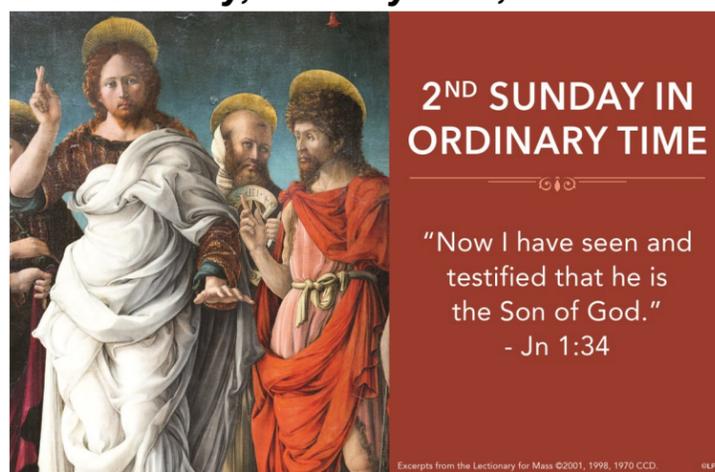


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Sunday, January 19th, 2020



Sat. Jan 18	9-10am	Confessions
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions
	5:00pm	✠ Isaiah (Magazzeni Family)
		✠ In Memory of Dean Yakielashek (Myszczyzyn Family)
Sun. Jan 19	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	✠ Anthony Filbert (Lynda Filbert & Family)
		✠ Ray Kardas (Jay Yurcich)
Mon. Jan 20	9:30am	✠ Repose of the Souls of the Alamparambil Family (Zita Alamparambil)
	7-8pm	Holy Hour & Confessions
Tues. Jan 21	9:30am	✠ Agnes Nenadovich (Rosemary & Steve Lastovic)
Wed. Jan 22	9:30am	Special Intention (Teresa Walters)
Thurs. Jan 23	9:30am	Intentions of the Bauer Family (Teresa Walters)
Fri. Jan 24	9:30am	Paul Mullin (Teresa Walters)
Sat. Jan 25	9-10am	Confessions
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions
	5:00pm	✠ Nicola Colangelo (Rosa Colangelo & Family)
Sun. Jan 26	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	✠ Ray Kardas (Stan & Krysia Fit)

Confessions from 9-9:20am before all weekday Masses.

Offertory January 11th & 12th, 2020

74 Envelopes	\$2,072.00
Loose Collection	\$ 55.25
Total Offertory	\$2,127.25
Initial offering	\$ 45.00

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

On the cusp of fame, power, or influence, would you turn it down? Today's Gospel again features John the Baptist. Controversial but popular, John has gathered quite a group of followers. He has disciples. People come from near and far to be baptized by him. Pharisees and government leaders are drawn to his preaching. If John was another man, a lesser man, he would have claimed his own greatness. Instead, John the Baptist is a witness to humility. "The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Behold the Lamb of God ... he is the one of whom I said, "A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me." ... the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known.'" Rather than point to himself, John points to Christ. John could have grasped at what he had accumulated. He could have seen Jesus



as a Messianic competitor. Instead, John knows who he is. He knows his place as forerunner. Because John knows who Jesus is. "I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God." A life of humility, a life for others, can be challenging to live. So much of our culture is built around achievement and individualism. We can justify it, too, in pursuit of "greater goods" and higher ideals. In the process, however, we might miss our own participation in the kingdom of God. John, for all of his humility, was not an afterthought. In another Gospel passage, Jesus calls him "the greatest prophet," even the greatest of men. Why? Because he fulfills the mission given to him by God: to announce the coming of the Messiah. Likewise, our witness to the Gospel is meant to point people to Jesus. Consider your own mission this week. To whom are you called to announce the good news of the Son of God?



Conversion of St. Paul- January 25th.

Paul's story is a testament to the power and love of God. Paul began his life as Saul, an idealistic young Pharisee. He was present at the stoning of the first Christian martyr, Stephen. Saul took it upon himself to track down and persecute professed Christians. On his way to a community in Damascus, he was struck by a blinding light and saw a vision of Christ who asked, "Why are you persecuting me?" The powerful experience transformed him forever. Paul, as he was now known, became one of the greatest evangelists of the early Church. Many of his letters are preserved in the Bible. His wisdom, zeal, and devotion lives on for all the Church.

We welcome in Baptism, Adelyn Rosalia Rinaldo, daughter of Paolo Rinaldo & Tracey Jolley. May the gifts which Baptism bestows grow unhindered in us all.

Confessions St. Denis Parish from 8-9pm, Monday to Friday.

These confession times will continue throughout the entire year. A confessional has been built for this purpose in the meeting room close to the St. Denis adoration chapel. The entrance is off of Carlton Street and there is parking in the Church parking lot. Take advantage of this beautiful opportunity to come have your sins forgiven. *Heaven is filled with converted sinners of all kinds and there is room for more - St. Joseph Cafasso*

Cathedral Appeal: Visit the website at www.saintcd.com/appeal today or pick up a brochure and pledge form at the back of the church. Donations can be made at any time.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2020
Unusual kindness
ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE
 The Church calls us to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity between January 18 and January

25. Please join with Bishop Gerard Bergie for a 'Service of Prayer for Christian Unity' at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria, 3 Lyman Street, St. Catharines on Sunday, January 19, 2020 at 3:00 p.m., followed by coffee and cookies. The themes and materials for this year's world-wide prayer were prepared by the Christian Churches of Malta. The key verse in the week of prayer is: "They showed us unusual kindness" (Acts 28:2).

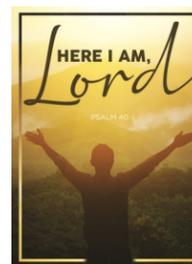
Catholic Women's League News

The **annual retreat during Lent** will be held at Mount Carmel this year on **Wednesday, March 4th from 8:30am to 2:30pm** or **Thursday, March 5th from 5 to 8pm**. The Guest speaker will be Fr. Stuart MacDonald pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Snyder. Cost is \$40 and **deadline to register is February 14th**.

The annual **League Development Workshop** will be held on Saturday, February 15th from 10am - 2pm. Brown bag your lunch. **Let Donna know by February 4th** if you wish to attend. The facilitators will be from the Ontario Provincial Council.

Our **Spring Conference** is set for **Saturday, March 14, 2020** from 1 pm - 4 pm and will be held at St. Therese of Lisieux in Port Colborne. There will be two guest speakers. Lisa Coxon from Northland Point will be speaking about Seniors and programmes specifically designed for them & Sylvia Verde will be speaking about Pope Francis. Our theme is "Loneliness" and both these ladies will be addressing this topic. This is a very serious concern in today's modern world and we need to all do our part to help alleviate loneliness in society.

If you do not have email, copies of these and more CWL events/news can be found on the bulletin board near the hall stairs. Help yourself to a copy.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS Play That One Again

How many times have you sung the church song, "Here I Am, Lord"? If you grew up Catholic and are around my age, the answer is more than you can count. The question is how many times when singing the refrain have you really taken to heart what you were singing. "Here I am, Lord; is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night." Like the biblical figure Samuel, we are responding to the call of God by asking for clarification that we are indeed the one being called. We then follow up the question with a profound statement: "I will go if You lead me." It is profound because we are pledging to our God that we are willing to go wherever He wants. We are accepting the challenge put forth to become mature disciples who respond to the call of Jesus Christ regardless of the cost. We have sung this pledge repeatedly for many years. We never have any idea what God will call us to do and where to go. Sometimes the request can ask us for quite a lot. Hopefully, we respond like a mature disciple. If not, maybe we should reflect more the next time this song is played. The melody will not allow for the words, "I will see if I am busy and then decide to go if you lead me." Then again, I don't want to sing that to God, the source of all life anyway. Do you?

Parish Calendar

January 2020.....
 Jan 18-25.... Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

February 2020.....
 Feb 1/2..... Feast of St. Blais. Blessing of throats following All weekend Masses
 Feb 1/2.... Charity tax receipts available for pick up
 Feb 2nd.... World Day for Consecrated Life
 Feb 7th.... First Friday Holy Communion to sick and homebound. Phone the office to arrange a visit.
 Feb 9th.... Anointing of the sick following the 11am Mass
 Feb 11th World day of the Sick- Our Lady of Lourdes
 Feb 17th.... Family Day
 Feb 23rd.... Youth Ministry will host breakfast/brunch following all morning Masses.
 Feb 24th.... CWL meeting after Morning Mass
 Feb 26th.... Ash Wednesday. Masses 9:30am & 7pm.

Bingo every Thursday evening 7-9pm in the parish hall.

YOUTH MINISTRY: for grades 5-12, Wed. evenings 6:30-8:30pm. Has now resumed! Registration form is on our website <http://stannfenwick.wixsite.com/youthministry>. If you would like to volunteer to assist with activities on Wednesday evenings, check out our website <http://stannfenwick.wixsite.com/youthministry> or email the parish.

Choose Life Retreat: St. Catharines Right to Life is holding a weekend of fun and pro-life education for high school students at Circle Ranch, Friday night, **February 7**, and all day Saturday, February 8. Activities include a screening of "Unplanned", horseback riding, archery, learning to defend the pro-life view and more. Cost: \$50 includes transportation, accommodation and meals. Space is limited. Register by January 25 by calling 905-684-7505 or online at ChooseLife.ca.

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 13, 2020** at the Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre in Niagara Falls, please call **905-664-5212** or email: retrouvaille.hamilton@cogeco.ca or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.

Diocesan SEPARATED AND DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY support group monthly meetings. Meetings are the second and fourth Mondays from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, 7020 Stanley Avenue, Niagara Falls. For a pamphlet or information call 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154, or email separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com. No pre-registration required. January 27, 2020- **Identifying Losses**. February 10, 2020- **Making Good Decisions, Kathryn Morrow Presenter**.

Offence Declarations: This past summer, all volunteers involved in high risk ministry were mailed their yearly offence declaration forms to be submitted to the chancery office. Every single person registered as a volunteer in high risk ministries submitted their forms! Thank you to everyone for your co-operation each year.

