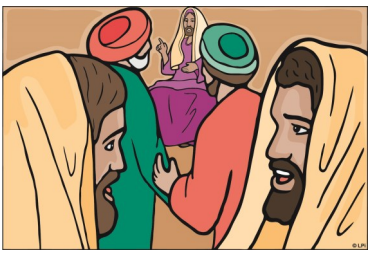


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Sunday, January 31st, 2016
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong. But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away. — Lk 4:28-30

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Sat. Jan 30	9-10am	Reconciliation
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	✠ Marko Kotar (Family)
Sun. Jan 31	9:30am	✠ Lynda Chappell (Tremeer Family)
	11:00am	Missa Pro Populo
Mon. Feb 1	7:00pm	Holy Hour & Reconciliation
Tues. Feb 2	9:30am	Intention Available
Wed. Feb 3	9:30am	Intention Available
Thurs. Feb 4	9:30am	Intention Available
Fri. Feb 5	9:30am	Intention Available
Sat. Feb 6	9-10am	Reconciliation
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sun. Feb 7	9:30am	Intention Available
	11:00am	✠ Joseph & Christopher Rybiak (Barb & Sophie Rybiak)

Reconciliation from 9-9:20am before all weekday masses.
Offertory January 23rd & 24th, 2016

95 Envelopes	\$1, 908.00
Loose Collection	\$ 116.50
Total Offertory	\$2, 024.50

Pope's Prayer Intentions Month of February:
Universal: *Care for Creation*—That we may take good care of creation—a gift freely given—cultivating and protecting it for future generations.
Evangelization: *Asia*—That opportunities may increase for dialogue and encounter between the Christian faith and the peoples of Asia.

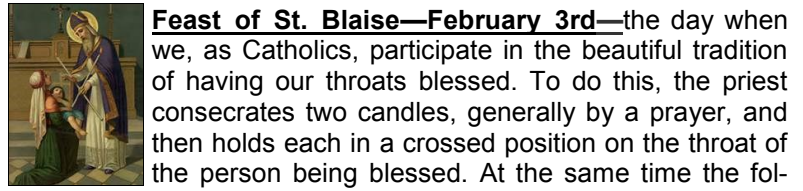
Catholic Women's League
 A meeting has been scheduled for **Thursday, February 4th at 7pm.** All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend! Come and learn about the activities of the CWL in your parish.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 "When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury." Why were these folks furious? Because they didn't like what Jesus told them. They took offense at his teaching that "no prophet is accepted in his own native place." Jesus was implying that his fellow Nazarenes in the synagogue were blind to who he really was. And this made them mad. They didn't like being told that they were wrong. But Jesus told them anyway. He knew that these people needed to hear the truth, even if it meant that he would be unpopular. In fact, he spoke the truth even at risk of his own life. "They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong."

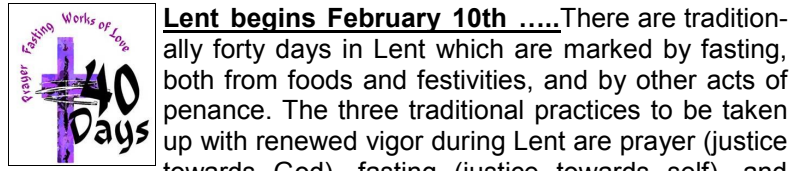
It can be tempting to confuse Jesus' kindness and goodness with passivity, mistakenly imagining him as a person who would never ruffle any feathers because he was so concerned about being "nice." This one-sided image of Jesus can lead us to excuse our own passivity about the falsehood and evil that surrounds us. We can justify our silence or inaction by convincing ourselves that we shouldn't upset anyone.

But the fact is that Jesus upset people on a regular basis. That wasn't his goal, of course, but he was willing to deal with resistance for the sake of truth and justice. And we should be willing to do the same.

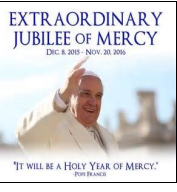
Our world is growing more and more hostile to the message of the Gospel. When we simply live our faith authentically, it makes some people angry. But we should not recoil from this reality. Jesus' witness made people furious too. But when they got mad, he didn't cave in. Whether people like it or not, the truth does not change.



Feast of St. Blaise—February 3rd—the day when we, as Catholics, participate in the beautiful tradition of having our throats blessed. To do this, the priest consecrates two candles, generally by a prayer, and then holds each in a crossed position on the throat of the person being blessed. At the same time the following blessing is given: "Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen." **If you would like to participate in this tradition, Fr. Chad will bless throats following all weekend masses of Feb 6/7.** Why does this blessing of the throat take place on the feast of St. Blaise? St. Blaise, a physician and bishop, asked God to cure a child who was choking to death on a fish bone and the child's life was saved. Thus, **St. Blaise is the patron saint of healthy throats.**



Lent begins February 10th There are traditionally forty days in Lent which are marked by fasting, both from foods and festivities, and by other acts of penance. The three traditional practices to be taken up with renewed vigor during Lent are prayer (justice towards God), fasting (justice towards self), and almsgiving (justice towards neighbour). Today, some people give up something they enjoy, and often give the time or money spent doing that thing to charitable purposes or organizations. Lent is a season of sorrowful reflection that is punctuated by breaks in the fast on Sundays (the day of the resurrection); thus, Sundays are not counted in the forty days of Lent. **Masses Ash Wednesday....9:30am & 7pm.** The distribution of ashes reminds us of our own mortality and calls us to repentance. The ashes that we receive are a reminder of our own sinfulness, and many Catholics leave them on their foreheads all day as a sign of humility.



The Jubilee Year of Mercy : In response to our Bishop's request, St. Ann's will have a Prayer Hour for Mercy with Eucharistic Adoration every Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. The Sacrament of Confession will be available during that time until 7:55 p.m. when we will have Benediction. In addition, Confession will be available before each weekday Mass from 9:00 a.m. to 9:20 a.m. Tuesday to Friday beginning Tuesday December 8. Confessions on Saturday will be increased: the Sacrament will be available from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. beginning Saturday December 12, in addition to the usual 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. It is my hope that this Year of Mercy will be a time of increased prayer and increased reception of the Sacraments, especially Confession and the Eucharist, so that we may grow much closer to Our Lord Jesus Christ and better appreciate and put into practice the great love and mercy He shows us.

Volunteers needed for the Syrian Refugee Crisis
 As on many occasions in the past, we are once again called upon to assist our brothers and sisters in need who have no reasonable hope of returning to their homes. Pope Francis has called on every parish, religious community, and shrine in Europe to welcome a refugee family. The Pope has led by example by sponsoring one family at the Vatican. The Catholic Church in Canada processes incredible untapped potential to welcome and resettle many of these refugees. The Bishops of Canada have called on every parish that has the resources to sponsor a refugee family to seriously consider doing so, either alone or working in collaboration with others. Bishop Bergie has requested that we also follow the direction of the Pope by sponsoring a family in each parish; thirteen parishes in our diocese have already applied and have been approved by our Canadian Government, and are now awaiting their families.

Some members of our parish family have attended meetings at the Catholic Centre to determine what would be required to participate in this service of charity for refugees. The objectives are to assist newcomers with their adjustment to a new community and life in Canada as well as the following:

- To provide effective and efficient support and offer safe and temporary lodgings.
- Network with social aid agencies providing essential services such as ESL, secondary settlement, legal and other social services.
- Provide transportation to government and medical offices.
- Counselling and assistance in documentation.
- Food and clothing.

To be a participant in this moment of human history we have to establish a Committee to enable their integration and build a welcoming community. **How can you help?** Please speak to Father Chad or Deacon Jim after Mass or let Liliana know of your interest to become a member of our St. Ann's team.

World Day for Consecrated Life—February 2nd: The purpose of the day is "to help the entire Church to esteem over 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 fervour which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord." Saint John Paul II (1997).

Parish Calendar


Jan 30/31....	Charity tax receipts will be ready for pick up at the back of the church. Please pick up your receipt to help defray mailing costs. Thank you.
Jan 30/31st.....	PARISH NEEDS SURVEY WILL BE DISTRIBUTED DURING EACH MASS
February...	
Feb 4th...	CWL meeting 7pm
Feb 6/7....	Blessing of Throats following all masses
Feb 10th.....	Ash Wednesday
Feb 14th....	First Sunday of Lent
Feb 14th....	Anointing of the Sick following the 11am mass
Feb 16th....	Mass cancelled
Feb 17th....	Liturgy Committee meeting 7pm

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

A reminder that Youth Night runs at the parish every Friday evening for Grades 5-12 from 6:00pm-8:00pm. Another reminder of our St. Ann's Teen Night for grades 8-12 scheduled on the THIRD Wednesday of each month from 6:00pm-8:00pm in the parish board room. Our Youth Ministry is dedicated to supporting our young people in their journey toward God, remembering C.S. Lewis who wrote, "If you want to get warm, you must stand near the fire. If you want joy, peace, and eternal life, you must get close to what has them."

Youth Ministry Announces STEUBENVILLE TORONTO 2016, July 22nd—24th

Steubenville Toronto is open to all teens entering Grade 9 this September, to those graduating Grade 12. Please take the information sheet and registration form—both found at the back of the parish—and contact our Youth Minister Roberta to register. 905.401.0174 or rplantic@branchesoftheword.org. **A \$50 deposit is due by**



World Day of the Sick - February 11th – Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes—highlights the healing ministry of the Church. The ministry of Jesus to the sick is central to the life of the Church. 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 14th FOLLOWING THE 11AM MASS.**

Excerpt of the Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the 24th World Day of the Sick, 2016 (February 11th, 2016).
Entrusting Oneself to the Merciful Jesus like Mary: "Do whatever he tells you" (Jn 2:5) On this World Day of the Sick let us ask Jesus in his mercy, through the intercession of Mary, his Mother and ours, to grant to all of us this same readiness to be serve those in need, and, in particular, our infirm brothers and sisters. At times this service can be tiring and burdensome, yet we are certain that the Lord will surely turn our human efforts into something divine. We too can be hands, arms and hearts which help God to perform his miracles, so often hidden. We too, whether healthy or sick, can offer up our toil and sufferings like the water which filled the jars at the wedding feast of Cana and was turned into the finest wine. By quietly helping those who suffer, as in illness itself, we take our daily cross upon our shoulders and follow the Master (cf. Lk 9:23). Even though the experience of suffering will always remain a mystery, Jesus helps us to reveal its meaning.