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Saturday – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday – 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday to Saturday – 9:15 a.m.

Wednesday and Friday – 7:00 p.m.

FIRST FRIDAY

One hr. after the 9:15 a.m. and 7 p.m. Masses.

Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction

RECONCILIATION

Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

Saturday 8:00 a.m. & 4:15 p.m. Other times upon request.

BAPTISMS

By appointment only. At least two month advance notice.

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Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 14

8:00 AM – For the intentions of the people of St. Anne’s
 10:00 AM – † Joyce Robb & Chon Pack
 12:00 PM – † Tony Harris

Monday, January 15

9:15 AM – † Celestino, parents & siblings

Tuesday, January 16

9:15 AM – † Nick, Adriano, Francesco & Chiarina D’Agostino

Wednesday, January 17

9:15 AM – † Maria Urania Jacob
 7:00 PM – † Agatha Christian Thomas & Wilma Thomas Castor
 – † Luiza, Arcanjo & Arlinda Rodrigues
 – † Ronald Anthony Mascarin

Thursday, January 18

9:15 AM – † Deacon Frank Sirianni

Friday, January 19

9:15 AM – † Antonio De Frias & Maria Viveiros
 7:00 PM – † Amelia & Domingos Sousa & Gerradus & Jacoba Jansen

Saturday, January 20

9:15 AM – † Dharmer Rodrigo
 5:00 PM – † Angela-Chech & family



Lamp Intentions

LAMP NO. 1:

Diane Marchisello & Family

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Maria Baia Carvalho

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

Gospel of John 1.35-42

He said to them, **‘Come and see.’**”

“Come and see,” How many times have we heard this expression or “see for yourself” or better yet “come or go find out for yourself” Often as human beings we tend to take these expressions as negative, thinking to ourselves, “if one already knows why can’t he or she tell us and be done with it”? Plain and simple, why do we have to go and see what is already discovered?

The answer is simple, one does not become a good engineer by looking at an engine, one does not become a good architect by looking at a cathedral and one does not become a good artist by looking at a painting, neither does one become a good scientist by watching an Albert Einstein movie. The same is true when it comes to becoming Christ’s disciple.

That’s why, Jesus doesn’t answer the disciples’ question when they ask, “Where are you staying?” He doesn’t offer information, instead He invites them to “Come and see.”

Faith and a relationship with Jesus Christ cannot be had and lived vicariously. God reveals Himself in and through a lifetime course of study of our own life in relation to His.

A second-hand faith can neither sustain nor transform our life. That happens only by firsthand experience. Our relationship with Christ, with one another, and with ourselves cannot be based on a second-hand faith. It must be a firsthand experience.

A firsthand experience won’t let us stay where we are. It requires time, effort, study, inner reflection, accountability, honesty and self-sacrifice. This course of study moves us to a new place. It opens our eyes to a new reality, a new understanding a deeper knowledge of the One, who we decided to follow and chose to become. It turns our life in a different direction. It gives, grows, and sustains life in a way second-hand faith never will.

Once we acknowledge and answer ‘Yes’ to His call, He comes toward us. His coming is always a moment of decision. We must choose whether we will be spectators of or participants in His life. That was the choice John the Baptist set before his disciples.

John “was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, ‘Look, here is the Lamb of God!’” It was their moment of decision. Would they stay or would they go? Would they settle for a second-hand faith, information and facts about Jesus, or would they choose a firsthand experience of His life?

Jesus says “Come and see,”. There is reassurance and promise in His words. That means that He has something for us. It means that He is opening Himself to us and inviting us in. Jesus Christ is Omniscient, He is Infinite, and He is Omnipotent. How can anyone who has ever had a taste of His sweetness turn their back and quit the course of searching, study and learning His infinite merits? Who can ever claim to fully know Him?

Jesus wants to speak to each and every one of us, personally and privately through the Holy Spirit? In what ways does He want to share the knowledge of His humanity and divinity with us? How might He be offering Himself to you and me, asking us to participate in His life?

Let’s look at our life. What do we see? What is it like?

Is it full and abundant? Empty and desolate? Filled with change, chaos, or the unknown? Is it one of joy and celebration? Do we feel lost and confused? Is it weighed down by guilt, shame, despair? Jesus is beckoning us “Come and see.” However, we might describe our life, Jesus’ response is always the same.

Every life and every situation echoes with Christ’s invitation, “Come and see.” He is there offering Himself as the firsthand experience of our truest self, our truest life. Let us not just take these words second-hand. Let us not believe just because someone else said so, or told us to; but rather let us get up and go see for our self. For once we hear and respond to His call we will find ourselves immersed in a lifelong commitment in search of His Way His truth and new Life. We can then say we have found “the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us grace and truth”.

Amen.



My dear Parishioners,

Hope you are all keeping well in this unusually freezing weather. Stay warm and safe especially while driving.

Next Wednesday, January 17, I will be leaving for India to visit my mother and family members. God willing, I will be back on February 7th. Kindly keep me in your prayers. Please be advised that in my absence Fr. Jibin is going to be alone and it can be very busy. Please be considerate to Fr. Jibin and kindly reserve your non-emergency requests to later dates.

Expect 'Holy Smoke' on Sunday (weekend) Masses:

Our altar servers are now trained to use incense at Mass but they need practice to gain confidence to serve solemn celebrations like Christmas, Easter and other major celebrations. Therefore, you may expect the use of incense in some of the Sunday (weekend) Masses.

Lent is Almost Here:

We just put away the Christmas decorations. Thank you to all those volunteers who showed up to help last Tuesday. At the same time, I need to talk about Lent, since it is almost here. February 14 is Ash Wednesday.

To help us prepare for Easter during this Lent, we are blessed with an amazing retreat Master:



Msgr. Pasquale (Pat) Stilla. Vicar General of Thunder Bay diocese.

- Born in 1951 and raised in Thunder Bay.
- Graduated from the University of Western Ontario in London, Ontario and was ordained to the Priesthood for the Diocese of Thunder Bay in 1977.
- Received his Licentiate Degree in Canon Law (J.C.L) from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome in 1983.
- Named a Monsignor by Pope John Paul II in 2005 and appointed Vicar General of the Diocese of Thunder Bay by Bishop Colli on March 17th of the same year.
- He currently serves as the Vicar General and Judicial Vicar of Thunder

Bay Diocese, Rector of St. Patrick's Cathedral and Associate Judicial Vicar of the Toronto Regional Matrimonial Tribunal.

- Since 1982 he has preached Parish Missions in the Dioceses of Thunder Bay, London (ON) and Hearst and in the Archdioceses of Vancouver, Winnipeg and Toronto.

The retreat is scheduled to start on the weekend of **February 24/25 in the evenings of 25, 26, 27 and 28 at 7 pm.**

In addition to the retreat talks, Msgr. Stilla will also be providing a multi-media presentation on:

1. How to read, understand and interpret the Bible as Catholic
2. How can the Church annul Marriages if Catholic marriage is an unbreakable union?
3. How can I achieve balance and happiness in my spiritual life, work life and family life.

Please mark your calendars to join and please do not miss this wonderful opportunity.

Passion Narratives – on Thursdays of Lent - February 15 to March 22:

As announced already, to help us enter more deeply into the passion of our Lord, Rev. Dr. Joseph Lazar, the associate Pastor of Holy Family Parish in Bolton, will be conducting a Bible study on Thursdays of Lent. If you plan to attend, please register in the office.

Registration will be closed by next weekend. Booklets will be prepared only based on registration.

Wishing you all a safe winter

- Fr. James Cherickal, Pastor

THIS WEEK!
Here's What's On The Calendar!

Monday, January 15

- 7:00 PM Legion of Mary (F/R)
- 7:30 PM Knights Exec. Mtg. (P/R)

Tuesday, January 16

- 10:00 AM Legion of Mary (F/R)
- 7:00 PM RCIA (P/R)
- 7:00 PM Youth Band & Choir practice (C)
- 7:30 PM Faith Sharing (F/R)
- 8:00 PM 8AM choir practice (S/R)

Wednesday, January 17

- 10:00 AM -12:00PM Food Assistance (F/R)
- 10:00 AM Screening – (Form. Office)
- 6:30 PM Confessions (C)**
- 7:00 PM Legion of Mary (F/R)
- 7:00 PM CWL general mtg. (S/R)

Thursday, January 18

- 9:30 AM Centering Prayer Group(F/R)
- 7:30 PM 10 am choir practice (C)

Friday, January 19

- 9:30 AM Over 55 (S/R)
- 7:00 PM Edge & Tiny Treasures (All rooms)

Saturday, January 20

- 8:00 AM Confessions (C)**
- 4:00 PM Confessions (C)**
- 6:00 PM LifeTeen (P/R)

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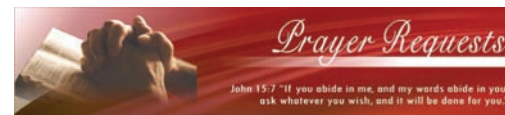
New members welcomed and needed

CWL NEWS

The Catholic Women's League (C.W.L.) General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Stephenson Room. All ladies are invited.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
DINNER DANCE**

The St. Anne's Knights of Columbus will be holding its annual Fundraiser and Dinner Dance on Saturday, February 10, 2018. All are invited to attend. Cost is \$40.00. Tickets are on sale from members of the Knights of Columbus or from the Church office.



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