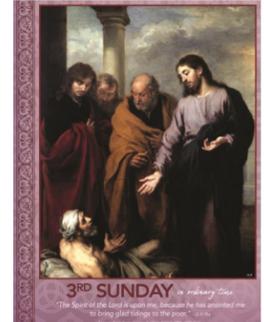


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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

"He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up." Did you grow up in a small town? Whenever you see stories of tight-knit communities, a common refrain is that everybody knows everybody and that's very difficult to change. If you leave and return, people expect you to be and act a certain way, and it's strange for them if you do not. In today's Gospel, we see that Jesus was already moving "in the power of the Spirit and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He...was praised by all." His ministry has begun! News of his growing popularity must have proceeded him to Nazareth.



Upon his arrival, he "went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day." For the first few moments, he is what they expect - their hometown boy returning to pay his respects. As was common of men at the time, he takes a turn reading a passage of Sacred Scripture. It is a bold passage, one he selects intentionally. "He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me." After reading about holy anointings, liberation for the poor and prisoners, and physical healings, Jesus does the unthinkable. "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

We are all called to imitate Christ wherever we are. This might mean doing the unexpected! All too often we're content with the daily status quo, and so are the people around us. When we take a stand for Christian values, change our lifestyle to reflect the Gospel, and work for justice in society, we may make others uncomfortable. But Jesus doesn't call us to the same life we lived yesterday or the year before that. He is calling all of us - each and every one of us - to deeper conversion of heart. No matter what other people expect, will you love in the Spirit of the Lord today?

Pope's Prayer Intention Month of February:
Universal: For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution and of violence.

World Day for Consecrated Life—February 2nd: The purpose of the day is "to help the entire Church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelical counsels" as well as "to be a suitable occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervor which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord." (Saint John Paul II, 1997)



Presentation of the Lord— February 2nd: Jesus is the Messiah who institutes a new covenant with his people, but he was raised as a practicing Jew by his devout parents. Jewish tradition held that firstborn male children were to be presented at the Temple and a sacrifice offered 40 days after his birth. Luke's Gospel tells the story of this sacred event. Simeon, a priest of the temple, prophetically greets the Holy Family. "Now let your servant go in peace my eyes have seen salvation which you have prepared in the site of all peoples." On this feast, we remember that Jesus does not come to abolish the traditions of the past but to fulfill them. His sacrifice on the cross and establishment of the Church lay the foundation for new traditions that continue to bring life to us



Feast of St. Blaise— Blessing of Throats

The special blessing of throats associated with St. Blaise is due to a miracle attributed to him. While in prison, he miraculously saved a boy choking on a fish bone. Early in the sixth century, evidence exists in the Eastern Church that Blaise was prayed to for ailments of the throat. To this day, his feast is a holy day in the Eastern Church. In the ninth century, veneration of St. Blaise came to the Western Church and became very popular. Blessing of the throats with crossed candles began in the 1500s, the height of devotion to St. Blaise, and that blessing is still part of the devotion of the Catholic Church.

If you would like to participate in this tradition, Fr. Chad & Deacon Jim will bless throats following all weekend Masses of Feb 2/3.

The 27th World Day of the Sick will be celebrated on Monday, February 11, 2019. The World Day of the Sick focuses on three themes. It reminds the faithful to pray for the sick; it invites us to reflect upon the meaning of human suffering; finally, it recognizes and honours all persons who work in the health care field. **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 SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10th FOLLOWING THE 11AM MASS.**

Recipients of the Anointing of the Sick:
 Those of the faithful whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age may receive this sacrament. The sacrament may be repeated if the sick person recovers after being anointed and then again falls ill or if during the same illness the person's condition becomes more serious. A sick person may be anointed before surgery whenever a serious illness is the reason for the surgery. Elderly people may be anointed if they have become notably weakened even though no serious illness is present. Sick children may be anointed if they have sufficient use of reason to be strengthened by this sacrament.

Upcoming Faith and Professional Development Opportunity for Priests, Parish Staff, Lay Ministers, Catechists, Chaplains and Catholic School Educators- CCCB – National Conference on Evangelization and Catechesis, April 4-6, 2019, Hilton Garden Inn Ottawa Airport. Theme: He Thirsts for You Conference speakers include: Fr. Ron Rolheiser, Dr. Josephine Lombardi, and Bishop William McGrattan Full Conference Fee - \$250; one day rates available. Those interested will need to register and book their own hotel rooms. If attending, email Terri Paucio, familyandyouth@saintcd.com

Catholic Women's League
 The Annual Diocesan Retreat will be held on Wednesday, March 27th, 2019 or Saturday, March 30th at Gethsemane Ministries in Wellandport. The guest speaker will be Fr. Gregory Schmidt. The deadline for registration is February 18th. The cost is \$40 but the council will pay half after the retreat when you have attended. If anyone is interested in joining the 'Coldest Night of the Year' walk in St. Catharines on February 23 please contact Donna Larocque. Last year 7 ladies from the League managed to collect \$3000 which was donated to Start Me Up Niagara.

Parish Calendar

- Jan 27th.....** St. Vincent de Paul meeting following 11am Mass
- Jan 26/27.....** Charity tax receipts will be ready for pick-up. Mailing costs are high so please pick them up at the church.
- Jan 30th.....** CWL meeting following morning Mass
- February.....**
- Feb 1st.....** First Friday Holy Communion to sick and homebound. Phone the office to arrange a visit.
- Feb 2nd....** World Day for Consecrated Life
- Feb 2nd/3rd....** Feast of St. Blais— Blessing of Throats following all weekend Masses
- Feb 10th....** Anointing of the sick available following 11am Mass. More information to follow.
- Youth Ministry—**Grades 5-8 and high school students are welcome to attend. Wednesday evenings 6:30-8:30pm.
- Bingo:** Thursday Evenings 7pm in parish hall. All welcome to attend.

SEPARATED AND DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY. This month's topics 'Navigating Change', Kathryn McMorrow presenter (Jan 28). Meetings are 7 to 9 pm at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, 7020 Stanley Ave, Niagara Falls. Pre-registration is not required. For information call 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154, or email separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com

Stress in Your Marriage? – Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Most couples don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. Retrouvaille can help. For confidential information about, or to register for the program beginning with a weekend **March 15, 2019**, 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.

Everyday Stewardship
 Remember that time when you arrived at school to take a test or quiz on material you failed to read? Maybe it was on a classic book or a chapter in a science textbook. Did your blood pressure go sky high and the sweat start to show on your forehead? Squirming in the seat, you wondered what you could have done to avoid feeling this way. Then it came to you: you should have read what you were supposed to read!

Procrastination, indifference, poor scheduling of time, and stubbornness are all reasons why we fail to be prepared for a situation that arises in our lives. We lack commitment in doing what we are asked to do or what we know we should do. This is certainly true in our spiritual lives as well. We may choose to bear the label of disciple or good steward, but we don't really prepare ourselves for the daily journey of life.

Sacred Scripture can prepare us more fully for the circumstances of life, but not if we fail to read it. The words contained there are Spirit and life for us. They help us to understand where we fit into the Body of Christ and how we are to respond to the daily call of Christ. Everyday Stewards should be committed to reading and reflection of the Word of God. We know we should spend time with God's Word, but too often we fail to do so due to the same reasons already mentioned. When we failed to read in school, perhaps we failed the test and it hurt our grade. When we fail in life due to lack of preparedness, sometimes the consequences are more severe.

Sunday, January 27th, 2019



Sat. Jan 26	9-10am	Confession
	4 -4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession
	5:00pm	✠ Arnold Reece & Jeremiah & Anastasia Manning (Hannah Reece)
Sun. Jan 27	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	Blessings & Health for Maureen Keenan (Delores Kennedy)
Mon. Jan 28	9:30am	✠ Marion Mullin (Teresa Walters)
	7-8pm	Holy Hour & Confession
Tues. Jan 29	9:30am	JoAnne & Denis Lortie (Delores & Gerry Kennedy)
Wed. Jan 30	9:30am	✠ Gerry Berkhout (Liliana Haynes)
Thurs. Jan 31	9:30am	✠ Donna Masi (Liz & Erv Mantler)
Fri. Feb 1	9:30am	✠ Mary Whalen (Teresa Walters)
Sat. Feb 2	9-10am	Confession
	4 -4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession
	5:00pm	✠ Nicola Colangelo (Rosa Colangelo & Family)
Sun. Feb 3	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	Blessings & Health for Sophie Rybiak (Barb Rybiak & Family)

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

Offertory January 19th & 20th, 2019

33 Envelopes	\$ 902.00
Loose Collection	\$ 53.60
Total Offertory	\$ 955.60

A reminder- Our website domain name has changed to the following: www.stannfenwick.com

