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Sunday, January 14th, 2024

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi"—which translated means Teacher—"where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." - Jn 1:38-39a

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Sat. Jan 13	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
	5:00pm	✠ Daniel Binnie (Rosa Colangelo)
Sun. Jan 14	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	✠ Linda Rendall (Carter & Shoko Rendall)
Mon. Jan 15		No Mass
Tues. Jan 16	9:30am	Anna Mesina (Adelaine Nohara)
	7-8pm	HOLY HOUR & Confessions
Wed. Jan 17	9:30am	✠ Angelina Addario (Vince Addario)
		✠ Jack Schertzing (Horton Family)
Thurs. Jan 18	9:30am	Fr. Dominic Foster, TOR (Adelaine Nohara)
Fri. Jan 19	9:30am	The Habib Family (Annette Mastracci & Family)
		✠ George Albanese (Vince Addario)
Sat. Jan 20	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
	5:00pm	✠ Bambina Nannarone (Rosa Colangelo)
Sun. Jan 21	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	✠ Stefan Hozjan (Maria Hozjan & Family)

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

Offertory December 31st, 2024- \$2,270.00
January 1st, 2024-\$707.00
Initial Offering-\$262.00
January 7th, 2024- \$1,590.00
Maintenance December 2023-\$1,530.00

Please remember in your prayers the soul of ✠**Romeo Surette** whose funeral Mass was celebrated in our parish on December 29th. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

As a priest, I'm amazed how happily married couples remember the tiniest details of their earliest encounters. They effortlessly report things like: "he wore a blue shirt," "we ordered brussels sprouts," "her hair was up in a bun," and "he spilled shrimp cocktail sauce at my family's open front door when it was ten degrees below zero," (that one's courtesy of my mom). We delight in remembering and speaking of when our new life of love began. The little details are glorious reminders that it's all *real*.

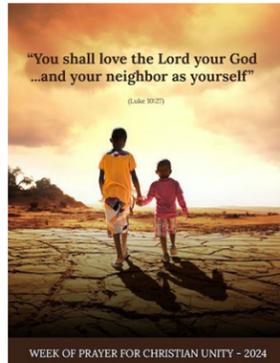
It's similar for John the Apostle. He tells us of the two disciples who followed Jesus into his house, "...**they stayed with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.**" Why does that tiny detail matter? Because *that's the time of day when they encountered the love of Jesus the Messiah in their lives*. Our religion is not primarily about abstract truths about God, no matter how true or sublime. It is about God meeting and saving us in our human nature. It's about a *human* relationship.

What was the time of day when you first recall encountering Christ and his Church? Who was there? What did you feel? How did things look and smell? What happened? Take some time to recall it in detail. For me, it was inside an old, rickety church on a hillside in Jerome, Arizona. It was about 9 p. m. on a Saturday evening. I was with my friends Jenny, Brad, and Laura. We were praying, singing, and laughing. When was it for you? Remembering the details isn't empty nostalgia. It reminds us now that God's love for us in our humanity is real.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY JANUARY 18-25, 2024

You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself.
(cf. **Luke 10:27**)

This year's theme comes through the combined efforts of the Pontifical Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity, the World Council of Churches and the Christian churches of Burkina Faso. Much of the coordination of this ecumenical project was done by the community of *Chemin Neuf*, a French Catholic and ecumenical community of vowed and lay people, particularly through their local community in Burkina Faso, a country in the Sahel region of West Africa.



Luke 10:25-37 tells the story of how Jesus is asked by a lawyer, "What must I do to inherit everlasting life?" and Jesus responds, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" The lawyer responds, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself." Then Jesus says to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." But then in order to justify himself, the lawyer says, "And who is my neighbour?" which leads Jesus to tell the parable of the Good Samaritan.

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It is a theme rich in charity, mercy, justice and unity. We hope it will facilitate powerful ecumenical prayer and homilies in the 2024 commemoration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Sunday, January 21st, 2024

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. - Mk 1:19-20

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Mon. Jan 22		No Mass
Tues. Jan 23	9:30am	Matthew Tancock (Apollonia Wilson)
	7-8pm	HOLY HOUR & Confessions
Wed. Jan 24	9:30am	✠ Matteo Cirocco & Concetta (Living) (Annette Mastracci & Family)
Thurs. Jan 25	9:30am	✠ Deceased Priests of St. Ann's (Horton Family)
Fri. Jan 26	9:30am	✠ Ralph Biancanello & Gerard Gosselin (Vince Addario)
		Blessings & Health for Elsa McAllister
		Special Intention Blessings & Health (Ersilia Ferrara)
Sat. Jan 27	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
	5:00pm	✠ Betty & Les Szabo & Nina & Czeslaw Aleksejuk (Jan & Lana)
Sun. Jan 28	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	✠ Stefan Hozjan (Maria Jerebic)

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



Our parish is hosting a lovely **Saint Valentine Afternoon Tea** social event on Saturday, February the 10th from 1-3pm. Tickets are \$20 per person, which includes

hot tea, tasty finger sandwiches and delicious sweets. Please call or email the Parish office in order to reserve your spot, as tickets must be purchased in advance. The Bake Sale table and tickets for one raffle basket will be open to the public from 12-3pm. We look forward to seeing you and our community at this social event! Bake Sale donations can be dropped off at the Parish on Friday, February 9th from 9am-1pm or Saturday, February 10th from 9-11:30am. We looking forward to seeing you then!



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

We start telling lies around the age of three, the experts tell us. It's understandable. Lying is a god-like power. Whatever I want, I need only say it, and the world rearranges itself accordingly. It's amazing at first. But soon reality snaps back and I'm faced with a dilemma. If I remain committed to my lie I start to fracture into pieces. My words and reality drift apart, and I find myself lost in a lonely world of further falsehoods and fear of being found out.

How marvelous, then, that Jesus begins his ministry by proclaiming: "**Repent!**" We tend to think it means "stop doing bad things" but it doesn't. It literally means "go beyond the mind you have." Think in a new way. It's painful to admit, but some portion of my mind is addicted to lie-telling, usually to protect my ego or make life easier. To repent means to admit this tendency, to say, "I'm done lying," and to move beyond my split mind into a complete commitment to the truth. Perhaps that's why at Mass we together proclaim, "I have sinned in my *thoughts*, and in my *words*..." Repentance and truth-telling work together.



Those who know the twelve-step process of addiction recovery know this process well. The fourth step requires radical truth-telling: listing our moral defects. This isn't being scrupulous. Rather it is freedom from falsehood, and entrance into the real world. This week, I invite you to join me in this practice. Get your phone or piece of paper. Answer the question: what are your true moral defects? Write them down. Remember, the Lord knows them already and loves you. We have a sacrament where this truth-telling is celebrated: Confession. Perhaps it is finally time to go beyond our childish lies.



Pope Francis has declared that the **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time** is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God. **In 2024, the Sunday of the Word of God falls on January 21st.** "God's word, listened to and celebrated, above all in the Eucharist, nourishes and inwardly strengthens Christians, enabling them to offer an authentic witness to the Gospel in daily life".

This year's 'Sunday of the Word of God', will be celebrated in St Peter's Basilica in the presence of Pope Francis. The motto chosen is taken from the Gospel of St John: "Remain in my Word" (John 8,31).

Diocesan SEPARATED and DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY support group meetings held the second and fourth Monday of the month, 7-9pm at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, 7020 Stanley Avenue, Niagara Falls. Meetings also held virtually. **To register for virtual attendance**, or for information, please call 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154, or email separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com

January 22, 2024 Loneliness
 February 12, 2024 Dealing With Fear
 February 26, 2024 What Is Forgiveness

Youth Ministry: Has resumed on Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:30pm. A reminder that **Grade 4 students will now be able to participate** in the program. Registration forms are at the back of the church or phone the office.

