

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 14, 2018

Let us prepare our hearts to hear the voice of the Lord and give a faithful answer.

Pope Francis's Prayer Intentions for January 2018

Evangelization: Religious Minorities in Asia That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practise their faith in full freedom

Parish Breakfast – The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Parish Breakfast on Sunday, January 21st after the 9:00 & 11:15 am masses. The cost is \$5.00 per person or \$15.00 for a family. Tickets can be purchased after the masses this weekend. Tickets will also be available at the doors on the 21st.

Taking Care of God's House

With the winter season fully in swing, we ask all parishioners to help us to keep our church in good condition by removing any snow/slush from their boots upon entering the main church for divine worship. Thank you for your co-operation and God bless!

THE BEREAVEMENT GROUP - WINTER PROGRAM

The Bereavement Group will be running a program this winter for anyone who is grieving the loss of a loved one. Starting **January 16** 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.

Ottawa Catholic School Board Kindergarten Registration: If your child will be 4 or 5 years old by December 31, 2018, then it's time to register for the kindergarten program. Kindergarten Registration Week is Jan. 15-19 at your local Catholic elementary school, or anytime throughout the year. We welcome all. All schools offer French programming within a caring, innovative and faith-filled environment. Visit <http://ocsb.ca/register/>.

“Thank you to the Palmer and McCarthy families and to Sophia Pierce and Kate Keenan for helping to decorate the church for Christmas on the 23rd and 24th of December and to the men (many of them Knights) who came on January 8th to help to remove all of the Christmas decorations and to clean up again. Your generosity in giving hours of your time to this ministry is a gift that permitted all of us to experience the love of Christ through beauty in our Church this Christmas season.”

Save the Date for The New Evangelization Summit: Join Catholics from across North America at the premier conference on the New Evangelization **April 27 - 28, 2018**. At the Infinity Convention Centre, Ottawa, and webcast to host sites across Canada and the US. World-class Catholic speakers: Michael Dopp, George Weigel, Patrick Madrid, Curtis Martin, Sr. Ann Shields, and more. Fee: \$95. Register online: <https://www.newevangelization.ca/>.

Offering for January 7, 2018

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 3200.00
PAC/Visa/MC	\$ 2660.00
Loose:	\$ 645.00
Total Collection:	\$ 6505.00

Our financial requirements are approx. **\$8,000** per week to support our approx. **\$2,000** a week mortgage payment.

Fr. Shroff's Corner

The second reading from today's Mass tells us that we are to "shun immorality" and to treat our bodies as temples of the Holy Spirit. It goes on to say that we are not our own, but that we have been bought at a very steep price. This passage of Scriptures refers, of course, to our redemption. In fact, the very word "redemption" means a re-purchasing or buying back. Elsewhere in the Scriptures, we are told what exactly that price was that bought us back or redeemed our lives for God: the Precious Blood of Jesus!

We live in a world where the most commonly type of sins is undoubtedly sins related to our bodies. The New Testament calls these "sins of the flesh." The modern Western culture in which we live exalts these types of sin and makes it very difficult for most people to remain chaste and pure. Sins against purity are not just the plague of the young, nor are they confined only to men. They are the most common type of sin brought to the confessional – even by women and also by the elderly.

St. Paul's words in the second reading exhort the followers of Christ to strive to live a life that is pure, chaste, wholesome, and free from sin. Saint Paul undoubtedly knew, personally, how strong temptations of the flesh can be. But he also knew that there is something much more powerful than temptation: the grace of Jesus Christ!

The Church teaches us that the best way to avoid temptations (not just of the flesh, but of all kinds) is by praying for grace. Prayer places us in the presence of God, who is all-holy. And when we are in the presence of the sublime Holiness of the Lord, then we will not even want to commit sin. Sin only gains strength over us when we turn our eyes and our hearts away from Jesus.

So the primary means of fighting against temptation is to do what Samuel did in today's first reading. "Here am I, O Lord; speak, for Your servant is listening." Samuel listened to the Voice of God, and he allowed himself to be transformed by that encounter.

The parish has acquired a 2016 film that is available for loan. HUSH - is a liberating conversation about abortion and women's health. Please contact Jennifer at 613-835-4201 if you wish to view this movie.

Academia Stella Maris Workshops - Winter Semester: Registrations now open for Academia Stella Maris Winter Semester Workshops starting **Jan. 9:** Theology, Latin II, Excellence in Writing, French II, Logical Fallacies, Greek I, Socratic Literary Analysis (White Fang), Bible Study and Intro to Moral Philosophy. Info & registration: www.academiastellamaris.ca; 343-883-6600.

INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 13– Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm †For Our Parishioners

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11:15 am For Our Parishioners

5:00 pm †Marjorie Riopelle req by Germaine & Roland Boyer

†Lourdes Marquez req by Eliza Agpoon

†Mary Fleming req by Anne Pehlman

Monday, January 15 – Monday of 2nd week in OT

10:30 am Intention of Randy & Suzanne Milburn req by Carmen D'Souza

Tuesday, January 16 – Tuesday of 2nd week in OT

9:00 am Intention of Deacon Pat & Mireille McNulty req by Carmen D'Souza

Thursday, January 18 – Thursday of 2nd week in OT

9:00 am Intention of Mac & Mary MacDonald req by Carmen D'Souza

Friday, January 19 – Votive Mass of the Most Precious Blood

9:00 am †Albert Lawrence req by the family

Saturday, January 20– Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm †John Mains req by the family

Sunday, January 21 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am For Our Parishioners

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

Please pray for our sick;, June Cheverie, Antoinette Tissaaratchy, Joe MacDonell, June Cheverie, Rose Dugandzic, Romina Andrews: Joyce Miller, Jean-Ella Lemire, Elsie & Steve Stadler, Lorretta Dillon-Robinette, and John MacDonald.

Please pray for our deceased, included John Patrick MacPhee, that he may be received into God's love.

Pilgrimage to Poland 28 April - 14 May 2018 includes special moments not readily available to other groups such as conferences with the Sisters at the Convents, visit to the Archbishop's Residence in Krakow, seeing where Mary left her footprints in Lichen, visiting Plock where Jesus appeared to St. Faustina. All inclusive cost \$3,300 single and \$3150 for couples. Information: sbielec@sympatico.ca or [613-792-4272](tel:613-792-4272)

PRO LIFE CORNER

Regardless of the circumstance of their conception, preborn babies must be protected from elective abortion. Let us pray that the Christian community, made one by our common baptism, will welcome preborn babies and all who are vulnerable. Post abortion healing is available at www.rachelsvineyard.org or call Lynda or Terry Munroe 613-806-5522 rvt_ottawa@yahoo.ca If someone you know is pregnant and needs support, confidential help is available www.stmaryshome.com www.miriamottawa.org 613-830-8623 www.birthright-ottawa.org or visit: www.abortionincanada.ca www.adoptionincanada.ca or contact the parish office.