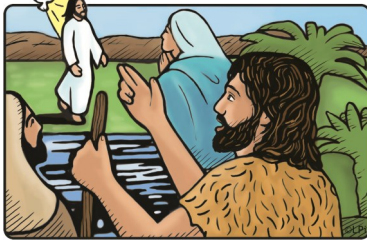


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Second SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God." John the Baptist had an important message to impart. He was called by God to prepare the people of Israel to recognize Jesus' true identity. In a sense, he helped establish credibility for Christ by confirming that he was in fact the Messiah. Jesus didn't just have to claim it on his own; John also "testified" to the fact. We, of course, also benefit from the witness of John the Baptist recorded for us in the Gospels. And we have additional witnesses from the rest of the people throughout the Gospels who knew and recognized Jesus as the Son of God. But we also have the benefit of two thousand years of Church history! We have countless testimonies of saints and believers throughout the centuries who have known Jesus in their own lives and acted accordingly.

**Sunday, January 15th, 2017
 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

John testified further, saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God." - Jn 1:32-34

Excerpta from the Lectionary for Mass 02001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Sat. Jan 14	9-10am	Reconciliation
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sun. Jan 15	9:30am	✠ Martin & Maria Plesko (Frank & Ivanka Plesko)
	11:00am	✠ John & Teresa Sporbeck (Ted Uranowski & Family)
Mon. Jan 16	9:30am	✠ Nicola Colangelo (Family)
	7-8pm	Holy Hour & Reconciliation
Tues. Jan 17	9:30am	✠ José Baptista (Maria Baptista)
Wed. Jan 18		St. Ann School Mass
	9:30am	Intention Available
Thurs. Jan 19	9:30am	✠ Vince Keating (Racz Family)
Fri. Jan 20	9:30am	Special Intention
Sat. Jan 21	9-10am	Reconciliation
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sun. Jan 22	9:30am	✠ Nick Colangelo (Stan & Gloria Rutyna)
	11:00am	✠ Anthony John Filbert (Lynda Filbert & Family)

**Reconciliation from 9-9:20am before all weekday Masses.
 Offertory January 7th & 8th, 2017**

87 Envelopes	\$2,070.00
Loose Collection	\$ 101.00
Total Offertory	\$2,171.00
Initial Offering	\$ 53.00
Maintenance Collection	\$ 190.00

Offertory boxes 2017: If you have not picked up your boxes, they are available in the church hall. **2016 tax receipts will be available the weekend of Feb 4/5. Please pick them up at the back of the church to avoid mailing costs. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.**

WE ARE CALLED TO SHARE THE TRUTH

This raises two questions. First, are we willing to believe these testimonies from those who have gone before us? Consider how much credence we give to the experiences and the stories of our forefathers and foremothers in the faith--whether they are blood relatives or members of the larger communion of saints. Sometimes these personal accounts of coming to know the Lord are much more powerful than any "proof" or intellectual proposal about Christianity. They do require a degree of faith and trust, but they nonetheless provide us with real evidence about the impact of being close to Christ.

Secondly, let us consider whether or not we are willing to give testimony to who Christ is to us? It's one thing to believe in Jesus; it's another thing to share that faith with others. But like John the Baptist, we are called to share the truth so that others may come to believe.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

It is important to know who we are and from where we come. Having a clear sense of identity allows us to make choices that further express and develop our ultimate purpose and goals. We are reminded today of Jesus' unique identity as God's Son and that by our baptism we are given the gift of sharing in that same intimate relationship with God. May knowledge of this make a difference in how we live our lives!

THROUGH LOVE SERVE ONE ANOTHER

St. Ann's Church - Seasonal Agricultural Worker Support Program...in need of VOLUNTEERS!

Farm workers have been coming to Canada under the Federal Seasonal Agricultural Worker Program since 1966 from Mexico or other Caribbean countries. About 16,000 overseas workers come to Ontario throughout the year, with over 2,800 of them working on Niagara farms, orchards and greenhouses.

Last year, parishioners from St. Ann's Church provided more than 40 bicycles and luggage to seasonal farm workers in our community. Most seasonal farm workers will start to arrive early March and will not come prepared for our colder temperatures. **To better support and welcome our seasonal workers to St. Ann's Church, we are in need of the following new or gently used items: sweaters, coats, hats, gloves, socks, bicycles, luggage, toiletries (e.g. new toothbrush/toothpaste/soap, etc.). Please drop off items in church basement. THANK YOU FOR YOUR LOVE & SUPPORT!**

Stay tuned for more program details. Interested in volunteering? Please contact Anne Marie Cargnelli - amcargnelli@hotmail.com or St. Ann's Church.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be celebrated

January 18-25, 2017.

Every year, between January 18 (the Feast of the Confession of Saint Peter) and January 25 (the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul), Christians around the world are invited to celebrate a week of prayer for the unity of all Christians, to reflect on scripture together, to participate in jointly-organized ecumenical services, and to share fellowship.

The Theme of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2017

When the planning committee met, it became clear that the materials for this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity would need to have two accents. On the one hand, there should be a celebration of God's love and grace, reflecting the main concern of the churches marked by Martin Luther's Reformation. On the other hand, the materials should also recognize the pain of the subsequent deep divisions which afflicted the Church, and offer an opportunity to take steps toward reconciliation.

Pope Francis' use of the quote "The Love of Christ Compels Us" (2 Cor 5:14) in his 2013 Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium* ("The Joy of the Gospel", Paragraph 9) provided the theme for this year. With this scripture, taken in its fuller context, the committee formulated the 2017 theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

This biblical text emphasizes that reconciliation is a gift from God, intended for the entire creation. As a result of God's action, those who have been reconciled in Christ are called, in turn, to proclaim this reconciliation in word and deed, living no longer for themselves, but for Christ who died for all.

Inter-Denominational Prayer Service during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity with Bishop Gerard Bergie

... Christ, who cannot be divided, wants to draw us to himself... we may not regard divisions in the Church as something natural, inevitable in any form of human association. Our divisions wound Christ's body; they impair the witness which we are called to give to him before the world. (Pope Francis, homily, January 24, 2014) **Sunday, Jan. 22, 2017, 3:00 pm, Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria 3 Lyman Street, St. Catharines. (followed by light reception)**

Catholic Women's League

A meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, January 26th following morning Mass. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend! Come and learn about the activities of the CWL in your parish.

YOUTH MINISTRY: YM for grades 5-8, Wed. evenings has resumed. (CANCELLED FEB. 1ST.) Registration form is on our website <http://stannfenwick.wixsite.com/youthministry>. If you would like to volunteer, check out our website <http://stannfenwick.wixsite.com/youthministry> or email me gbroadley@branchesoftheword.org

SEPARATED AND DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY. This month's topics are 'Journey from Anger to Forgiveness' (Jan. 23). The presenter for both is Kathryn McMorrow. Meetings are 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, 7020 Stanley Ave, Niagara Falls. No registration required. For information call 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154, or email separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com

Parish Calendar

- January.....**
- Jan 18th....** School Mass 9:30am
- Jan 18th....** Confirmation class 5-6:30pm
- Jan 18th....** Finance Council meeting 6:30pm
- Jan 26th....** **CWL meeting following morning Mass**
- February.....**
- Feb 1st.....** **Youth Ministry Cancelled**
- Feb 3rd.....** Feast of St. Blaise
- Feb 4/5....** Blessing of Throats following all Masses
- Feb 4/5.....** Charity Tax receipts available to pick up
- Feb 7th.....** Syrian Refugee Resettlement Committee Meeting 7pm, Lions Club Fenwick
- Feb 11th....** Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, World Day of the Sick
- Feb 15th....** Confirmation Class 6:30pm.
- Feb 12th....** **Anointing of the Sick following 11am Mass (More to follow)**

World Day of Migrants and Refugees January 15th

A World Day of Migrants and Refugees is observed in many places in solidarity with the World Refugee Day promoted by the United Nations and observed since 2001 on 20 June. This January observance was instituted by Saint Pius X in 1914. "The phenomenon of migration today is a providential opportunity for the proclamation of the Gospel in the contemporary world". (Pope Benedict XVI, 2012).

PRAYER FOR MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

Lord Jesus, when you multiplied the loaves and fishes, you provided more than food for the body, you offered us the gift of yourself, the gift which satisfies every hunger and quenches every thirst! Your disciples were filled with fear and doubt, but you poured out your love and compassion on the migrant crowd, welcoming them as brothers and sisters.

Lord Jesus, today you call us to welcome the members of God's family who come to our land to escape oppression, poverty, persecution, violence, and war. Like your disciples, we too are filled with fear and doubt and even suspicion. We build barriers in our hearts and in our minds.

Lord Jesus, help us by your grace,

- To banish fear from our hearts, that we may embrace each of your children as our own brother and sister;
- To welcome migrants and refugees with joy and generosity, while responding to their many needs;
- To realize that you call all people to your holy mountain to learn the ways of peace and justice;
- To share of our abundance as you spread a banquet before us;
- To give witness to your love for all people, as we celebrate the many gifts they bring.

We praise you and give you thanks for the family you have called together from so many people. We see in this human family a reflection of the divine unity of the one Most Holy Trinity in whom we make our prayer: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen

PLEASE CONSIDER ASSISTING STUDENTS IN NEED

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