

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 31, 2016

- Mon, Feb 1** **8:00 am** Colette Polec by Rachel, Bob & Giselle Crossman
 Rosemary Carriere by Pierrette Carriere
 Intentions of Mr. & Mrs. Gravelle by Laurent & Cecile
- Wed, Feb 3** **12:00 pm** Giovanni Provenzano by Nancy & Vic Pettella
 Roger Trahan by Lillian Morel
 Intentions of Germaine Trusler by 2015 Prayer Partner, Romeo Cousineau
- Thu, Feb 4** **12:00 pm** Donald Tremblay by Frank & Nancy Tremblay
 Sharron Hickling by Karl & Lilianne Spanner
 Nellie Knight by Garry & Laura Pitura & Family
- Fri, Feb 5** **9:30 am** Richard Ringuette by Peter & Arlene Maunsell
 Cecile Jobin by Shirley Marcotte
 Intentions of Sharon Gardiner by Fred & Shirley Radcliffe
- Sat, Feb 6** **5:00 pm** John Wilkolaski by Jim & Leona Kotsilidis
 Don Milligan by Yvonne & Roger Guillemette
 Intentions of Evelyn & John Reid by Dorothy & Ron Aultman
- Sun, Feb 7** **9:00 am** For the intentions of All Parishioners by Fr. Tony
11:00 am Intentions of Pearl Whyte & Family by Pat Porter
 Intentions of Norm & Marlene Prevost by Dan Clement
 Jeanne Hodgins by Marc & Donna Perreault



Father Tony's homily is available online at www.aaog.blogspot.com

PRAYER LINE: *In sorrow and suffering, go straight to God with confidence, and you will be strengthened, enlightened and instructed.* If you or any member of your family, or anyone you know, is sick, in distress or experiencing troubling times, we invite you to call the Parish Office to place that person on our prayer list.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED: *Germaine Makarenko; Francois Martin, brother of Marcelle Beaulieu & Marie Boell*

CHURCH SUPPORT

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Thank you for your generous contributions!

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Feb 1-7	
Monday	2 Samuel 15.13-14,30;16.5-13; Mark 5.1-20
Tuesday	Malachi 3.1-4; Luke 2.22-40
Wednesday	2 Samuel 24.2,9-17; Mark 6.1-6
Thursday	1 Kings 2.1-4,10-12; Mark 6.7-13
Friday	Sirach 47.2-11; Mark 6.14-29
Saturday	1 Kings 3.4-13; Mark 6.30-34
Sunday	Isaiah 6.1-8; 1 Corinthians 15.1-11; Luke 5.1-11



The Promises of Fatima: Come pray the Rosary with a group of dedicated people who form a Fr. Gobbi Cenacle honouring our Blessed Virgin Mary.

Wednesday mornings at 9:30am at St. Peter's Parish.

Schedule of Events

- Mon 10:00 am** Rising Stars (Parish Hall)
7:00 pm Development & Peace Workshop (Parish Hall)
- Tue 7:00 pm** Catholic Women's League General Meeting (Parish Hall)
- Wed 9:30 am** Cenacle – Rosary (Church)
6:00 pm Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting (Upper Room)
7:00 pm Knights of Columbus General Meeting (Parish Hall)
- Thu 1:00 pm** Parish Hall Occupied
6:30 pm Choir Practice – All Members
New Members Always Welcome!
- Sun 2:00 pm** Marriage Prep Registration (Parish Hall)

WISDOM QUOTE:

“We may have different religions, different languages, different colored skin, but we all belong to one human race.” Kofi Annan

CWL NEWS



The annual membership dues for the Catholic Women's League of St. Peter the Apostle have been increased to \$25.00. All membership fees for 2016 are due now. Please be vigilant when making your payment. Thank You, Ann Cousineau

The Catholic Women's League **General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 2nd** at 7 pm in the Parish Hall. At this meeting, we will review the budget for 2016. We would appreciate your presence. We welcome you to join us as this will be a great opportunity for our CWL members to see where the monies are allocated.

Calling all Christians!

As Christians, we strive to be attuned to God's calling in our lives. But what if God's calling seems to take us in unexpected and even unwanted directions?



Scripture offers many examples of this. Moses initially resists God's invitation. Mary's "yes" is preceded by perplexed astonishment. Jeremiah argues that he just isn't capable of what God has in mind for him. These are understandable reactions, ones we too may have felt in response to situations God seems to be calling us to. Walk with the saints and prophets today, reflecting on and celebrating God's calling in your life.

"Ah, Lord God! I said, 'I do not know how to speak. I am too young!'"

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February 3 – Feast of Blaise, Bishop, Martyr May your words bring healing

Tradition has it that fourth-century Armenian bishop Blaise once saved the life of a boy who had a fish bone caught in his throat. Thus it came to be that for centuries, and still in many parishes today, Catholics honor this martyred saint by having their throats blessed on his feast day. Perhaps you will have the chance to participate in this age-old ritual today. But if not, you might pause and ask God to protect not only your throat but also your tongue and the words that flow from it. Ask for the grace to work in tandem with God so that the words you speak will be marked by love and compassion.

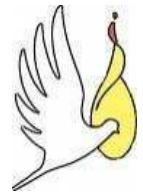
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Were you unable to attend the **New Evangelization: Creating a More Welcoming Church** meetings last week? Do you have an idea? You can still help us create and build a Church that is more welcoming, a place where everyone can feel they belong. Leave your idea in the drop off box at the entrance; in the collection basket marked with New Evangelization; or call or email the Parish Office. It's that simple!

Confirmation Information Night 2016

Wednesday, April 6 at 6:30 pm

in St. Peter's Parish Hall. Candidates and parents are asked to attend this meeting. Sponsors are welcome. Please include a copy your Baptism Certificate with registration form, available from the Parish Office or on the church website www.stpetertheapostle.ca Candidates requesting the Sacrament of Confirmation are presumed to be in Grade 7 or 8 (or older) and to have previously received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. If you are missing one or more of these sacraments, please call the Parish Office at 705-472-1817. **Register early to save time at the April 6th gathering.**



Countdown to Lent

Ash Wednesday is coming!

Lent begins on February 10th with Ash

Wednesday, the first day of Lent. Lent is a time of preparation for the death of Christ on Good Friday and His Resurrection on Easter Sunday. It is a period of 40 days of repentance, with prayer, fasting and abstinence, and Confession. The distribution of ashes reminds us of our own sinfulness, mortality and calls us to repentance. As Lent begins, we should set specific spiritual goals we would like to reach before Easter and decide how we will pursue them—for instance, by going to daily Mass when we can, receiving the Sacrament of Confession more often, and working to change attitudes that are not pleasing to God.



Best Lent Ever is the first Lenten program specifically built to facilitate a deeply personal encounter with Jesus and lead to a transformative Lent. Based on Matthew Kelly's new bestseller *Rediscover Jesus*, this FREE email program will take participants on a 40-day spiritual journey to encounter Jesus—and themselves—in a deeply personal way. It will reach deeply into their lives and feed or jumpstart their habit of daily prayer.

How Does It Work?

Beginning Ash Wednesday, participants receive daily emails with a short video from Matthew Kelly and a member of the Dynamic Catholic Team that features content from *Rediscover Jesus*. During the 40 days of Lent, participants discover simple ways to bring Jesus into their everyday lives . . . leading to a more personal relationship with Jesus and their best Lent ever. Sign up today for free at DynamicCatholic.com/BestLentEver



HAVE YOU EVER HAD A
life-changing LENT?

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The program is free! All you have to do is sign up at
DynamicCatholic.com/Lent



January 31, 2016 - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

God the Father sent his son, Jesus, out of love to save and redeem us, and to teach us how to live so that we might have eternal life in heaven. Receiving this great gift demands

a response on our part – namely, faith and love for Jesus. We must strive to continually grow in our love for Jesus, for it is what gives life to our faith and keeps it strong. The first reading reminds us that God formed and fashioned each of us in our mothers' wombs to play a unique role in his unfolding plan of salvation. The second reminds us that love is the greatest of all spiritual gifts. In the Gospel, the people of Nazareth reject Jesus after listening to him teach in the synagogue on the Sabbath.

Development & Peace 2016 Share Lent Information Night.

February 1 at 7 PM at St. Peter's Church. Theme: "Create a Climate of Change" Everyone welcome to attend - for information call Shirley at 705-474-5379.

CWL Valentine Bake Sale Saturday, February 6 from 1:30 to 5:30 PM at Holy Name of Jesus Parish Hall. Coffee and tea will be served – proceeds will go to church kitchen renovations.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake & Sausage Supper Tuesday, February 9 at Pro-Cathedral Parish Hall. Join us this last day before Ash Wednesday – Everyone Welcome! 5 PM to 7 PM with General Seating. All tickets purchased at door: \$6.00/Adults; \$4.00/Children Under 12 Years of Age; \$20.00/Family. Pancakes, sausage, tea, coffee, juice.

St. Joseph's College Alumnae Luncheon for all former students of St. Joseph's College and St. Mary's Commercial Academy. Thursday, February 11 at 1:15 PM at Boston Pizza. Donations are collected at each luncheon to support a Female Student Bursary of \$300. Presented each June. Your support would be greatly appreciated. Please register by February 9 at the latest by calling Brenda at 474-0447 or Mary-Lynn at 474-3082. See you there!

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held weekly at Holy Name of Jesus Church. Please come and visit Jesus even for a few minutes. He waits for us. Hours of Adoration: Monday and Thursday 12 noon to 5 pm; Tuesdays 12 noon to 9 PM; Wednesday and Friday: 12 noon to 6 pm. To make a weekly one-hour commitment, please call Lena Butler 497-3434.

Springtime of the Spirit Regional Prayer Group at Holy Name of Jesus Parish – the prayer group will not be gathering Wednesday, February 3, 10, 17. The group will re-gather on Wednesday, February 24 at 6:30 PM with the rosary, followed at 7 PM with praise and worship prayer and fellowship.

The Regional Special Events Committee welcomes anyone who would like to assist with planning regional socials for all to attend. Call Annette at 495-3584 for more information – we are hoping to plan more events so we can gather together regionally!

Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help every Wednesday at 11:55 AM at Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption prior to the 12:05 PM mass.

Open Adoration: St. Alphonsus in Callander every Friday 8:30 AM to 12:00 Noon. First Friday 8:30 AM to 8:30 AM (24Hrs). St. Joseph's Motherhouse first Sunday of the month from 3:30-4:30 PM in Holy Family Chapel and **Pro-Cathedral** First Friday 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon.

YEO (Youth Evangelizing Others) is a Catholic Youth Group designed for grade 8-12 students with a mission to bring other teens to know Jesus through testimonies, talks, skits, and games. Friday nights at St. Joseph-Scollard Hall Gym from 6:30 to 9:00 PM. For more information, contact Sam at 496-0456.

Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse Upcoming Events:

Finding Mystery in the Ordinary: A Guide for Women DVD Conference by Sr. Ann Willits, op. Facilitated by Sr. Pauline Guindon, csj Tuesdays in February 2, 9, 16, and 23 from 1:30-3:00 PM in Conference Room 1. Suggested offering \$10 each session. Come and discover the meaning of God's presence in your life.

Lenten Retreat Day—"Jesus Beloved – Jesus Seeker" Presenter Sr. Pauline Guindon, csj. Saturday, February 13 9:00 AM---3:30 PM in the Bishop Carter Room. Suggested offering: \$30 (includes lunch) Take a little time to prepare for Lent and Easter. Register by calling 474-3800 ext. 213

Film Series to help deepen your spiritual life facilitated by Sr. Pauline Guindon, and includes small group discussion. Bishop Carter Room from 6:00—9:00 pm. **Transformation in Mercy:** Feb 12 "Millions: **Hidden Roots of Love:** March 11 "The Tree of Life"; April 8 "On the Waterfront"; May 13 "Pushing Tin"; June 10 "Gravity"

Motherhouse Taze prayer continues on the 3rd. Thursday each month in the Holy Family Chapel, from 7:00—8:00 PM.

Sacred Way Ministries - Quo Vadis gathering for young Catholic adults working and attending school in North Bay and area. Intent on fun, fellowship and faith? We meet Sunday nights at 6:30 PM. For our next gathering location please call Paul and Mary-Kate Long at 358-9964.

THE EDGE Catholic Youth Group: Calling Grades 5, 6, 7 and 8's!! Check out what living on "The EDGE" is all about. Live music, drama, small group discussions, guest speakers, games, Scripture, crafts and other cool stuff to explore issues about our faith, solid values, youth concerns and happy living!! Snacks and prizes! Meets Monday 6:45-8:30 PM at St. Joseph Church in Powassan. Regardless of school or church you may attend or where you live – everyone welcome. Free Call Pauline 724-5964 or Jeannine 724-3424 for information or transportation needed.

5-Week Lenten Mission "I am the Handmaid of the Lord" Our Lady of Hope Church in Sudbury Saturdays, beginning February 13 from 8:30 AM to 12:00 Noon with Rev. Patrick Okenyi, sma. Reconciliation offered 8:00-9:00 AM. Mass with Fr. Ken Gauthier.

Lenten Mission: St. Joseph's Church, Clark St, Powassan, will host a Lenten Mission February 13-17. Father David Linder from Madonna House in Combermere, Ontario, is the retreat master. The theme is "The Merciful Love of Our Saviour". He will begin by preaching at the weekend Masses, February 13, 5:00 PM and February 14, 10:00 AM at St. Joseph's. The four evening sessions, February 14-17 begin at 7:00 PM. Registration is a free-will offering. Father David will also celebrate 9:00 AM Mass on Monday to Wednesday, February 15-17, at St. Joseph's. For more details call Laurie, 724-2118, or Jeannine, 724-3424.

"Hearts on Fire" Retreat a spiritual experience for young adults (18-35) presented by Jesuits studying Theology from Regis College in Toronto. Focuses on living faith daily, discernment, and learning about Ignatian Spirituality. Held at University of Sudbury, 4 March 7:00 PM to Saturday, 5 March, 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Billeting is available. A minimal contribution of \$20.00 will help cover some expenses. For information, contact Ron Perron at rperron@usudbury.ca or tel 705-522-3502 ext 2504 and Bienvenu Senga at bx_senga@laurentian.ca or Univ. of Sudbury Spiritual Services office at 705-673-5661. Check out the "Hearts on Fire" website: apostleshipofprayer.org/hearts-on-fire/

Lenten Retreat at Villa Loyola "Praying the Great Hymns and Psalms of Lent" with Fr. Gilles Mongeau, s.j. who will lead in meditation on the great hymns and psalms of Lent as a way of helping us come closer to Christ who has emptied himself out of love for us. Friday March 11 (7pm) to Sunday March 13 (1pm). Cost \$230 live-in or \$150 commute. Call 705-522-3502 ext, 0 Monday to Friday or by email at loyola@isys.ca to register