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Sunday, January 25th, 2026



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." - Mt 4:17

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass (2001, 1996, 1970 CCD, G.I.P.)

Sat. Jan 24 4-4:45pm **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions**
5:00pm Special Intention Angela Covatta (Katherine Lostracco)

Sun. Jan 25 10:00am **† Lorraine Juhasz (Liliana Haynes)**
No Mass
Mon. Jan 26 **† Jake Voogt (Ginny & Reg Green)**
Tues. Jan 27 **† Gloria Spagnoletti (Sylvia Reeves)**
Special Intention of DiGiantomaso Family (Harrison Family)
Grace & Blessings Fr. Janusz (Adelaine Nohara)

Wed. Jan 28 7-8pm **HOLY HOUR & Confessions**
9:30am **† David Whitehead (Dave & Anne Marie Brown)**

Thurs. Jan 29 9:30am **Blessings & Support for Alanna & Francisco Gomez & Family (Gloria Egert)**
Grace & Blessings Fr. Janusz (Adelaine Nohara)
For All Parishioners (Carolle Gilbert)
John & Sarah Hardt & Family (DiMartile Family)

Fri. Jan 30 9:30am **No Mass**
Sat. Jan 31 4-4:45pm **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions**

5:00pm **† Maria Colarocchio (Deanna Williams)**
Sun. Feb 1 10:00am **† John Blaszynski (Mary Ann Biggar)**

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

Offertory January 10 & 11, 2026- \$2,266.55

Offertory January 17th & 18th, 2026—\$1,542.00

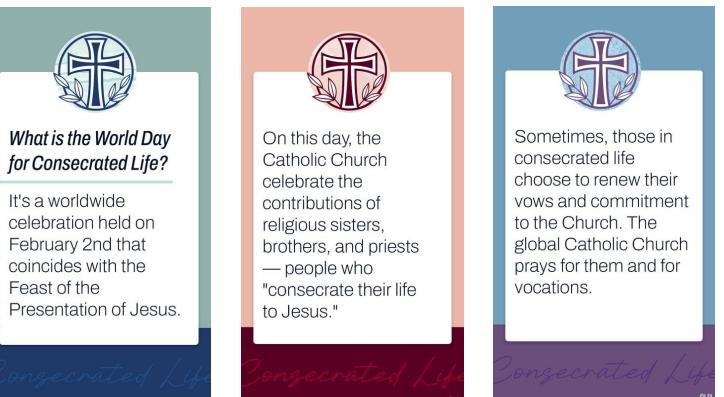
Maintenance- \$280.00

Fr. Jacek will celebrate Mass on Monday, Feb. 2nd, at 9:30am, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Matthew 4:12-23

I was 22 years old, lying in bed one night while on a pilgrimage, when I suddenly sensed an idea in my mind: "Go to the seminary." There was no voice, no vision, but a gentle and unmistakable clarity. I simply prayed, "Lord, if that's from you, let me find great joy in it." Three days later, my heart was bursting with joy. I dropped everything and entered the seminary. The older I get, the stranger my rather careless and hasty departure seems to me. I followed not because it made sense, or because I was especially brave. I went because the Lord called me.

Something like this happens in today's Gospel. Jesus walks by Simon, Andrew, James, and John and says, "**Come after me**" (Matthew 4:19). And *immediately* they leave their nets and follow. There's no explanation, no hesitation ... just movement. Why? As St. John says, "**In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us**" (1 John 4:10). They do not leave their nets because his call made perfect, calculable sense. They left them because they were called. And Jesus' call is powerful. Take a moment this week to remember when Christ first called you. However small or quiet it was, recall it, and give thanks. The more we marvel that Christ has called us personally, the more passionately and freely we will follow him.



World Marriage Day and Recognition of Significant Wedding Anniversaries

All married couples, **especially** those celebrating significant anniversaries in 2026 are invited to attend a Mass commemorating the **2026 World Marriage Day**. Bishop Bergie will preside at this special Mass on Sunday, February 8, 2026, at 3:00 pm, at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria (3 Lyman Street, St. Catharines). A reception will follow Mass. Married couples celebrating their 1st, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60th+ wedding anniversary in 2026 who would like to receive a congratulatory certificate from Bishop Bergie are invited to complete a registration form available at the parish office.

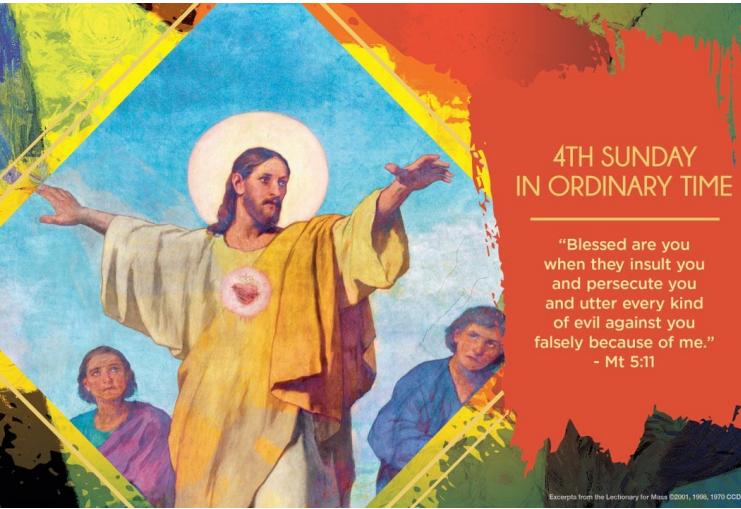
Third Sunday Ordinary Time—Jan 25th is Word of God Sunday

The Sunday of the Word of God is a profoundly pastoral initiative to make it clear how important it is in the daily life of the Church and our communities to refer to the Word of God, a Word that is not confined to a book, but which remains ever alive and becomes a concrete and tangible sign.

The biblical expression chosen for the celebration of the seventh edition of the *Sunday of the Word of God* is taken from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians: "The word of Christ dwells among you" (3:16).

Meetings will be held both in person at Mount Carmel and virtually via Zoom platform. To participate via Zoom please see contact information above to pre-register.

Sunday, February 1st, 2026



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| Mon. Feb 2 | 9:30am | Presentation of the Lord All Parishioners |
| Tues. Feb 3 | 9:30am | † Dina Mastracci (Harrison Family) † Nicola Colangelo (Rosa Colangelo) Faith, Hope and Love for all Children in our parish (Gloria Egert) Blessings & Health Carnegie & Fiedorek Families (Carnegie Family) |
| Wed. Feb 4 | 7-8pm 9:30am | HOLY HOUR & Confessions For Corey & Brandon healing & Blessings (Carolle Gilbert) |
| Thurs. Feb 5 | 9:30am | † Zenon Kucharski (Liliana Haynes) † Kiyoko Suzuki (Mike & Anne Young) † Dina Mastracci (Annette Mastracci & Family) For Luke Harrison (Adelaine Nohara) |
| Fri. Feb 6 | 9:30am 6:00pm 7:00pm | No Mass Holy Hour and Confessions Mass |
| Sat. Feb 7 | 8:30am 9:30am 4-4:45pm | Holy Hour and Confessions Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions 5:00pm † Mary Ferrara (Ferrara Family) |
| Sun. Fe b 8 | 10:00am | † Lorraine Juhasz (Christine Meyo) |

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

The Diocesan Separated and 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. at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, 7020 Stanley Avenue, Niagara Falls, Ontario. For our pamphlet or information, please call 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154, or email separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com

Meetings will be held both in person at Mount Carmel and virtually via Zoom platform. To participate via Zoom please see contact information above to pre-register.

January 26th—Dealing with Fear

February 9th—Sadness & Depression

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Matthew 5:1-12a

A priest I know was once falsely accused of a terrible crime. The claim was wild and easily disproved, but for a while, it didn't matter. In the atmosphere shaped by the abuse crisis of the early 2000s, the public assumption was guilty until proven innocent. His name was dragged through the mud, and his ministry placed on hold. I had the privilege — and the burden — of walking closely with him during that time. He was angry. He was confused. He felt abandoned and deeply disoriented. The last thing on his mind was the words of Jesus in today's Gospel: "**Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me ... Rejoice and be glad**" (Matthew 5:11-12). Rejoice? He felt anything but. And yet... something holy slowly grew in him. Not overnight, and not without pain. But as the truth came to light and his name was cleared, I watched him become more Christ-like — more patient, more compassionate, more detached from human approval.

Maybe you haven't faced something so dramatic. But where do you feel judged? Misrepresented? Overlooked? Maybe someone else got the credit or the promotion. Maybe someone you love isn't getting their due. In those moments, the Cross of Jesus is near. When we feel accused, that's when we ask him for the grace not just to endure, but somehow, mysteriously, to rejoice and be glad.

St. Blaise Blessing of the Throat: Perhaps it's an example of divine providence that the feast of St. Blaise falls on Feb. 3 — right in the middle of cold and flu season! This fourth-century Armenian saint was a bishop and martyr and is venerated as the patron of those who suffer from illnesses of the throat. On his feast day, Catholics traditionally receive a blessing of the throat. This blessing is administered by a priest, deacon or a lay minister who follows the rites and prayers designated for a layperson. During the blessing, the minister takes two candles that were blessed on the feast of the Presentation and makes a cross in front of the throat, saying "Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness." A priest or deacon will then make the sign of the cross.

If you would like to participate in this tradition, Fr. Jacek will bless throats following Masses on the weekend of Jan 31/Feb 1.

The 34th World Day of the Sick will be observed on February 11th, 2026. This day, established by Pope John Paul II, is a time for prayer and solidarity with those suffering from illness. The theme for 2026 is "The Compassion of the Samaritan: loving by bearing the pain of the other", which emphasizes the importance of showing compassion and support to the sick and vulnerable. The day also coincides with the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, adding to its significance in the Catholic tradition.

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 the weekend of Feb 7/8 following Masses.

Family Long Weekend Retreat for Married Couples with Children: The Domestic Church is welcoming new couples and their families to a weekend evangelization retreat. If you are looking for a way to grow spiritually with your spouse and take the first step of a real faith journey then please join us. **Where:** Michaelite Fathers Retreat Centre, London Ontario **When:** From Friday February 13th (evening) to Monday February 16th (afternoon) **Cost:** \$550 per family, includes meals and accommodations. **More information:** <https://domesticchurchcanada.com/index.php/en-ca/> **Contact:** Marta & Jacek Nawrot (519) 505-4729

