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Sunday, February 12th, 2023

**6TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

“Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow.”
- Mt 5:33

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Sat. Feb 11	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)
Mon. Feb 13	9:30am	No Mass
Tues. Feb 14	9:30am	✠ Theo Legace (Racz Family)
	7-8pm	HOLY HOUR & Confessions CANCELLED
Wed. Feb 15	9:30am	In Honour of St. Joseph (Colin & Teresa Walters) Special Intention for Nancy Horton (Nancy Horton)
Thurs. Feb 16	9:30am	Special Intention for Ernie Schneider (Colin & Teresa Walters)
Fri. Feb 17	9:30am	✠ Angelina Addario (Vince Addario) ✠ Duane Vaughan (Horton Family)
Sat. Feb 18	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
	5:00pm	✠ Nicola Colangelo (Rosa Colangelo & Family)
Sun. Feb 19	9:30am	Special Intention for Teresa Walters (Colin Walters)
	11:00am	Missa Pro Populo

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.

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!

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

It's often said that the Catholic Church lays heavy rules on her members, rules that can almost seem impossible. Mass every Sunday? No lying ever? Sexual purity all the time? I recently said to some non-Catholic friends that more than fifty adults were baptized at my parish at the Easter Vigil. One responded spontaneously with shock, "Why would anyone do that?" In other words, why would someone willingly place themselves in a system with such demanding and rigorous rules?

Of course, no one in the history of religions is more demanding and rigorous than Jesus himself. In the Sermon on the Mount, he says you have to be holier than pharisees or you're out. He says if you call someone a fool, you go to fiery Gehenna. He says you can't even look at a woman with lust or you're guilty of adultery (which was punishable by death). To top it all off, he says you can't even get divorced and re-married. Doesn't he know these are basically impossible demands? What world is he living in?



The new one, actually. He is the new world. Jesus' words aren't meant to condemn. They are meant to signal something new, a restored humanity. Jesus doesn't just give external laws; he gives us his Holy Spirit to internalize the law through love. He wants to fill us with his love. That's what the Church exists to do. Love demands extraordinary things. The "demands" of the Church only make sense because she is filled with Jesus' love. That wildly demanding love is why we are Catholic.



Share Lent 2023— please consult today's bulletin insert, a letter of support from the Canadian Catholic Bishops. Lent begins on February 22nd. Solidarity Sunday is on March 26th, the Fifth Sunday of Lent.

Catholic Women's League+

We are collecting used eyeglasses to hand in at the CWL convention to donate to third world and war torn countries. Where to look: Drawers, dressers, cupboards, purses, jackets and the car. Ask your friends, family and social groups. We all have extra glasses, lets make this drive special!

The CWL has a program called **Partners for Life Donors** (which promotes blood donation) with a National goal of 200 donations a year. If you would like to participate, when signing up for your appointment, you may choose the CWL as your group; this lets National know how many members are donating to this worthy cause. Please note, the St. Catharines facility is open until February 18th. It will close and a new plasma collection center will open in the late spring. There is information on the bulletin board at the church entrance.

There is still time to renew or become a member of the CWL. The deadline is the end of February.



Happy St. Valentines Day February 14th: 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Sunday, February 19th, 2023

**7TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

“I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.”
- Mt 5:44

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Mon. Feb 20	9:30am	No Mass
Tues. Feb 21	9:30am	Special Intention for Monique Finora (Colin & Teresa Walters)
	7-8pm	HOLY HOUR & Confessions ASH WEDNESDAY
Wed. Feb 22	9:30am	✠ Jack & Dorothy Walters (Colin & Teresa Walters)
	7:00pm	✠ Souls in Purgatory (Colin & Teresa Walters)
Thurs. Feb 23	9:30am	✠ Zvoni Nenadovich (Gloria Egert)
Fri. Feb 24	9:30am	✠ Jane Debat (Horton Family) Bahati Mlongo Kazunga (Racz Family)
	7:00pm	Stations of the Cross
Sat. Feb 25	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
	5:00pm	✠ Louis Marshall (Mike & Anne Young)
Sun. Feb 26	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	✠ Ralph Biancianiello & Gerard Gosselin (Vince Addario)

Confessions from 9-9:25am before all weekday Masses
Lift Jesus Higher Rally: St. Joseph's Youth Group (Grimsbey) & the SaintCD Family & Youth Office are hosting a bus trip to the Toronto Metro Convention Centre's Lift Jesus Higher Rally, Sat. March 4th, 2023. Email familyandyouth@saintcd.com or call Andrew at 905-945-2661 for more information or to arrange tickets. **Seating is limited. Book your seats today.**
**** If teen is not part of an attending parish youth group, a parent/guardian must accompany the teen to the rally, completing diocesan permission forms & accepting responsibility for the minor.**

Retrouvaille: Tens of thousands of struggling couples headed for cold, unloving relationships have successfully overcome their marriage problems through Retrouvaille. The next Retrouvaille weekend is October 21 – 23, 2022. For more information call Angelo and Chiara at 905-664-5212 or email teamrecine@gmail.com. Visit our website at www.retrouvaille.org.

Offertory January 29th, 2023— \$2,465.00
Offertory February 5th, 2023- \$1,975.00
Maintenance February 2023- \$495.00

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Of all the things Jesus says, this one may be the hardest to comprehend: **“But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you.”** An enemy is someone who desires the destruction of you, your projects, or those you care about. To love and pray for them is to want their health, strength, and flourishing. But if they thrive, they are more likely to hurt you and others. So, aren't you indirectly willing your own destruction, or that of your friends? If you doubt that this problem is embedded in this teaching, when was the last time you actually prayed honestly for the people you really hate?



How can we solve this riddle so we might actually live this command? Recall that enemy-love is the surest sign that you love someone with God's love, and not with indirect egotism. After all, if my love for my enemy ends up hurting me or my loved ones, it can't be for me. Enemy-love costs more because there are

no tit-for-tats. No reciprocity — just loved poured out, and often pain in return. That's why it is so precious and rare. "What is unusual about that?" asks the Lord about love for our friends. Jesus wants us to experience the unusual love which only comes from him.

When Jesus was being killed on the cross, he was loving his executioners. In fact, he was holding them in being as they nailed him to the cross. He loved those who were spiritually piercing his Mother's heart, *while they were doing it*. And when he rose from the dead, he showed us that this kind of love is always worth it. It's stronger than death. Real love is unusual.



Countdown to Lent....Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd. Prayer, penance, fasting and almsgiving are the main Lenten works. "Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning. Joel 2:12. **Masses will be celebrated at 9:30am and 7pm.**

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.

Forty Days For Life Vigil: Jesus fasted and prayed in the desert for 40 days before He began His Ministry. During the 40 DAYS FOR LIFE VIGIL we follow Christ's example: we fast and pray and offer sacrifice – from **February 22 – April 2, 2023**. We give prayerful, peaceful witness at Niagara Falls General Hospital, holding a sign: **PRAY TO END ABORTION**, from 8 am – 8 pm daily – sign up with friends & family for **ONE HOUR**. For further information, please contact Josie Rocca_josie@hotmail.com or Angela: angelabraun@live.com

