

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 15, 2017

*We gather to worship Jesus, the Lamb of God
who takes away the sins of the world. Let us
turn our hearts to him in prayer.*

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 next weekend.

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.

HOMELANDS MASS: Celebrated at Notre Dame Cathedral a week after the World Day of Migrants and Refugees, **Sun., Jan. 22, 2:30 p.m.** Please confirm group attendance and the name of the person responsible for your group to Deacon Gilles Ouellette at the Diocesan Centre (613-738-5025, ext. 238) before Jan. 17. Flags will be placed in the Cathedral balconies as a visible sign of your participation. Traditional dishes to share at the Reception in the Cathedral Hall following the Mass will be welcomed and should be brought to the hall before 2:15 p.m. Those in national dress are asked to be in the hall before 2:00 p.m., to be ready for the opening procession. All welcome!

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).

Offering for January 8, 2017

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 3461.00
PAC/Visa/MC	\$ 2780.00
Loose:	\$ 663.00
Total Collection:	\$ 6904.00

PASTOR'S CORNER

St. John the Baptist sees the Lord coming towards him, and he points him out to the crowd: "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world!" John is pointing the crowd in the direction of the Saviour. He wanted none of the glory for himself, but desired that all might turn to Jesus and receive His gift of salvation. "He must increase and I must decrease," St. John famously said, with great humility. That is why St. John the Baptist is known as the "Precursor of the Lord." He came precisely to point the people to Christ, to "prepare the way" for His coming. There is a beautiful church in Ein-Karem, the hometown of John the Baptist (not far from Jerusalem), known simply as the Church of St. John the Baptist. In that church, there is a side altar under which is a plaque with the inscription in Latin: *Hic praecursor Domini natus est* (Here, the precursor of the Lord was born). When you visit this site commemorating the birthplace of the precursor, you can almost imagine the Saint pointing you even today in the direction of Jesus. There is a mysterious presence there, and one never leaves that place without a renewed desire to seek out and find Christ.

At Holy Mass, just before the Communion Rite, the Priest at the Altar takes the Body and Blood of Christ (the Host and the Chalice), turns to face the people, and says: *Ecce Agnus Dei; ecce qui tollit peccata mundi* (Behold, the Lamb of God; behold Him who takes away the sins of the world). In doing so, the Priest mimics St. John the Baptist, showing the people of God the presence of the Lord, of the Lamb by whose death we have been redeemed. This gesture invites Christ's disciples to make an act of faith in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. It is not just bread and wine that the Priest is holding in his consecrated hands but the very Flesh and Blood of Jesus Christ. In the Holy Mass, Jesus descends from Heaven and, in the words of St. Augustine, "becomes incarnate in the Priest's hands as He did in Mary's womb." Christ, the crucified and risen Lord, the Lamb once slain, now lives and reigns for ever and ever! Only the Mass can give us such a powerful presence of the Lord!

Today, let us all renew our faith in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. What a blessing it is for us to be able to come and worship Him each and every Sunday (even every day if we so desire). Indeed, He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are we who are called to His Mystical Banquet!

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).

INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 14 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Deceased members of the Pereira family
†William Lawlor req by Hugh & Anne Finlayson

Sunday, January 15 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am †Samuel & Esther Turner req by Bobbi Timko
†Valerie Brady req by Jim & Pam Aung Thin
†Sarah Dhar req by Jim & Pam Aung Thin

11:15 am For Our Parishioners

Monday, January 16 – Second Monday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am †Jackie Roach req by Marilou Storie

Tuesday, January 17 – Memorial St. Anthony, Abbot Ordinary Office

9:00 am Intention of Thomas Leland req by the MacDonald family

Thursday, January 19 – Second Thursday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am †Albert Lawrence req by the family
†Jackie Roach req by Bernie & family

Friday, January 20 – Second Friday in Ordinary Time.

9:00 am †John Mains req by the family
Intention of Joe & Donna Verner req by Sean & Anna May O'Carroll

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

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

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, including Robert MacAuley and Raymonde Evans, that they may be received into God's love.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT ARCHDIOCESE OF OTTAWA

Full-time, permanent position at 37½ hours/week. Recent Canadian Criminal Records check is a requirement.

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.

To join the International Perpetual Rosary for Life visit:

www.priestsforlifecanada.com

Pregnant? thought of adoption? visit: www.adoptionincanada.ca or www.abortionincanada.ca