



3rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

*“The kingdom of God has come:
Repent, and believe in the good news”*

Today's reading: Jonah 3.1-5, 10; 1 Corinthians 7.29-31; Mark 1.14-20
Next week reading: Deuteronomy 18.15-20; 1 Corinthians 7.32-35; Mark 1.21-28

This Week

Saturday, January 20 3rd SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME
5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, January 21 3RD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME
9:00 a.m. Mass
11:00 a.m. Mass

Monday, January 22
9:00 a.m. Mass
6:00 p.m. OCSB Children's Choir
8:00 p.m. AA- Westboro

Tuesday, January 23
10:30 a.m. Mass
7:00 p.m. Finance Council
7:00 p.m. Bytown Voices

Wednesday, January 24
9:00 a.m. Mass
12:00 p.m. Retirees
7:00 p.m. St. Basil's Choir

Thursday, January 25
9:00 a.m. Mass
10:00 a.m. Regional 3 (Priests) Meeting

Friday, January 26
9:00 a.m. Mass
7:00 p.m. A.A. By the Book

Saturday, January 27 4th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
2:00 p.m. Wedding: Faulkner and Light
5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, January 28 4th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
9:00 a.m. Mass
10:00 a.m. 1st Comm. Session 3: LISTEN!
Confirmation Prep.
11:00 a.m. Mass



From the desk of Fr. James

“Repentance is the golden key to open the doors of eternity” says John Milton. The people of Nineveh (today's first Reading) responded so fast to the call of Jonah for repentance that it melted the anger of God. St. Paul says, (second Reading) “The order of this world is vanishing”. All that is found worthless must vanish and new ways must take their place. That is why Jesus asks his first disciples to stop catching fish and start catching men. (Today's Gospel) They have been fishing for several years, but gained nothing; hence a call for change of ways. It is a drastic change from living for oneself to living for others and it has miraculous impact in the society. When Jonah withdrew into his own shell and tried to flee, it brought disaster to all. When he came out of the shell and offered himself for the people of Nineveh, there was a sea of difference. Even God changed his mind. Princess Eugene of Sweden had a vast collection of jewels – useless stones! She sold them and built a hospital and she realized that the tears of joy on the cheeks of the patients were much dearer jewels than those she had possessed for years.

God Bless,
Fr. James Raphael

INCLEMENT WEATHER

We are asking all parishioners to please be watchful for ice build-up while entering the Church/Office areas.

Today's Quote:

Jesus teaches us another way: Go out. Go out and share your testimony, go out and interact with your brothers, go out and share, go out and ask, Become the Word in body as well as spirit.

Pope Francis

Parish News



FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATIONS

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Sunday, Jan. 28 (after 9 am Mass) **Session 3: Listen!**

Sunday, Feb. 4 (9 am) *Listen Mass*

Sunday, Feb. 25 after 9 am Mass **Session 4: Reconciliation**

Tuesday, Mar 6 (6:30 pm) *Family Reconciliation Service*

Session 5: Do! (TBD)

A supervised play area is available for siblings if required. Contact Sarah at thosetwo@gmail.com with the name and age of the sibling attending.

"Whatsoever you do..."

Congratulations to 75% of Catholic Schools who have Ecstatus



Compost my food wastes

From the Diocese and Community

SCAVI SESSION - BECOMING MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

How lay people can play their part in the spreading of the Gospel. Presented by Archbishop Prendergast for Young Adults (18 - 40 yrs). Saint Patrick Basilica in the Scavi. **Fri., Jan. 26, 7:00 p.m.** Hosted by Saint Patrick's Young Adults Group. Info: 613-233-1125.

MONTHLY PRO-LIFE MASS

To pray for the establishment of a Pro-life Centre in Ottawa. A reception follows the Mass. Blessed Sacrament Parish, 194 Fourth Ave., **Sat., Jan. 20, 11:00 a.m.** Sponsored by Pro-life Doctors. Info: wandawoj@rogers.com or 613-831-2515.

Bill 163 Effective Notice: As of Feb. 1, 2018, Bill 163, known as the "bubble zone law", will go into effect in Ottawa. This bill enforces a 50-metre zone (150-metres in certain cases) surrounding abortion clinics (or any access to lawful abortion services) to remain free from protests, acts of disapproval or dissuasion.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Celebrated around the world **18 to 25 January 2018**, on the theme "*Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power*" (Exodus 15:6). The theme and biblical texts for this annual Week of Prayer are jointly prepared by the Holy See's Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and the Commission on Faith and Order of the World Council of Churches. The thematic introduction to the 2018 materials comes from Churches in the Caribbean region. National and regional Councils of Churches adapt the resources for their local context. The resources for Canada are produced by an ecumenical writing team coordinated by the Commission on Faith and Witness of the Canadian Council of Churches (CCC), in collaboration with the Canadian Centre for Ecumenism in Montreal and the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism in Saskatoon. The CCCB is a member of the CCC and is also represented on its Canadian writing team for the Week of Prayer.

RELIC OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

Possibly the greatest missionary of the Church since St Paul. The right arm with which he baptized tens of thousands in India, south-east Asia, and Japan is visiting Ottawa from **Jan. 31-Feb. 2**. Public viewing will be at Église Sainte-Marie d'Orléans on Jan 31, St John the Apostle Church (2340 Baseline Rd) on Thurs., Feb. 1 from 12:30 pm to 5:00pm, and Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica on Feb. 2. Further info: relic@cco.ca or 613-736-1999.

FREE CINEMA FORUM NIGHT

Film viewing and discussion on the lives of the saints. Featuring St. Joseph Moscati (Doctor to the Poor) on **Jan. 26, 7:00 p.m.** Assumption Parish Hall, 320 Olmstead St. Every last Friday of the month. Info: assumption@rogers.com; 613-746-8503.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS 2018

The Church will mark the 55th **World Day of Prayer for Vocations** on the Fourth Sunday of Easter, **22 April 2018**. The Holy Father has released a Message entitled "*Listening, discerning and living*", which is available on the Vatican website. Pope Francis refers to three aspects of a vocation: "In the diversity and the uniqueness of each and every vocation, personal and ecclesial, there is a need to *listen, discern and live* this Word that calls to us from on high and, while enabling us to develop our talents, makes us instruments of salvation in the world and guides us to full happiness." The Message is also linked with the upcoming Synod of Bishops that will take place on October 2018 on the theme *Young People, The Faith and Vocational Discernment*.

PASTORAL CARE VOLUNTEER

Carlingview Manor is actively seeking compassionate people to assist with their Palliative/Pastoral Care Team. A great opportunity for individuals looking to help those ill in our community. Training provided within the long-term care facility. All volunteers require police records checks & TB tests. If interested please call Stephanie Atwood, stephanie.atwood@revaliving.com; 613-820-9328 (ext.248). Info: Tanya rstlevesque@gmail.com, 613-741-8419.

FAITH FORMATION

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible at St. John the Apostle: Thursdays for 8 weeks starting **January 18, 2018, 7-9 p.m.**, this bible study features video lectures & facilitated reflections using Jeff Cavin's "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible." Coffee/tea is served. Open to all. Fee: \$25, cost includes student workbook. Located at: St. John the Apostle Church, 2340 Baseline Road. Info: livesisterhood@gmail.com/613-806-0377 or 613-829-1760/ www.sisterhood.live.

WORKSHOP FOR LITURGICAL MINISTRIES (COMMENTATORS, LECTORS, EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST)

For those who are interested in deepening their understanding of liturgical ministry there will be a workshop facilitated by Saint Paul University professor Klara Kinahan. St. Elizabeth Parish, 1303 Leaside Avenue at Merivale Rd., **Sat., Jan. 27, 12:00 - 2:30 p.m.** Cost: \$5. Info: 613-725-2242.

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