

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 21, 2018

Like Jonah, Jesus calls the world to conversion. Let us come into God's presence with grateful hearts.

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

Save the Date: Parish Potluck Saturday, 10 February 2018

It is time to mark the conclusion of the one-year sponsorship of the Syrian family that our Parish sponsored, in collaboration with the Ottawa Diaconate Community. Sign up sheets will be available soon; the potluck will follow the 5:00 pm Mass. Please mark your calendars as you will want to enjoy an evening of camaraderie and celebration with Mrs. Rasmiyah Krait, Deacon Wael Al Nouri and Mrs. Fairuz Al Khalil.

RIDE NEEDED – Joe Byrnes would like to know if someone would be available to pick him up in Blackburn on Sunday's for the 11:15 am mass. Please contact Joe directly at 613-841-1181

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!

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/>.

“Sainte-Marie parish is inviting you to come for a special celebration and public veneration of St. Francis Xavier's relic on Wednesday January 31st. The veneration will be from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm and mass will be at 7:00 pm. The closing prayer, Litany of St. Francis Xavier, will be at 10:00 pm. All are welcomed to attend. We are located at 4831 Innes Road, between Tenth Line and Portobello.”

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 14, 2018

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 2185.00
PAC/Visa/MC	\$ 2660.00
Loose:	\$ 1044.00
Total Collection:	\$ 5889.00

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

Fr. Shroff's Corner

"Come, follow Me," Jesus said as He called His first Apostles, Simon and Andrew, "and I will make you fishers of men" (Mk. 1:17). This expression "fishers of men" has been used throughout the centuries to indicate the Church's Apostolic mission throughout the world. The Church is called to "go a-fishing" and to seek out souls for the Kingdom of God. And when she brings souls to Christ, the Church teaches them how to grow in their identity as sons and daughters of God. Growth in the spiritual life takes place through the imitation of Christ (*Imitatio Christi*) and the following of Christ (*Sequela Christi*). As baptized Catholics, we are all called to imitate Christ by our life and to follow Him, the Lamb, wherever He leads us.

Some, however, are called to a much closer participation in the life of Christ. These are those who have a particular vocation to the Priesthood or to Religious Life. Religious Life is also known as the Consecrated Life – not because non-religious are not consecrated to God, but rather because, through their vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, religious (monks and nuns, brothers and sisters) are consecrated to Our Lord much more closely.

We imitate or follow Christ in order to be more like Him. It is our conformity with Christ (our becoming more and more into His image) that makes us holy. In fact, to say "There goes a holy man" or "Here is a Saint" really means "Here is a person in whom we can find Jesus." Saint Paul tells us that in Baptism we have died and been raised in Christ, and therefore that we are to live a life in conformity with that Christian dignity. One way of doing this is expressed in today's second reading: "Let those who mourn, do so as though they were not mourning; and those who have wives live as if they did not. Let those endowed with possessions live as those who have none, and those who deal with the world as if they had no dealings with it." These words speak about a certain detachment from worldly things, "for the present form of this world is passing away." (I Cor. 7:31).

All of this is a reminder to the disciples of Jesus (to those who seek to follow Him) that we must always keep our eyes firmly fixed on eternity. This world will pass; the next one will not. If our eyes are fixed on ephemeral, passing realities, then our hearts will be swayed back and forth with the changing fads and fashions of a life in continual flux. But if we keep our eyes firmly fixed on Christ and on the Cross, then THERE we will find our stability, our true identity in the Lord.

The motto of the Carthusian Order of Monks, founded by St. Bruno, expresses this belief very well: *Stat Crux Dum Volvitur Orbis*: "The Cross stands firm, as the world revolves around it."

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.

INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 20 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 †John Mains req by the family
Deceased members of the Cardenas & Delos Santos
families' req by Marilou Storie & family

Sunday, January 21 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am For Our Parishioners
11:15 am †John Patrick MacPhee req by Fred & Marguerite
Boeckler
Intention of Jean Hall req by Helen Hall

Monday, January 22 – Third Monday in Ordinary Time OR St. Vincent, Deacon & Martyr

9:00 am †Muriel Baldwin req by John Butt & family

Tuesday, January 23 – Third Tuesday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Intention of Betty McVeigh req by Joe & Margaret
McGlade

Thursday, January 25 – Conversion of St. Paul (Feast)

9:00 am †Albert Lawrence req by the family

Friday, January 26 – Sts. Timothy & Titus, Bishops (Memorial)

9:00 am †Emanuel Kardiah req by Noeline Edwards

Saturday, January 27– Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 pm For Our Parishioners

Sunday, January 28 – Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

9:00 am †Vera Vycheytel req by Philomena & Terrence Serrao
11:15 am For Our Parishioners

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

Please pray for our deceased, including Paul Casey, 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

Let us pray that elected officials may have wisdom, courage and sincere concern for those they represent, including pre-born children. Do you know that abortion is permitted in Canada for all nine months and that abortion is paid for through provincial health care dollars? Spiritual Adoption Prayer of Archbishop Fulton Sheen "Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion." Please remember to pray daily for your spiritually adopted baby and the baby's parents. Post abortion healing is available at www.rachelsvineyard.org or call Lynda or Terry Munroe 613-806-5522 rvt_ottawa@yahoo.ca