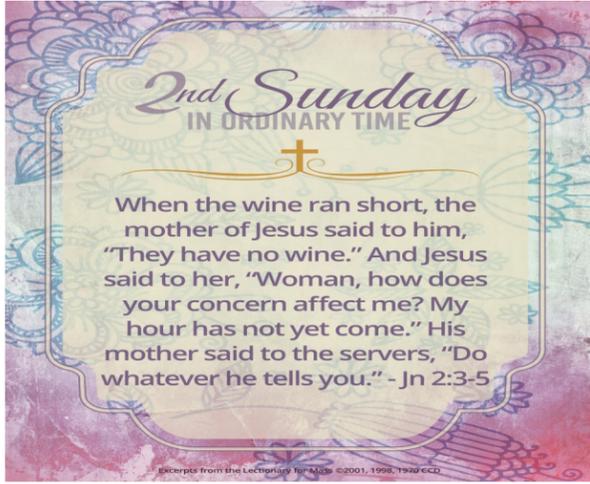


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Sunday, January 20th, 2019



Sat. Jan 19	9-10am	Confession
	4 -4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession
	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sun. Jan 20	9:30am	✠ James Blackett (Cargnelli Family)
	11:00am	✠ Anthony Filbert (Lynda Filbert & Family)
Mon. Jan 21	9:30am	Mariska Galida (Delores Kennedy)
	7-8pm	Holy Hour & Confession
Tues. Jan 22	9:30am	✠ Donna Masi (Liz & Erv Mantler)
Wed. Jan 23	9:30am	✠ Vincenzo Fazzari (Vince & Lena Addario)
Thurs. Jan 24	9:30am	Intentions of Dr. Ray Guarendi (Teresa Walters)
Fri. Jan 25	9:30am	Intentions of Joseph Mullin (Teresa Walters)
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)

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

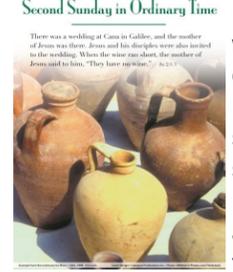
Offertory January 12th & 13th, 2019

70 Envelopes	\$1,747.85
Loose Collection	\$ 96.85
Total Offertory	\$1,844.70
Maintenance	\$ 545.00
Initial Offering	\$ 65.00

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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

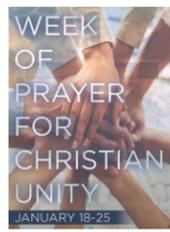
When you think of being Catholic, what do you think of? Perhaps you grew up with your only associations being fasting, nuns with rulers, and "Catholic guilt." Our faith can sometimes have the connotation of restriction and absence, not abundance. Who is God in your life? Is He the divine law-giver, the judge punishing the rule-breakers? These are certainly attributes of God. But the laws don't exist for themselves alone. They exist to help us love one another as God loves us. And this loving God is the author of abundance and joy.



Did you hear today's Gospel? "There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee." Here at this wedding, Jesus would perform "the beginning of his signs...and so reveal his glory." This first sign isn't a miraculous healing. He didn't raise someone from the dead. He kept a party going! "There were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons...the water...had become wine." The wine has run out. Jesus creates somewhere between 120 and 180 gallons to help his friend save face. We may not have such momentous miracles in our lives, but God is watching out for us. The string of green lights when you're running late. The sale on the replacement appliance you need. The friend who calls at just the right time. These are the little moments of God's abundance. We just need to look for them! Not only does Jesus surprise, but the guests point out to their host: "You have kept the good wine until now." The divine wine is better than the earthly variety. God's goodness is better than what we can grasp at for ourselves. Isn't that how it always goes?

My dear parishioners,
 As we look back over the past year (2018), and the many issues that we have faced as a Church, one cannot be faulted for thinking that evil seems to be gaining an upper hand. Pope Francis recognized this fact when he asked all Catholics to pray the rosary daily during the month of October, asking Mary and St. Michael the Archangel to intercede for the protection of the Church during this time of "spiritual turbulence".
 As we begin a New Year that promises to be just as turbulent, I wish to broaden our Holy Father's request. I am encouraging all parishes in our diocese to recite **We Fly to Thy Protection** and the **Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel** at the end of each Mass throughout 2019. These prayers for protection will not be said out of fear. They will be offered in faith trusting in the goodness of God. Ultimately, this helps to strengthen our hope during difficult times and remind us that evil is not victorious. The Diocese has printed prayer cards for this purpose and they are available to all parishes.
Yours Sincerely in Christ,
Bishop Gerard Bergie

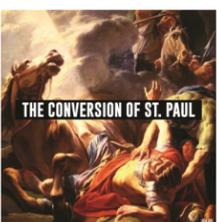
You Can Help Your Marriage – Are you frustrated or angry at each other or have you just stopped talking to each other? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples. For confidential information about, or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on **March 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.



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2019
 Justice and only justice you shall pursue.
 (Deuteronomy 16:18-20)

ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE

The Church calls us to celebrate the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** between Jan 18 and Jan 25. Please join with Bishop Bergie for a 'Service of Prayer for Christian Unity' at the Cathedral, on Sunday Jan. 20, at 3:00 p.m. followed by coffee and cookies. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an ideal opportunity to pray for and promote respect, understanding among Christians.



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.

Everyday Stewardship

There are close to 7.6 billion people currently on earth. That is a lot of people! If you try to estimate how many people have collectively been born since the beginning of time, a good guess is 108 billion! It is hard to contemplate that many distinctly different human beings created by our God. In the midst of all those people, where do you and I fit? Can we really be created to make a difference in the world? One can feel very small and insignificant when reflecting on the numbers. We render ourselves insignificant when we make the mistake of seeing ourselves as being just like everybody else. However, when looking at the numbers, how can one honestly think we are all the same? Another way we become insignificant is believing the lie that one person in the midst of so many does not have the power to make an impact. However, we all spend time reading books, watching movies, or listening to news about singular people who made all the difference in some part of the world. Imagine your own world without a few key people who have touched you and made a difference. We are all created with unique gifts. We have those gifts that have been part of us from birth and those that have been imparted to us by the Holy Spirit. St. Paul tried to get the Corinthians to understand that reality when he explained to them the many gifts of the Spirit. Perhaps some of his audience back then thought they were insignificant. The message then remains the message today: God is counting on you to use what He has given you. If you don't, who will?

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

Parish Calendar

- Jan 18-25....** Week of prayer for Christian unity.
- Jan 22nd.....** Finance meeting 6:30pm
- Jan 23rd.....** Catholic Women's League meeting following morning Mass
- Jan 27th.....** St. Vincent de Paul meeting following 11am 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.....** Charity tax receipts will be ready for pick-up. Mailing costs are high so please pick them up at the church.
- 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.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Occasionally we hear someone speak about experiencing a miracle. Usually it involves rescue from some accident or health crisis. "It was a miracle that car didn't hit me, the way they were driving" or "It was a miracle they were able to save her leg, the way that it was smashed." We even talk about "miracle" drugs, a reference to the amazing properties of life-saving antibiotics, antivirals, and certain other compounds. Miracles have a character of the unexplained to them. While scientists can describe in great detail the action of "miracle" drugs, to the rest of us they seem just amazing. Doctors can illuminate the process by which someone is healed through surgery and therapy, but again, it seems almost unbelievable when we see the results. Engineers can detail why a collision never happened, but to those who escape harm, it seems like a miracle indeed!

The miracle at the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee is the third aspect of what comprises the manifestation of Christ known as the Epiphany mystery. (The appearance of the Magi and the baptism at the Jordan are the other two.) In his Gospel, John describes the action by Jesus at Cana as a "sign" that reveals his glory. It is the revelation of his glory that causes the disciples to believe in him. Jesus is made manifest, and so people come to believe. It is what happened to the Magi; it is what happened to the crowds gathered at the Jordan; it is what happens to the disciples who are with him at the wedding feast.

The wonder of God's glory is not reserved to spectacular miracles that take place only at rare intervals. It is a wonder that a drug can cure someone, or that a surgeon can work so skillfully, or that for whatever reason, accidents are avoided. Seeing the manifestation of God's action each day is the sign of one who believes that the Word is made flesh and dwells among us.

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

