

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 22, 2017

*Those who were in darkness have seen the
Lord's great light. Let us rejoice with them and
give thanks to God.*

Pope's Prayer intentions for January

Universal: Interreligious Dialogue - That sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice. **Evangelization: Christian Unity** - That by means of dialogue and fraternal charity and with the grace of the Holy Spirit, Christians may overcome divisions.

PARISH BREAKFAST – The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Parish Breakfast **on Sunday, January 29th after the 9:00 & 11:15 am masses**. The tickets are \$5.00 per person or \$15 for a family. Tickets will be on sale after the masses this weekend and at the door on the 29th.

Spiritual Adoption Program:

I am already in my second week of life and my body has hundreds of cells. I am different from my mom and my dad. By taking good care of herself mom is able to take care of me, just what I need so that I can be healthy. I am very pleased that so many of you remember to pray for me. Please see my picture in the Vestibule.

NIGHT OUT FOR EVERYONE – St. Matthew High School Parent Council Annual Fundraiser is on **Friday, February 3rd at 7:00 pm.** Doors open at 6:30 pm. Bring your friends (10 to a table) or come make some new ones at **TRIVIA NIGHT**. Tickets are \$20 each available at the school office to everyone. A licensed evening of Trivia, pizza (included with your ticket purchase). Cash bar. This year's theme is Canada. You don't have to dress up, however, there are prizes for best costume.

MONTHLY PRO-LIFE MASS: The next monthly Mass to pray for the establishment of a Pro-life Centre in Ottawa is on **Sat., Jan. 28, 9:00 a.m.** at St. Mary Parish, 100 Young Street. Info: (613-831-2515).

REGISTERING FOR KINDERGARTEN - OTTAWA

CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOARD: If your child will be 4 or 5 years old by December 31, 2017, then it's time to register for the kindergarten program at Ottawa Catholic School Board elementary schools. The 2017 Kindergarten Registration event is **Jan. 16-20** at your local Catholic elementary school. You can also register anytime throughout the year. Info: (ocsb.ca/registrations).

WEEKEND RETREAT ORGANIZED BY OTTAWA

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION: Focus on your spiritual journey in silence. **Mar. 31 – Apr. 2 at Galilee, Arnprior.** Joseph Clarkson helps explore the experience of the mercy of God. Info: (<http://www.wccm-canada.ca/>); (613-820-1267).

Offering for January 15, 2017

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 5595.00
PAC/Visa/MC	\$ 2780.00
Loose:	\$ 727.00
Total Collection:	\$ 9102.00

PASTOR'S CORNER

“Come, follow Me. I will make you fishers of men.” These are the words that Jesus spoke in today’s Gospel to Peter and Andrew, the first disciples who were called by Him. The mission entrusted to them, to be “fishers of men,” is based on the mission of Jesus Himself. The first part of today’s Gospel quotes the passage from Isaiah that we heard in the first reading. It reveals to us the purpose of Christ’s mission, which is to bring Light into a world of darkness. “The people who sat in darkness have seen a great Light; for those who sat in a land of shadows and death, a great Light has shone.” Christ is that Light because He is the Truth.

The mission of Christ was entrusted by Him to the Apostles. They were called to be “fishers of men” by bringing Light (the Light of Christ) into the world around them, predominantly by their preaching and their way of living. And the mission entrusted to the Apostles continues today in the Church. The Catholic Church shares in the mission of Jesus. She does this by preaching the Truth, in season and out of season, and by the shining examples of her Saints who lived out that Truth on a day-to-day basis.

As disciples of Our Lord and Saviour, we are all called to share in that same mission. We have a duty, as Christians, to bring the Light of Jesus Christ into the world. We cannot stand by as the world continues to embrace an ever-increasing darkness. Rather, out of love for the Lord and for the world that He created, we must counter the darkness that surrounds us by living as sons and daughters of the True Light. We do this primarily through a life of Faith, Hope, and intense Charity, by keeping the Commandments of God and the precepts of His Church, and by helping others to do the same. Thus we too hear the call that Christ offered to His first disciples: “Come, follow Me.”

THE BEREAVEMENT GROUP - WINTER PROGRAM

The Bereavement Group will be running a program this winter for any-one who is grieving the loss of a loved one. Starting **January 17** there will be 8 weekly sessions, on Tuesday evenings from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. For further information contact Diane Jemus at 613-830-5612.

MARYVALE ACADEMY OF OTTAWA ANNUAL FUNDRAISING

DINNER GALA: “For Love of You” on **Sat., Feb. 4** at St. Elias Centre, 750 Ridgewood Ave. Live & silent auctions, 50/50 draw, musical performances, speeches and dancing. Cocktails & silent auction at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. Cost: \$85/person (\$40 tax receipt). Info/tickets: Maryvale Academy (613-321-2186); (www.maryvaleacademy.ca); (www.facebook.com/MaryvaleAcademyOttawa).

STEUBENVILLE TORONTO 2017: This year’s youth conference will take place **July 28-30**. Youth currently in grades 8-12 are encouraged to participate. The cost of \$390 covers the conference, a t-shirt and transportation to Toronto. A \$90 deposit is due with registration. To register, [click here](#). To guarantee a spot, register before **Jan. 23**. Info: Krista Wawrykow (kwawrykow@archottawa.ca); (613-738-5025 ext. 222).

INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 21 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm For Our Parishioners

Sunday, January 22 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am †Delores Turner req by Bobbi Timko
Intention of Betty & Jacob Varikkat on the Anniversary
of their wedding

Intention of Sheila Knightley req by Mary MacDonald

11:15 am Intention of Jean Hall req by Helen Hall

Monday, January 23 – Third Monday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Private Intention

Tuesday, January 24 – Memorial St. Francis De Sales, Bishop, Doctor

9:00 am Private Intention

Thursday, January 26 – Memorial, St. Timothy and St. Titus, Bishops

9:00 am †Alfie Lamb req by the Legion of Mary

Friday, January 27 – Third Friday in Ordinary Time.

9:00 am In loving memory of Jack, Peg, Joe & Sylvie

Saturday, January 28 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm †Magdalena Domingo req by Dem & Flo Magmanlac
Deceased members of the CWL

Sunday, January 29 - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am †May Gabriel req by the Tissaaratchy family

†Reena Daigle req by Vince & Myrna Brown

11:15 am For Our Parishioners

Please pray for our sick; Michael Nortey, Lorna Kennedy, Ann Delage, Dominique Duma, Ester Roper, Adrian Roper, Lorretta Dillon-Robinette, Louise Clarke, Nadia Clement, and John MacDonald.

Please pray for our deceased, that they may be received into God's love.

ULTIMATE DATE NIGHT: Sanctifying Families presents a Couples' Dinner on Sat., Feb. 11 at Senhor Santo Cristo Parish, 1100 Kenaston, Gloucester. Doors open 5:30 p.m. for 6:30 p.m. dinner catered by BBQ master Danny Gernon (Danger's Smokehouse). Guest speaker: Bishop Christian Riesbeck CC. Tickets: \$35/couple. Advance registration required: (www.sanctifyingfamilies.ca). Info: Theresa or Cheryl (sanctifyingfamilies@gmail.com); (613-821-9932).

PRO LIFE CORNER

Let us pray for all elected officials that they will courageously advance the cause of life and that health care practitioners, especially doctors and nurses will be permitted to practice their profession in accordance with their conscience.

The next Mass on our Pilgrimage Journey to pray for the establishment of a Pro-Life Medical Centre in Ottawa takes place on 28 January at St. Mary's Parish, 100 Young St. at 9am.

If we are guided by faith, acknowledge our own uselessness and put our trust in Our Lord, our Pro-Life efforts will be effective, because for us, the fruitfulness of our work depends on our living union with Christ. Let us pray that we will see God's presence more clearly in every human life.