri. Jan 21	9:30am †	Angelina Addario (Vince Addario)
		Special Intention for Healing
Sat. Jan 22	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
	5:00pm †	Nina & Czeslaw Aleksiejuk (Jan & Lana)
		Blessings & Health for Anthony and Suseelamma
Sun. Jan 23	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am †	Jim Bailey (Liliana Haynes)

Confessions from 9-9:25am before all weekday Masses. Offertory January 1st, 2022- \$495

Offertory January 2nd, 2022- \$620 Initial Offering—\$90

Offertory January 9th, 2022- \$725.00

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for the Month of January
We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family. (Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network)

