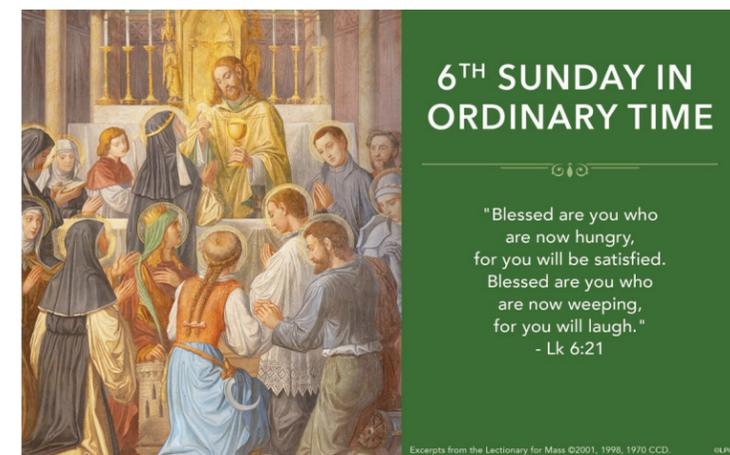




Sunday, February 13th, 2022



6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh."
- Lk 6:21

Sat. Feb 12	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
	5:00pm	✠ Mary & Ray Whalen (Teresa & Colin Walters)
Sun. Feb 13	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	✠ Mary Wood (Joan & Tim Crowther)
Mon. Feb 14	9:30am	NO MASS
Tues. Feb 15	9:30am	Intentions of Pope Frances (Colin & Teresa Walters)
	7-8pm	HOLY HOUR & Confessions
Wed. Feb 16	9:30am	Intentions of Vern & Donna Walters (Teresa & Colin Walters)
Thurs. Feb 17	9:30am	✠ Angelina Addario (Vince Addario)
Fri. Feb 18	9:30am	✠ Isaiah (Magazzeni Family)
Sat. Feb 19	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
	5:00pm	✠ Nicola Colangelo (Rosa Colangelo)
Sun. Feb 20	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	✠ Elizabeth Filbert (Lynda Filbert & Family)

Confessions from 9-9:25am before all weekday Masses.
Offertory January 30th, 2022- \$1,500.00

Offertory February 6th, 2022- \$840.00
Maintenance: \$230.00

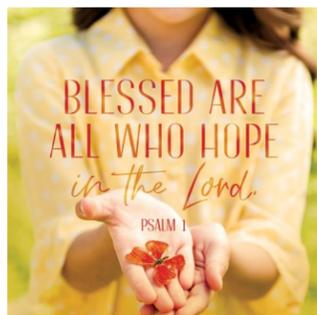
Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for the Month of February:

For religious sisters and consecrated women: We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

Lenten Prayer: Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you into the desert of Lent so that we might confront the powers of evil and, with your assistance, overcome them. Give us the courage to face the truth about our lives, both the blessings we have received and the failures we have experienced. May these forty days of prayerful observance strengthen us in faith, renew us in hope and fill us with love to share with our brothers and sisters, especially those most in need. Amen.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

What has been the most difficult challenge you faced in your life? Many difficult human experiences can "turn up the heat" in our lives, causing us to question the why of things or even fall into despair. Some people just somewhat passively accept what life brings, even death, and chalk difficult experiences up to happening "because they do." They seemingly endure and move on. Taking life at face value, there really is no ultimate meaning to things. It's easier to ignore that inner prompting calling us to understand why. It's there whether we admit it or not. To question or not to question — that is the question! People sometimes give up the God search because it causes too many questions. Once we open the door to the possibility of God's existence, then all of the awkward, challenging, and tragic pieces of life have to find their place.



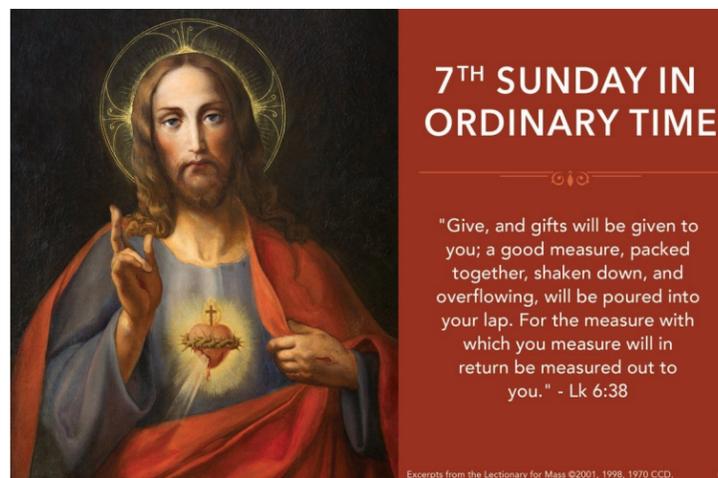
It gets messy. But the search is so important to living. We can easily dry up and become arid, abandoning any hope for purpose and meaning because it's too difficult and non-rational at times. In searching for answers to the how and why of life, human beings also embark on a search for God. When one finally stumbles upon the real living tangible presence of God, then that discovery allows life's ironies and tensions to be held side by side with the all-encompassing totally unconditional, unmerited love of God! Then when life's heat gets turned up, difficulties and challenges abound, dryness and heart-ache become the norm, the soul remains in joyful repose. There is no fear.

The beatitudes celebrate life's ironies and tensions, holding them all together in the Kingdom of God. Poverty, hunger, weeping, being insulted and hated are not things we would normally associate with being God's friends. But they are! In fact, those who experience these uncomfortable realities of life are actually better off than those who do not. This is what makes Jesus' message so intriguing! Don't give up questioning. Questioning the apparent inequities and polarities of human experience will certainly challenge one's faith. But it's the only way to deepen it.

Marriage Support - Is your marriage experience more trouble than joy, feeling stagnant or disconnected and/or causing you worries? The solution is Retrouvaille - a program for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationship. Retrouvaille has one purpose: to help couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. This is a practical program, where sharing is not required except between the couple themselves, designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. It also works well for couples who may be considering separation or divorce. The next Retrouvaille weekend begins March 11-13, 2022. For more information call 905-664-5212 or email teamre-cine@gmail.com.

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. February 28, 2022, Facing Fear.

Sunday, February 20th, 2022



7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." - Lk 6:38

Mon. Feb 21		NO MASS
Tues. Feb 22	9:30am	✠ Deceased Members of the Tarasiki & Racz Families (Racz Family)
	7-8pm	HOLY HOUR & Confessions
Wed. Feb 23	9:30am	Intentions of Stephen & Kimberly Walters (Teresa & Colin Walters)
Thurs. Feb 24	9:30am	Birthday Blessings for Bahati Mlongo Kazungu (Racz Family)
Fri. Feb 25	9:30am	✠ Louis Marshall (Mike & Anne Young)
Sat. Feb 26	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
	5:00pm	✠ Ralph Biancianiello & Gerard Gosselin (Vince Addario)
Sun. Feb 27	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	✠ Dominic Cecco (Pat Vaillancourt & Family)

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

Countdown to Lent.....Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd. 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.**



This Lent, let's put people and planet first

This year, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's *People and Planet First* campaign calls you to support our sisters and brothers in the Global South in defending their rights and the planet. Do this by:

Donating online at devp.org/give or during the Solidarity Sunday collection on April 3, the fifth Sunday of Lent. Your generosity helps support over 85 projects in 27 countries around the world!
Learning more by reading the Mini-magazine and other resources available at devp.org/lent/resources.
Signing the petition for strong laws to control Canadian corporations' behaviour abroad at devp.org/act.

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sometimes, Jesus' teachings don't seem to make practical sense. When we hear things like love your enemies and do good to them, turn the other cheek when struck, give to anyone who asks, do to others as you would have them do to you, be merciful, stop judging, forgive, and give to others, we get a bit unsettled. After all, it's okay for God to do all of these things, but does He really want us to do them, too? Many good-hearted Christians really draw the line with some of these ideals and say, "No way!" They even remark that if someone did something hurtful to someone they loved, they would have no reservations seeking severe retribution. There is still this persistent thinking, even among those who consider themselves Christian, that a violent action deserves a violent response. Somehow, we continue to justify this.



Yet, it is most clearly against the very grain of the Gospel. Part of our difficulty has more to do with understanding God's love. We wrongly think that sinful or hurtful actions and evil people somehow are seen as lesser in God's eyes. They are not. God loves the sinner as much as He does the saint.

And, both of these inclinations exist in every human being, even those who consider themselves holy. Both the capacity for good and the disposition toward evil exist in every one of us. Viktor Frankl has this to say when reflecting on the Holocaust: "Our generation is a realistic generation because we have learned what a human being really is. When all is said and done, man is that same creature who invented the gas-chambers of Auschwitz; but he is also that being who walked upright into those chambers with the prayer 'Shema Yisrael' on his lips."

If we believe in God, we have to act like God. Whether we like that idea is another issue. If we don't then perhaps, we need to reconsider our faith and whether we really believe in Jesus Christ. We are made in the image of God, not the image of ourselves. The Christian must, at all costs, leave resentment and the need for retaliation behind, lose defensiveness and bring into the mind and heart the realization of who we represent in this world.

Development and Peace: a movement of solidarity

Established in 1967, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada is the official international solidarity organization of the Catholic Church in Canada. We partner with organizations in the Global South that promote alternatives to unjust social, political and economic structures and support women in their quest for equality and justice. With the help of our 11,000+ volunteer members, we inform Canadians about the root causes of impoverishment and mobilize them to act for change. Our Lenten campaign, *People and Planet First*, offers you the opportunity to help protect vulnerable communities and ecosystems from corporate abuse. To learn more about and to join our movement, visit devp.org.

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.

