



2nd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

*"The disciples of John came and saw where Jesus was staying,
and they remained with him"*

Today's reading: 1 Samuel 3.3b-10,19; 1 Corinthians 6.13c-15a, 17-20; John 1.35-42

Next week reading: Jonah 3.1-5, 10; 1 Corinthians 7.29-31; Mark 1.14-20

This Week

Saturday, January 13 2nd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

9:00 a.m. OCSB Children's Choir
11:00 a.m. CWL meeting
5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, January 14 2nd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

9:00 a.m. Mass
10:00 a.m. 1st Comm. Session 2: COME!
11:00 a.m. Mass

Monday, January 15

9:00 a.m. Mass
6:00 p.m. OCSB Children's Choir
7:00 p.m. Green team meeting
8:00 p.m. AA- Westboro

Tuesday, January 16

10:30 a.m. Mass at MEDEX
7:00 p.m. Bytown Voices

Wednesday, January 17

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

Thursday, January 18

9:00 a.m. Mass
6:00 p.m. Confirmation: Mitten making
7:00 p.m. Pastoral Council meeting

Friday, January 19

9:00 a.m. Mass
7:00 p.m. A.A. By the Book

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



From the desk of Fr. James

Today's Gospel (John 1:35-42)

The Come and See Experience

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives an open invitation to discipleship. "Come and See". Those who went, saw and experienced Jesus, joining his group, leaving everything behind. Only those who have an experience of him will know how sweet he is. Samuel's vocation is a lesson (1st Reading). At first, he was preoccupied with other thoughts. He couldn't meet Yahweh. When he said, "Speak O Lord, your servant is listening", Yahweh spoke. Once, a learned professor went to a Zen master to learn about Buddhism. The master took a cup and a jar of tea and began filling the cup. The cup was filled to the brim, the master didn't stop. It was overflowing, yet he didn't stop until the professor intervened telling, "the cup can't contain anymore." "You are like this cup – too full to receive anything more", said the Zen master. To experience Jesus, we need to empty ourselves and go with an open heart. Then there will be no need turn back. It is often the desires of the body and of the world (2nd Reading) that stand in the way.

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.**



Parish News



FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATIONS

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Sunday, Jan. 14 (9 am) Welcome Mass followed by Session 2: Come!

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..."

Bottled water is a major pollutant in the world. No longer is water a right, it has become a source of corporate profit.



Take advantage of recycle electronic dropoff sites

INDIGENOUS AWARENESS TRAINING

The Mission and Social Justice Committee encourages parishioners to attend a day-long workshop on **January 20th** to learn about history, culture and contemporary issues impacting Indigenous people in Canada. The day of learning will be led by Ashely Keays, a dynamic woman from the Indigenous Awareness Training Unit of the Ontario Provincial Police. It is sponsored by the Kateri Native Ministry of Ottawa and the Dialogue Circle for Renewed Relationships. The event is free; no registration is required. Just bring a brown-bag lunch to St. Paul University, 223 Main St., Room L120, **9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. on January 20th**. For more information call Rosemary Williams 613-829-1912 or Jim and Maureen Ramsay (613-726-1767).

From the Diocese and Community

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*.

CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF EASTERN ONTARIO KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten Registration Week for the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario will take place **Jan. 15-19, 2018**. Registration info and listing of Registration Open House events at www.cdsbeo.on.ca.

HOMELANDS' MASS

At Notre Dame Cathedral, **Sun., Jan. 14, 2:30 p.m.** Flags will be 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 should be brought to the hall before 2:15 p.m. All welcome!

PRO-LIFE

Democracy 101: The non-profit ministry Human Rights and Freedoms Forever! has published the book DEMOCRACY 101: A Voter's and Politician's Manual for Lasting Democracy to protect religious freedom and human life worldwide. Come to celebrate the publication **Fri., Jan. 12 at 7 p.m.** and then come to read and discuss the book with the author over 6 Thursdays (**Jan. 18 - Feb. 22, 7-9 p.m.**) at Lasting Democracy Study Nights at St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Shrine, 952 Green Valley Crescent, Ottawa. Refreshments and childcare provided. Call (613)761-0147 for details.

2018 WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

The 104th World Day of Migrants and Refugees will be celebrated on **14 January 2018**. The theme of Pope Francis' Message is "Welcoming, protecting, promoting and integrating migrants and refugees". In his Message, the Holy Father recalls that the solidarity of the Church "must be concretely expressed at every stage of the migratory experience – from departure through journey to arrival and return. This is a great responsibility, which the Church intends to share with all believers and men and women of good will, who are called to respond to the many challenges of contemporary migration with generosity, promptness, wisdom and foresight, each according to their own abilities."

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.

THE BIBLE AND THE SACRAMENTS

Journey through scripture to know why we believe what we believe as Catholics. Starting **Wednesday, January 17th, 2018** from 6:30pm to 8:00pm, and running 11 sessions. The series is run at St. Patrick's Basilica (Scavi), 281 Nepean Street. Fee: \$25 for participant workbooks. Info: Jim Cairney, j-l-cair53@sympatico.ca, 613-229-9484.

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