FEBRUARY 7, 2021 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Our readings today remind us that Christ came to serve. Jesus' entire life was focused on others. He came to fulfill His Father's mission — the salvation of mankind. He labored for this mission by becoming the humblest of servants.

In today's Gospel, Simon says to Jesus, "Everyone is looking for you." Jesus did not seek after the praise. Rather, He responded by saying, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also." Jesus was already looking to whom He could serve next.



As Christian stewards, we are also called to be humble servants who labor for our Father's mission. We should strive to imitate the Perfect Steward, Who was constantly aware of the needs of those around Him and put His gifts to good use. For us, this begins right here in our homes, parish and community. We are called to live each moment in awareness of our Father's mission and in gratitude for all He has given us.

Jesus tells us that the way to be attentive is through prayer. Before Jesus made the decision to go to the nearby villages to preach, He first went off to pray. It is through prayer that Jesus could hear what His Father was asking of Him. We, too, are called to spend time in daily prayer — we will then become aware of the opportunities to serve the Lord.

Let us commit to finding some quiet time this week to pray. Let us ask the Lord — how can I serve You better throughout my days? And let us pray, "Make me humble, Lord."

Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, February 8 (Livestream)

8:30 a.m. - James Kock †

Tuesday, February 9 (Livestream)

8:30 a.m. - Marion Farrell †

7:00 p.m. - RCIA (Virtual)

Wednesday, February 10 (Livestream)

8:30 a.m. - Wayne Belanger †

Thursday, February 11
No Mass

Friday, February 12 (Livestream)

8:30 a.m. - Richard Armstrong †

Saturday, February 13 4:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m. - Livestream on YouTube Richard Shanley † | Mary Barkwill † | Bill Kennedy †

Sunday, February 14

9:00 a.m. - Julianne Miszk †

10:00 a.m. - Special Intention

11:00 a.m. - Mass for the People

ARE YOU BEING CALLED?

"Woe to me if I do not preach the Gospel!"

Could God be calling you to spread his Word and his love as a priest, deacon or consecrated religious?

Contact Fr. Greg at the church office, 905 684 5603 or email frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com.

FAITH FORMATION & CATECHESIS

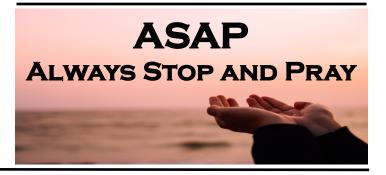
Interested in joining our RCIA session at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, February 9, 2021 for "The Commandments: 6-7"?

Please contact the parish office to join the Google Meet.



POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.





LEAGUE DEVELOPMENT DAY

2-PART ONLINE SESSION!

SESSION 1: SATURDAY, FEB 13, 2021

TIME: 10:00-11:30 AM

SESSION 2: SATURDAY, FEB 27, 2021

TIME: 10:00-11:30 AM





Sisters in the League, you are invited!

Please mark your calendars with the dates and times listed above and join our sisters in the League for a very special 2-part "online" League Development Day—being held online on February 13 and February 27, 2021. The workshops are free and non-members are also invited!

The Ottawa Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League once again welcomes professional facilitator Leslie Giddings to guide us through a transformational discussion supporting growth and awareness in a warm and inclusive setting. Join us and see why CWL Ottawa members are still talking about the wonderful experience they had when Leslie facilitated the February 2020 League Development Day, here in Ottawa.

To reserve your seat at our very first online League Development Day, please email the Ottawa Diocesan Organization Sub-committee chair to confirm your interest in one or both sessions: tinamckay.cwl@gmail.com (Notes: Attending both sessions is preferred but not required. Instruction to join the web conference will follow.)

Once you've indicated your interest by emailing the coordinator, she will email you the "Go-To" Web meeting information prior to the meeting.

SHARE LENT



Fratelli Tutti: Share Love, Share Lent! Come and virtually explore with us Pope Francis's latest encyclical on fraternal love and how we can put it into concrete action in our lives. Workshop will be interactive and include space for dialogue with Catholics from all over Southwestern Ontario already practising this important work.



PLANNING WORKSHOPS (PICK ANY ONE):

Monday February 8, 7-8pm

Hosted by the St. Catharines Diocesan Council
CUCK HERE to register

Wednesday February 10, 7-8pm

Hosted by the London Diocesan Council CLICK HERE to register

Thursday February 11, 7-8pm

Hosted by the Hamilton Diocesan Council
CUCK HERE to register

SOUTHWESTERN ONTARIO REGIONAL WORKSHOP

Featuring Guest Speakers from our Partners (ALL ARE WELCOME):

Saturday February 20, 10-11am

CLICK HERE to register

WORKSHOPS

ALL WORKSHOPS WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY. Registration required in advance.

Register by clicking the links above, or by contacting Rebecca Rathbone

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