

# **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## **February 4, 2018**

*With all our limitations and weaknesses, we come before  
the God of love, who give us fullness of life*

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE** – The Ash Wednesday Service on Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> will be at 7:00 pm.

**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.

Please include the Kof C Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner, scheduled for **13 Feb 2018**, in the Parish Bulletin and Announcements for all masses in the weekends of Feb 4 and 11. Please use the same wordings we have used before. There are no changes in the prices. Please let me know right away if you have any questions.

**PALMS** - Please drop off your dried palms to the church before February 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **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 may contact Helen Lemoire @ [helensl@bell.net](mailto:helensl@bell.net) or Nora Caputo @ [noracaputo@yahoo.ca](mailto: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](mailto:gsbiblestudy@rogers.com)

**Offering for January 28, 2018**

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 3700.00
PAC/Visa/MC	\$ 2660.00
Loose:	\$ <u>619.00</u>
Total Collection:	\$ 6979.00

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

**Fr. Shroff's Corner**

Today's Gospel reading introduces us to some of the miracles that Jesus performed during His early public ministry in this world. If you have ever had the chance to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, you will undoubtedly have seen the very places where Our Lord performed many of His miracles. Today, if you visit the site of the ancient city of Capernaum in Galilee, you will see the ruins of the house where Peter's mother-in-law lay when Jesus performed the miracle in today's Gospel. Many of these miracles "come alive" when you have had the chance to actually be where they took place. In the Holy Land, you will come across many plaques commemorating these important places. Almost all of them begin with the Latin inscription HIC ("Here"). "HERE is where the Word was made flesh" (Nazareth); "HERE is where the Saviour was born" (Bethlehem); "HERE is where Jesus confided to Peter the primacy of love" (Galilee). All of these commemorative inscriptions that we encounter in the Holy Land make the actions and miracles and teachings of Christ come fully alive!

The beauty of the Catholic Faith is that it is very ancient: 2000 years old! But that is also one of the dangers of our Faith. Because it is so ancient, there is always the danger that Catholics today will somehow "disconnect" with the teachings and miracles of Christ, seeing them merely as historical reminders of an age that has long passed.

In order to renew our personal faith, we need to remind ourselves that Jesus Christ did not just perform miracles two millennia ago. The graces received by Our Lord's contemporaries when He walked the face of this earth are given to us as well, here and now, today, in the 21st century. Jesus is no longer with us in the same way that He was when He walked this earth. However, His Presence remains with us today in just as powerful a way, through the holy Sacraments that He founded. All of the Seven Sacraments are encounters with the grace of Christ, and one of them (the Holy Eucharist) contains the Real Presence of Jesus Himself!

Divine Grace, which is a participation in the very Life of God, is just as miraculous as the physical healings that Our Lord performed 2000 years ago in Galilee. In fact, we are, in a certain sense, even MORE privileged than the Apostles. We do not find Jesus only in one place, as did they when He lived on this earth. We can find Jesus in every single Tabernacle in every Catholic Church around the world! He is there, waiting for us to come and adore Him. Whenever we enter into a Catholic Church, the first thing that we should do is go in front of the Tabernacle and greet Jesus! After the assistance at Holy Mass, Adoration of Our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament is the best way to encounter Him in our day-to-day lives.

In Ontario, health care professionals are forced to participate in euthanasia against their will either by providing the act of euthanasia or referring patients to those who will do the killing. At the same time in Ontario, 2/3's of people suffering from disabling conditions do not have access to palliative care. This scenario places doctors in an impossible situation where they are forced to either participate in taking the life of their patients or lose the ability to care for patients at all.

There are forms available in the Vestibule of the Church that you are requested to complete in order to show your support for the protection of Ontario doctors. Prepared letters to the MPP for Orleans are available if you wish to send a letter to the MPP. For those who wish to register on-line:

<http://www.canadiansforconscience.ca/>

Thank you for your participation in this important campaign that will help to keep our doctors and other health care professionals practicing.

## **INTENTIONS**

### **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  
†Magdalena Girourdy req by Joe & Elaine MacDonell  
†June Fitzsimmons req by Myrna Mulye  
Mass of Thanksgiving req by Michael Ugiomoh

### **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

### **Monday, February 5 – Memorial, St. Agatha, Virgin, Martyr**

9:00 am †Richard Paquette req by Lisa Filion-Piscopo & Henri Babin

### **Tuesday, February 6 – Memorial, St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs**

9:00 am †Ann Delage req by the Delage family

### **Wednesday, February 7 – Fifth Wednesday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 am The intentions of Cardinals Sarah & Burke req by the Winogron family

### **Thursday, February 8 – Fifth Thursday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am †Albert Lawrence req by the family  
†Bruce McMullan req by the family

### **Friday, February 9 – Fifth Friday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am †Fulgencio & Presentation de Guzman req by the Andal & de Guzman families

### **Saturday, February 10– Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 pm †Cletus & Alice Downey req by the family  
†Pat MacPhee req by Joe & Elaine MacDonell

### **Sunday, February 11 – Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

9:00 am For Our Parishioners

11:15 am †Chiarina Bacile req by James & Lea Dunne  
†Eugenie Sylma req by Luzette  
Souls in Purgatory req by Fadia Abdelnour  
Birthday Intentions for Stase Danaitis req by Myrna Andrews

*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, that they may be received into God's love.*

#### **PRO LIFE CORNER**

Let us pray that all who despair because of a past abortion may open their hearts to repentance and the merciful forgiveness of the Lord, who heals the broken-hearted. Post abortion healing is available at [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org) or call Lynda or Terry Munroe 613-806-5522 [rvr\\_ottawa@yahoo.ca](mailto:rvr_ottawa@yahoo.ca)