

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 16, 2022 ~ Liturgical Year C

Mass Intentions

† January 17, 2022 to January 23, 2022

As we gather, let us remember and pray for . . .

Monday ~ St. Anthony ~ January 17th

8:00 am +Peter Paliyerhath (by Catechist Sisters)
+Charles Gallagher (by Jackie & Family)

Tuesday ~ January 18th

8:00 am +Tim Sinnett (by Catechist Sisters)
+Jamie Ciancio (by Rosie Pignotti)

Wednesday ~ January 19th

8:00 am +Helen Pizzacalla (by Catechist Sisters)
+Elizabeth Walters (by a Parishioner)

Thursday ~ January 20th

8:00 am +Luisa & Guido Minicucci (by Chris & Julia Ciolfi)
+Sabina Karczynski (by The McLeish Family)

Friday ~ St. Agnes ~ January 21st

8:00 am +Giuseppe Arillotta (by Anna Arillotta & Family)
+Cosmo D'Epiro (by Rosa Bussi)

Saturday ~ January 22nd

8:00 am +John Bentivoglio (by Family)
Special Intention for Rick Leather
(by Linda Middleton)

5:00 pm +John Gabriele (by Angelina Gazzellone)
+Teresa & Giovanni Maletta (by Rosetta)

Sunday ~ 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ January 23rd

8:00 am +♥The People of Holy Rosary Parish
9:30 am +Domenic & Angiolina Ricciuto
(by Angelo & Angiolina Gabriele)

11:00 am +Giuseppina Citrigno (by Giovanna Piscetelli)
+Giuseppe DiPompeo (by Sam & Lucy Cino)

The Church teaches that Marriage is a sacrament. The human love which exists between a husband and wife is transformed by God's grace into a permanent bond which ends only at death. This sacramental action, like that of Jesus changing water into wine, remains a mystery. However, the results of a sacramental Marriage: the love between spouses, a sign to the community and children are undeniable.

BIBLE STUDY CANCELLED: In keeping with new Provincial and Diocesan protocols, the Bible Study sessions that have been taking place on Tuesday evenings have been cancelled until further notice due to the rapid spread of new COVID-19 variants.

SACRAMENT PREPARATION: There will be a virtual Learning & Prayer Session for Confirmation Candidates on Wednesday, January 19, 2022. An email will be sent to registered Candidates.

WELCOME: We welcome Evelyn Catharine Pozzobon who joined our Parish Family through the Sacrament of Baptism on January 2, 2022.

SYNOD 2021-2023, Journeying Together: "The purpose of the synodal process is ultimately not a mere inward looking, but the consultation occurs in view of being more deeply the Church of Christ so as to live communion, achieve participation in order to proclaim with integrity and effectively the Gospel, that is, be a missionary Church." For more information, visit <https://www.synod.va/en.html> . For information on what is happening in our local Church, visit <http://www.saintcd.com/synod-2021-2023> .

OUR CONDOLENCES: Our condolences and prayers are extended to the family and friends who mourn the loss of David Keefer. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

THANK-YOU: We gratefully acknowledge the family and friends of Jamie Ciancio for the thoughtfulness and generosity shown by their memorial donations to Holy Rosary Parish. A reminder that donations made by parishioners in memory of a loved one will be added to their year-end income tax receipt.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED: Diocesan and Parish Offices will be closed to visitors due to the rapid spread of new COVID-19 variants. To request a Mass Card, please call the Parish Office and leave a message. Your call will be returned and the Mass Card may be picked up on Friday.

MASS TIMES: Mass celebration times and attendance capacity have not been affected by the recent COVID-19 restrictions announced by the Provincial Government on January 4. Masses will continue to be celebrated as scheduled.

SANCTUARY LAMP: This week's Sanctuary Lamp is donated in memory of Guido & Luisa Minicucci. The Sanctuary lamp is lit to remind us of Christ's presence in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar. If you wish to sponsor the sanctuary lamp for one week the stipend is \$10.00.

**2ª DOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO (C)
16 Gennaio 2022**

Siamo qui raccolti per sperimentare la forza trasformante dell'amore di Cristo e per celebrare l'immemorabile del suo sacrificio. Ascoltiamo la Parola del Signore offrendo a Lui tutto ciò che siamo e abbiamo.
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LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR: "In the midst of pandemic there is hope for God that is more powerful than any disease". The BLD (OSG) Covenant Community invites you to join their six week Virtual Life in the Spirit Seminar taking place on Fridays starting February 4 and ending March 18, 2022 (except March 4). Visit www.bldstcatharines.org to register.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS: Income Tax Receipts will be prepared shortly. If you have moved since this time last year please call or email the Parish Office to update your address.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY (Jan 18-25): The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an annual global Ecumenical celebration (traditionally held January 18 – 25 in the Northern Hemisphere). During this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Christians from many different traditions and confessions around the world gather to pray for the unity of the Church. This year's materials and worship service have been prepared by the Middle East Council of Churches based in Beirut, Lebanon with the theme: "*We saw his star in the East, and we came to worship him.*" The selection of Scripture and Liturgical texts is inspired by the visit of the Magi to the new-born King, as described in Matthew 2:1-12. Let us pray that all members of our parish may seek to have a deeper understanding of Ecumenism. For information and prayers visit <https://www.weekofprayer.ca/2022-wpcu-resources>

RETROUVAILLE Marriage Support - Is your marriage experience more trouble than joy, feeling stagnant or disconnected and/or causing you worries? The solution is Retrouvaille - a program for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationship. Retrouvaille has one purpose: to help couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. This is a practical program, where sharing is not required except between the couple themselves, designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. It also works well for couples who may be considering separation or divorce. The next Retrouvaille weekend begins March 11- 13, 2022. For more information call 905-664-5212 or email teamrecine@gmail.com .

At Work in the World

Our land is indeed desolate: poisons float around in the air, toxins flow in our streams and lakes, and chemicals pollute the soil. The land is forsaken because of "the tensions and the tragedies of sin," and forsaken, too, are many of the people who live on the land. Or to put it in terms of today's Gospel, the wine has run out and the party seems to be over.

It does not have to be that way, however. The people can "be called 'My Delight,' and your land 'Espoused'." There is still choice wine left to be experienced: the party does not have to end. We can "sing to the Lord a new song."

Two things will have to happen for things to change. The first is the action of the Lord. Jesus' hour has come. We must turn to him, as Mary did, and have confidence in his power to effect change. The other thing that must take place is the application of our gifts to the solution of the problems afflicting our land and the people living on it. "To each person the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good."

We must all use our unique gifts and unite them to the action of Jesus at work in the world. This is "the way to peace in the world" that we pray for at the beginning of Mass. If we follow this way, "no more shall men call you 'forsaken,' or your land 'desolate'."

The option for the poor embedded in the Gospel and the Church's teaching makes us aware that the poor suffer most directly from environmental decline and have the least access to relief from their suffering. Indigenous peoples die with their forests and grasslands. ... Nature will truly enjoy its second spring only when humanity has compassion for its own weakest members.

U.S. Bishops, [Renewing the Earth](#), 1991: III, F

Gerald Darring

https://liturgy.sluhostedsites.org/2OrdC011622/reflections_justice.html

SEPARATED & DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY: The Diocesan Separated & Divorced Healing Ministry Support Group meets every second and fourth Monday of the month (except holidays) from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre (7020 Stanley Avenue, Niagara Falls, Ontario). The next session be on January 24, 2022 "Overcoming Lonliness". Given the newly introduced Provincial health guidelines under the COVID-19 protocols effective January 4, 2022, Separated and Divorced Healing Ministry meetings will only be conducted virtually for the time being. For our pamphlet, information, and registration call 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154, or email separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com .