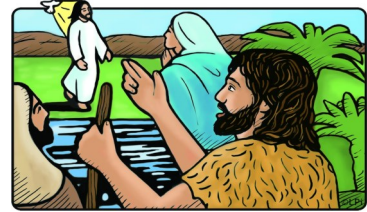


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## Sunday, January 15th, 2023

**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

“Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God.”  
- Jn 1:34

Sat. Jan 14	4-4:45pm	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions</b>
	5:00pm	George Albanese (Vince Addario)
Sun. Jan 15	9:30am	Martin & Anna Kolenko (Hozjan Family)
	11:00am	Missa Pro Populo
Mon. Jan 16	9:30am	<b>No Mass</b>
Tues. Jan 17	9:30am	Angelina Addario (Vince Addario)
	7-8pm	<b>HOLY HOUR &amp; Confessions</b>
Wed. Jan 18	9:30am	Helen Lelievre (Racz Family)
		Blessings & Health for Rebecca Larocque (Family)
Thurs. Jan 19	9:30am	Birthday Blessings for Alexander Camacho Aquise (Racz Family)
Fri. Jan 20	9:30am	Alphons Vanderlee (Gloria Egert)
		Blessings & Health for Rebecca Larocque (Family)
Sat. Jan 21	4-4:45pm	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions</b>
	5:00pm	Betty & Les Szabo & Nina & Czeslaw Aleksiejuk (Jan & Lana)
Sun. Jan 22	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	Linda Rendall (Carter & Shoko Rendall)

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

**ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED**

If your child is Catholic, in Grade 3 or above this year, has made their First Communion and is interested in becoming an altar server, please fill out the form (available at the back of the church) and give to Fr. Jacek or bring to the church office.

**Tax receipts for 2022** are now available to pick up (at the church entrance).

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

When I was a kid, I remember the priest at Mass announcing, “The Lamb of God!” I thought: does God have a lamb? And where is this lamb? Why in the world

John the Baptist sees Jesus coming toward him and announces, “Behold the lamb of God.” His Jewish listeners knew what he meant. God’s lamb is the thing that is sacrificed at the Jewish Passover and consumed by the participants. For almost a thousand years, lambs were ritually slaughtered and eaten in Jerusalem at Passover. The lamb meant sacrifice, freedom from sin, and communion with God. The Baptist is saying in effect, “This man will be ritually sacrificed and consumed so that God’s people may be free from sin and united to God.”

Our desire for God can only grow when we place ourselves in His presence.  
-Pope Francis

It’s crucial to relate to Jesus as a friend, brother, teacher, and Lord of our lives. But we should also learn to interact with Him as our lamb of God. That means we intentionally place on him our sins, sadnesses, and hopes, and offer him to God. Then we consume him to make us free. This is what we do at every Mass. That’s why he is the Lamb of God.  
— Father John Muir

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** is traditionally held every year between January 18th (the Feast of the Confession of Saint Peter) and January 25th (the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul).

The 2023 theme of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, chosen by the Minnesota Council of Churches (USA), is “Do good; seek justice.” Based on Isaiah 1:12-17, the international theme and materials call Christians to recognize that the divisions between our churches and confessions cannot be separated from the divisions within the wider human family. Isaiah challenged God’s people in his day to learn to do good together; to seek justice together, to rescue the oppressed together, to defend the orphan and plead for the widow together. The prophet’s challenge applies equally to us today. How can we live our unity as Christians so as to confront the evils and injustices of our time? How can we engage in dialogue, increase awareness, understanding and insight about one another’s lived experiences? The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an annual ecumenical celebration. Christians around the world are invited to pray for the unity of all Christians, to reflect on scripture together, to participate in jointly-organized ecumenical services, and to share fellowship.

**YOUTH MINISTRY—MONDAY EVENINGS FROM 6:30-8:30PM IN THE PARISH HALL.** Registration forms are at the back of the church. All youth in Grades 5-8 are welcome! **YM WILL RESUME JANUARY 16TH, 2023.**

**Offertory January 1st, 2023— \$2, 630.00**  
**Offertory January 8th, 2023- \$2, 135.00**  
**Maintenance- \$335.00**  
**Initial Offering- \$110.00**

## Sunday, January 22nd, 2023

**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

“Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.”  
- Mt 4:19

Mon. Jan 23	9:30am	<b>No Mass</b>
Tues. Jan 24	9:30am	Brian Crandles (Colin & Teresa Walters)
	7-8pm	<b>HOLY HOUR &amp; Confessions</b>
Wed. Jan 25	9:30am	Katarina Sajin (Racz Family)
		Blessings & Health for Rebecca Larocque (Family)
Thurs. Jan 26	9:30am	Ralph Biancaniello & Gerrard Gosselin (Vince Addario)
		Blessings & Health for Rebecca Larocque (Family)
Fri. Jan 27	9:30am	Special Intention for Dave & Ester Parkin (Brock & Shannon Parkin)
		Gerald Iftody (Pat Vaillancourt)
Sat. Jan 28	4-4:45pm	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions</b>
	5:00pm	Nicola Colangelo (Rosa Colangelo & Family)
Sun. Jan 29	9:30am	Intentions of Kevin Mullin (Colin & Teresa Walters)
	11:00am	Missa Pro Populo

**Confessions from 9-9:25am before all weekday Masses.**  
**The Diocesan Separated & 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, information, and registration call 905 356-4113 or 905-684-0154, or email: separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com  
January 23, 2023- Overcoming Loneliness Meetings will be held both in person at Mount Carmel and virtually via Zoom platform. To participate via Zoom, phone or email.

**Men’s Discernment Group:** FOR MEN AGES 18+ , Adoration & Evening Prayer, Dinner, Opportunity for Confession, Social & Conversation. Meets monthly from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Just drop in, or to confirm your attendance & for more information please contact Fr. Greg Schmidt: vocations@saintcd.com  
“Jesus is the one who calls...It is Jesus who gazes at him with love, who shows him the people, who shows him the needs of the people of God and says, if you wish, come help.” Pope Francis.- Diocese of St. Catharines Office of Vocations

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

When I was a young seminarian, I asked a wise old priest how to pray better. He said simply, “Don’t lie when you pray.” He helped me to see how much energy I waste in trying to appear acceptable to God when I pray. For me, prayer was showing off for God and hiding what was ugly.

It’s stunning that the Gospel of Matthew tells us of Jesus, “He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulon and Naphtali...” This isn’t just the Lord’s relocation up north. It’s his moving into places of shame and defeat. This region was where the enemy invasion of Israel began centuries before. Jesus left the comfortable confines of Nazareth and sought out a place of darkness, not to bring shame, but to announce the dawning of his light.

When we pray, we usually prefer Jesus to stay put in our little Nazareths — where we feel comfortable, successful, and in control. But he moves. He re-locates into the Zebulons and Naphtalis of our shame, embarrassment, fear, and sense of being defeated. The question for us is: will we allow him to take up residence in *those* places in our prayer time? Will we talk to him honestly about our places of darkness? If we do, we’re no longer lying when we pray.

Bring your Bibles to Church to be blessed.  
**WORD OF GOD SUNDAY**  
JANUARY 21 - 22, 2023  
AT EVERY MASS

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 2023, the Sunday of the Word of God falls on January 22.** “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”.  
*Evangelii gaudium*, n. 174  
“This word is very near to you: it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.” (Dt 30:14)

**Fr. Jacek will bless bibles the weekend of January 21st/22nd following all Masses.**

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS- Drop Your Nets and Be Free**

There are times I wish I had no obligations. It would be great to take my wife’s hand, hop in the car, and drive into the sunset. Where we were going would not matter as much as the fact that we would have nowhere we *had* to be. There would be nothing we *had* to do. No bills. No commitments. No problems. *Freedom!*

Life doesn’t work like that, however. When Jesus came along and asked some fishermen to drop their nets and follow him, they did just that. Wow! In some ways, they experienced true freedom. That is what Jesus offers all of us. Yet, true freedom looks quite different than my dream scenario.

In living in the true freedom that Jesus offers, there are things we must do and places we must go. That is because freedom only exists in following God’s will, not our own. We are called to be and called to give ourselves completely to God without reservations. We always have the free will to not respond to His call, but we will find that a negative answer may complicate our lives even further. God’s path for us calls on us to give freely of what we have been given. Saying no to that call means we carry the weight of those gifts. We were never meant to keep them. The path of God’s will may seem long and winding, but it is the one that leads us into that sunset. It is the way to true freedom.



