

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 28, 2018

God's love is manifested in Jesus Christ, who delivers us from every evil. Let us prepare ourselves to celebrate these mysteries.

CWL - You are invited!! The CWL cordially invites you to join us for a Lenten Reflection. This will be presented by Fr. Shroff on Tuesday February 13 at 7:30. It will be followed by light refreshments. For this evening our meeting will be very curtailed. What a wonderful opportunity for all of us to become better informed regarding the true purpose of Lent and its possible impact on our faith life.

PARISH POTLUCK – Saturday 10 February 2018

All parishioners are warmly welcomed to attend the Parish Potluck Supper that will be held on Saturday 10 February 2018, following the 5:00 pm Mass.

It is just over one year since we (in collaboration with the Ottawa Diaconate Community) welcomed from Syria, Mrs. Rasmiyah Krait, Mrs. Fairuz Al Khalil and Deacon Wael Al Nouri to Canada, and to our parish. The potluck supper will be our opportunity to mark the conclusion of our one-year sponsorship, and to celebrate with them, their many successes in their new life in Canada. They will share some of their story and they wish to express their deep appreciation to everyone for the love, prayers and support that has been shown to them over this past year.

Please bring along your favourite dish of food, as this is key to a successful potluck – the many varieties of dishes contributes to everyone's enjoyment of this shared meal. Sign-up sheets are on the tables in the Gathering Space.

You are asked to choose your favourite dish to bring along and to please mark your calendar and plan on attending. You may contact Helen Lemoire @ helensl@bell.net or Nora Caputo @ noracaputo@yahoo.ca if you can assist with organizing the potluck.

Good Shepherd Parish Bible Study. The Spring session, beginning the week of April 9, 2018, for 11 weeks, will study Genesis. The course, using materials prepared by Little Rock Scripture Study, is offered 3 times a week - Monday evening, Wednesday morning and Wednesday afternoon. Application forms can be found on the bookshelf at the back of the church. Please apply by March 3, 2018. For further information contact gsbiblestudy@rogers.com

“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.”

Offering for January 14, 2018

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

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

Deacon Dan's Corner

Being Alert to the Attacks of the Evil One

Today's Gospel warns us to be on guard, because evil spirits are constantly at work tempting us. This warning is even more urgent today, as the world has often dismissed their reality.

Evil spirits are always on the prowl. They whisper lies and half-truths; try to confuse us; and try to encourage us to do things we know we shouldn't do. We have all felt their influence at times. We know they try to sow division; make us fearful; lie; manipulate people; or can make us doubt ourselves - and God's love.

But, we have free will and make the final choices for our lives. But these choices are never made in isolation. They are always influenced by the people around us, by the media, by the Holy Spirit, and by Satan.

All this may sound intimidating, but we shouldn't be afraid. In today's Gospel, we read that Jesus overcame one particular evil spirit ... but on the cross He overcame them all!

We must believe in the power of the name of Jesus. Scripture tells us how St. Paul, in dealing with an evil spirit that was harassing a woman, demanded: "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And the spirit left immediately. Likewise, we need to call on the name of Jesus throughout the day, especially if we are feeling tempted or pressured.

Another thing we can do is begin every day by praying for protection against evil spirits. All we need to do is say the words that Jesus taught us: "Father, lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil." Amen.

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!

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)

INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 27 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Anticipated Mass)

5:00 pm Intention of Shirley Lake req by Linda Chong
Intention of Taya Lee req by Ernie & Marian Sy
Intention of Alex Lee req by Ernie & Marian Sy
Deceased members of the CWL

Sunday, January 28 – Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

Monday, January 29 – Fourth Monday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am †Roger Degange req by Donna & Joe Verner
†Harold Byrne req by Ellen Byrne

Tuesday, January 30 – Fourth Tuesday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Mass of Special Intention
Souls in Purgatory and for Kunjial & Francis

Wednesday, January 31

8:00 am †Debbie Tremblay req by the Doonan family

Thursday, February 1 – Conversion of St. Paul (Feast)

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

Friday, February 2 – Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Blessing of Candles and Procession to Precede the Mass) First Friday

9:00 am †Guenter Andrews req by Myrna Andrews
Intention of Ernie Sy req by Marian Sy

Saturday, February 3 – Votive Mass in Honour of Our Lady (First Saturday)

9:00 am †Guenter Andrews req by Myrna Andrews

Saturday, February 3 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 †Prema Raddalgoda req by Noeline Edwards

Sunday, February 4 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am †Paul Casey req by Fern Casey Thomson and family
†Abla Hokayen req by Fadio Abdelnour
11:15 am For Our Parishioners

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

Please pray for our deceased, including Noreen Plant (mother of Fr. Gerard Plant), that she may be received into God's love.

PRO LIFE CORNER

Let us pray that Canadian law makers at all levels may walk in the Light of Christ by enacting policies and laws that protect human life and that each of us may be the Lord's prophets by speaking up for vulnerable people – both born and preborn – who cannot speak for themselves,