

# THE 7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME February 19, 2017

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**Mass Intentions this week**

*February 21 – February 26*

**Please note: Weekday Masses are celebrated in the Rectory Chapel unless otherwise indicated.**

**Tuesday 9:15 am at (Christ the King School)**

**Wednesday 9:15 am at (St. Gabriel School)**

**Thursday 9:15 am at (St. Basil School)**

**1:30 pm at (John Noble Home)**

**Friday 12: noon †Jack Rowley, Molly Lefebvre, Intentions of Theresa Neary and the living and deceased members of St. Basil CWL Members**

**Saturday 5:00 pm †America Tarantelli, Mary Graffelfner, Ivan Vandenenden, Intentions of Anne Wellington and Hugh and Elsie Corbett**



**Sanctuary Lamp this week**

Intentions of: Theresa Neary. Requests accepted by placing an envelope with the name of loved one and a donation of \$10 in the collection basket.

## **DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR**

Monday, February 20	Rev. Don Sanvido
Tuesday, February 21	Rev. Timothy Higgins
Wednesday, February 22	Salesians of Don Bosco (S.D.B.)
Thursday, February 23	Rev. Tom Moisan
Friday, February 24	Rev. Jeffery Oehring
Saturday, February 25	Rev. Ronald Voisin

## **OFFERTORY: Thank you!**

Sunday, Envelopes	\$2,629.00
Loose Collections:	\$ 389.55
Average Weekly Preauthorized	<u>\$ 485.00</u>

Total Weekly Offering Feb. 12, 2017 \$3,503.55

Budget expenses for the week \$4,265.00

## **BULLETIN TRIVIA:**

For almost 190 years the Roman Catholic faith was absent from the Grand River Valley. But in 1805 the first white settler built a cabin on the current site of the armory. By 1818 twelve people resided there and by 1823 it reached a population of 100. With the completion of the Hamilton and London roads new buildings followed forming the start of a village.

## **MEDITATION**

I have never really been put to the test when it comes to the set of expectations that Jesus places before us in today's gospel. I really don't know what I would do in the heat of the moment, if someone struck my cheek or demanded my coat. I do know that my instinctive responses seldom follow the path of the "WWJD – what would Jesus do?" movement.

I think Jesus knew we would have a problem with this set of instructions. So instead of beating myself up about where my instincts lead me, I look to see if Jesus had some additional purpose in mind. Did he have an additional message that he hid among all those expectations? As I look more deeply I find a message about our "heavenly father." I see that Jesus has actually painted for us a picture of the rich merciful love that God showers on us every day. All these extravagant behaviours are modelled on the extravagant behavior of God toward us.

The extravagance of God is precisely why we gather today and every Sunday: to celebrate God's abundant love revealed to us in our very own lives. God's style of love is a hard act to follow, but nourished by the Body and Blood of Christ, we take up the challenge to show God's love to those who most need to experience it.

Margaret Bick, Toronto, ON  
Novalis, Living with Christ

## **CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES**

Welcome to our next session in our parish hall on ***Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am – 11:25 a.m.***

We continue to pray for you as you prepare to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit on Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>.

## **FIRST RECONCILIATION**

Parents of children who will celebrate First Reconciliation in March and First Holy Communion in April are reminded of these dates:

First Reconciliation: either

- **Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>** OR
- **Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 pm in our Church.

Adults will also be offered the opportunity to receive Reconciliation – three priests will be present each evening : two for the children and one for adults.

## **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

All women are welcome to attend the CWL meeting, ***Tuesday, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>***. Bring a guest or senior member night. We will attend the pancake supper in our parish hall and then gather in the rectory meeting room for 7:00 pm. (No Mass this evening).

## **COUNTDOWN TO LENT**

Ash Wednesday is approaching! Lent begins on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Lent is about repentance, a change of heart, and prayer. Since the ashes we use come from last year's palms, please bring these to church.

Development and Peace Celebrates 50 years of existence this year – since then D & P has invested \$600 million in more than 15,000 projects in Africa, Latin America, Asia and the Middle East.

Most recently D & P was able to provide 10,000 Syrians displaced from East Aleppo supplies that will help them endure harsh winter conditions.

Inserts about D & P will be inserted in our bulletins during the Lenten Season.

## **GOOD NEWS!**

Bishop William McGrattan, who was Baptized at St. Basil Parish, will join us on the weekend of May 20-21.

Bishop McGrattan will preach our first priests' retreat the week before in Niagara Falls.

At present, the Bishop is preparing to move West to be Bishop of the Diocese of Calgary. He is Bishop of Peterborough until the end of this month.

## **SAVE THE DATE!**

Our parish Mission will be held this coming **May 28<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>**. A session will be held on May 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. Reconciliation on May 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. and Mass on May 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm. Our speaker's "bio" follows:

Father Eugene O'Reilly, C.Ss.R., affectionately known as "Red". Fr. O'Reilly was born in Monaghan, Ireland in 1944. He came to Canada with his family and later joined the Redemptorists. Upon graduating with a B.A. from the University of Windsor, he pursued his theological studies in France and Montreal and was ordained in 1972. Since 1983 he has preached Missions and retreats to Parishes, teachers, School Boards, Clergy and Religious throughout Canada and the U.S. He has also served in St. John's, Newfoundland as Pastor of a large Parish. He has been Vocation Director for the Redemptorists in the Eastern Province. Father Red completed a sabbatical year, part of which was spent at the School of Applied Theology, Berkely, California. He has a particular interest in music, and has composed a number of religious songs. Some of his music is in the Catholic Book of Worship and the Grade four and five Religion Programme in Canada. He has teamed up with other Redemptorists, and together they have produced four recordings.

Mission Preaching is Fr. Red's full time ministry and he brings to it a ready smile, a wonderful sense of humour and a compassionate understanding of people and the complex world in which we live.

**ALSO**, that week the beautiful St. John's Bible will be on display in our Church!

## **START LENT WITH THE BIBLE**

St. Mary's Church will host the St. John's Heritage Edition Bible (Beautiful handcrafted Bible) and everyone is invited to participate! Christina Ronzio Director of Liturgy in the Diocesan Office will present to us Prophet Ezekiel, Book of Revelation and Gospel of Mark. We will learn how to pray "Lectio Divina" with the Bible.

**Tuesday to Thursday, March 7 to 9** every day at 7 pm, bring your Bible!

**Tuesday and Wednesday** sessions will start with Holy Mass; Wednesday coffee and cookies after the session.

Thursday Confessions available at the end of the retreat.

## **Shrove Tuesday, Pancake Supper**

**Tuesday February 28, 2017, St. Basil -- Church Hall**

**(Crown St.) 4:30 - 7:30 PM**

Adults -\$7.00, Youth (13-18) - \$6.00

Children (6-12) - \$4.00, Children 5 and under – free

**Parish Coffee, Sunday February 26<sup>th</sup>**, immediately following the 9:30 a.m. Mass. All are welcome to join in this time of fellowship. Donation of treats are always appreciated.

## **C.W.L. MEMBERSHIP 2017**

CWL Membership dues are being accepted all month. Our Membership fees are (still) \$21.00- simply use a plain envelope with your name, address, telephone number, postal code, and your e-mail address. Cheques must be (made out to) St. Basil Catholic Women's League. Please drop it in the Collection Basket at Mass. Thank you. Pat Renaud, C.W.L. Membership Co-Ordinator.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**. All parishioners are invited to attend an ecumenical prayer service reflecting on life in the Philippines at one of the following wheelchair accessible locations: 1:30 p.m. – St. Andrew's United Church, 95 Darling Street; 7:30 p.m. St. Mark's Anglican Church, 155 Memorial Drive.

**LENTEN TWILIGHT RETREAT, Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**. All parishioners are invited to attend "A Walk with Mary from Cana to Calvary" facilitated by David Dayler, Director of the Discipleship & Parish Life office of the Hamilton Diocese. The retreat will begin at 6:30 p.m. in our Church.

## **ASSUMPTION COLLEGE SCHOOL PRESENTS**

**"THE WIZ" MUSICAL**

The WIZ, Book by William F. Brown, Music and Lyrics by Charlie Smalls, from the story "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz" by L. Frank Baum. This musical is fun for the whole family – a classic story with soul, gospel and funk music – and is sure to be an evening of spectacle you won't forget! Doors open ½ hour before show times: **Friday Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m., Saturday Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>, 2 p.m. & 7 p.m., Fri March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7 p.m., Saturday March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2p.m. & 7 p.m.** Call Mrs. Naomi Ratelband at (519) 751-2030 ext. 445 to obtain advanced tickets or purchase at the door! Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors, children 5 and under are free.