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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

“So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him.” What did Zebedee think about all of this? His sons and his partners, James and John, suddenly left their post and followed Jesus. So there he stood in the boat with a crew of employees, but not one of his sons. We can't help but wonder whether Zebedee was in favor of this promise that his heirs would become “fishers of men.”

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus instructs us to love and serve others for the love of God. But the Lord also makes it clear that our devotion to him is meant to trump our devotion to anything—or anyone—else. For our part, we are called to allow this divine allegiance to exist in those we love, even when it means a sacrifice for us as well. Parents for example, like Zebedee, are called to encourage their children to follow

the Lord's call. A son or daughter's vocation to religious life certainly exemplifies this kind of sacrifice for a parent who might have had a different plan in mind. But in truth every son and daughter has a vocation from God and parents have the opportunity to support and assist their children as they seek to hear and follow God's special plan for their lives. We don't know for sure how Zebedee responded to the vocation of his sons, but we know that James and John were counted among the Twelve Apostles and that their devotion and dedication helped to spread the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Regardless of what he might have thought as he stood in that boat, we can be quite sure that looking back now, Zebedee can rejoice heartily in the choice of his sons to leave their nets and follow Christ.



LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

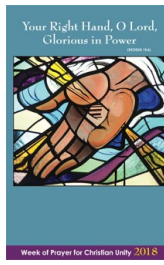
Jesus proclaims today the Gospel of God: “This is the time of fulfillment. The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel.” Jesus challenges us to accept a change of heart, to start believing and thinking differently. The Gospel asks us to take the focus off ourselves and away from self-concern, and place it on God first, and on our brothers and sisters, especially those most broken and in need, and those most vulnerable, especially the unborn. We are called to be stewards of all God has created. This means that we are also called to work on God's behalf ensuring that all that God created and all who God created is cared for and protected.

Everyday Stewardship: Many people move through life without any direction. They find themselves constantly rerouting and wondering when they will ever get to a satisfying final destination. What they need is a compass and a companion for the journey, yet they have no idea how to get either. Prayer can serve as a compass and it connects us to a companion for the journey. Stewardship living is impossible without prayer. If we count on our own will and believe we can become fruitful without daily contact with God we can find ourselves looking for directions more than moving toward a destination. God through prayer will help us see all we have as gift. God through prayer will lead us away from materialism and selfishness toward freedom and generosity. Even when we fall to sin, the path back is clearer. God will never leave us lost.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE

Celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (Jan. 18-25) by joining Bishop Bergie for a ‘Service of Prayer for Christian Unity’ at the Cathedral, on **Sunday Jan. 21, at 3:00** p.m. followed by coffee and cookies.



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY DAILY BIBLE STUDY

One of the resources available for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (Jan 18-25) is a very thoughtful eight-day bible study guide prepared by the Christian Churches of the Caribbean.

This resource could be for individual use, or for small study groups. The eight daily themes are: *Welcoming the Stranger, No Longer a Slave, Your Body is a Temple of the Holy Spirit, Hope and Healing, Unity in Christ: Hearing the Cries of the Poor, Let us Look to the Interests of Others, Building Family in Household and Church, and Our Covenant with God.*

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You will find this resource on our parish website.

The Second Vatican Council's declaration on Christian Unity expresses the Church's heart on this issue, “The restoration of unity among all Christians is one of the principal concerns of the Second Vatican Council. Christ the Lord founded one Church and one Church only. However, many Christian communions present themselves to men as the true inheritors of Jesus Christ; all indeed profess to be followers of the Lord but differ in mind and go their different ways, as if Christ Himself were divided.) Such division openly contradicts the will of Christ, scandalizes the world, and damages the holy cause of preaching the Gospel to every creature.” The theme for the 2018 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity comes to us from the Caribbean region: **“Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power” (Exodus 15:6).**

St. Catharines Diocese Share Lent Launch: All are invited to St. Alfred's Parish, 272 Vine St. St. Catharines, Saturday, February 3rd, 2018. Mass with Bishop G. Bergie presiding at 9:30am to pray for the success of this year's Share Lent Campaign. Workshop to follow in the parish hall. As usual, a complimentary light lunch will be provided at the end of the workshop. For information contact Frank Fohr 905-356-6079.

Coalition for HealthCARE and Conscience

Call for Conscience Campaign - The Ontario legislature has the power to protect conscience rights for individuals and facilities and to provide adequate palliative care and mental health services so that people will not see assisted suicide as their only option. Efforts by the Coalition for HealthCARE and Conscience in Manitoba helped to ensure the province passed conscience protection legislation in November 2017. In advance of the June 2018 provincial election in Ontario, we have the opportunity to ask candidates from all parties three important questions: Will you support legislation to protect, doctors, nurses and other health care providers who are being forced to participate in assisted suicide/euthanasia through making a referral? How will you protect facilities from being forced to offer euthanasia/assisted suicide on their premises? How does your party plan to address the lack of quality palliative care in our province? You are encouraged to contact your Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP).

Parish Calendar

- February**
- Feb 2nd....** Youth Ministry Bingo Lookout Ridge
- Feb 2nd.....** Visitation of the sick and homebound
- Feb 2nd....** World Day for Consecrated Life
- Feb 2nd.....** Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
- Feb 3/4....** Feast of St. Blaise– Blessing of Throats of following all Masses
- Feb 3/4....** Charity Tax Receipts ready for pick up.
- Feb 10/11....** Youth Ministry Bake Auction (more to follow)
- Feb 11th....** Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes—World Day of The Sick. Anointing available following 11am Mass. More info to follow.
- Feb 11th.....** St. Vincent de Paul meeting following 11am Mass
- Feb 14th.....** **ASH WEDNESDAY.** Masses 9:30am & 7pm
- Feb 20th....** **Mass cancelled**
- Feb 25th....** Youth Mass 9:30am
- Feb 28th....** St. Ann School Lenten Reconciliation

YOUTH MINISTRY: *YM for grades 5-8, Wed. evenings. Youth Ministry has resumed! Registration form is on our website <http://stannfenwick.wixsite.com/youthministry>.* If you would like to volunteer, check out our website <http://stannfenwick.wixsite.com/youthministry> or email me gbroadley@branchesoftheword.org

**St. Ann Youth Ministry Presents:
The Second Annual Winter Festival!**

Our youth are hosting the second annual Winter Festival in the parish hall on the weekend of **February 10th and 11th after each of the Masses.** We will be auctioning off delicious baked goods and running various games for the whole family to enjoy! All funds raised will go towards youth ministry at our parish. Bring your family and join us for this great cause that is sure to be lots of fun for all! Our home-made baked goods will be a delicious Valentines treat for your loved ones! Any members of the parish community who wish to donate baked goods for our auction, or volunteer to help out, please contact Genevieve (see email above).

Please drop off your baked goods Feb 9th during office hours or before Masses on the weekend.

Separated and Divorced Healing Ministry— January 2018 topics are ‘Who Am I Now’, on January 22nd. Kathryn McMorro is the presenter for both sessions. Meetings are 7 to 9 pm at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, 7020 Stanley Ave, Niagara Falls. Pre-registration is not required. For information call 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154, or email separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com

You Can Help Your Marriage – Are you frustrated or angry at each other or have you just stopped talking to each other? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples. For confidential information about, or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on **March 16, 2018** at the Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre in Niagara Falls, please call **905-664-5212** or email: hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.

ST. ANN WEEKLY BINGO– Thursday Evenings 7pm– come out and support this fundraiser! Thank you to all who have volunteered.

**Sunday, January 21st, 2018
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, “Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.” – Mk 1:16-17

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Sat. Jan 20	9-10am	Reconciliation
	4 -4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sun. Jan 21	9:30am	✠ Anna Kolenko (Joe & Teresa Hozjan)
	11:00am	✠ Robert Vaillancourt (Tim & Janet Nohara)
Mon. Jan 22	9:30am	Blessings & Health for Vicky Forte (Liliana Haynes)
	7-8pm	Holy Hour & Reconciliation
Tues. Jan 23	9:30am	Blessings & Health for Andy & Veronica Jankovich (Karen & Frank Jankovich)
Wed. Jan 24	9:30am	Intention Available
Thurs. Jan 25	9:30am	✠ Kelly Morellato (Racz Family)
Fri. Jan 26	9:30am	Intention Available
Sat. Jan 27	9-10am	Reconciliation
	4 -4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	✠ Deceased Members of the Csukerda Family (Bill & Mary Podolyak)
Sun. Jan 28	9:30am	✠ Lewis Tremeer (Andre, Therese, Katy & Holly Czychun)
	11:00am	Missa Pro Populo

Reconciliation from 9-9:20am before all weekday Masses.

Offertory January 13th & 14th, 2018

79 Envelopes	\$1, 823.25
Loose Collection	\$ 97.35
Total Offertory	\$1, 920.60
Maintenance	\$ 110.00
Initial offering	& 65.00

Thank You OFFERTORY BOXES 2018: If you have not picked up your boxes, they are available in the church hall. **2017 tax receipts will be available the weekend of Feb 3/4. Please pick them up at the back of the church to avoid mailing costs. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.**



