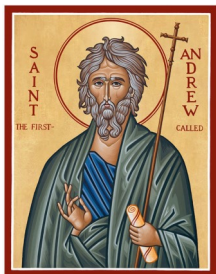


JANUARY 17, 2021

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Our readings today focus on the vital attributes of being a disciple of Christ.

The Gospel of John portrays these attributes as he bears witness to Jesus' first disciples. Upon seeing Jesus, John proclaims, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The lamb is a reference to the Jewish sacrificial offering at Passover and reveals Jesus as Savior. Once the two that were with John heard this, they immediately followed Jesus. Jesus turned to them and asked, "What are you looking for?" They responded with, "Rabbi, where are you staying?"

Imagine Jesus asking you, "What are you looking for?" We might respond with answers like a better job, more kids, retirement, or any number of things that we think will make our lives better. The things we seek may be righteous, but as disciples of Christ, we should first and foremost seek the Kingdom of God. If we strive to respond to Jesus' question in the same way the first disciples responded, essentially by asking, "Where are you, Lord?" then we will not be disappointed with the outcome.

Our story of Jesus' first disciples concludes with Andrew intentionally sharing the Good News of Christ to his brother Simon Peter. Andrew had the gift of meeting the Lord and did not hoard it to himself. Instead, he sought his brother and proclaimed what he had experienced, which serves as a reminder for us. Our calling is to be missionary disciples — to seek the Lord and share what we have found. Our faith is a gift! We should strive to share this gift with others.

Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, January 18 (Livestream)
8:30 a.m. - Teofil Szymiski †

Tuesday, January 19 (Livestream)
8:30 a.m. - Tony Passero †
7:00 p.m. - RCIA (Virtual)

Wednesday, January 20 (Livestream)
8:30 a.m. - Don Cudahy †

Thursday, January 21
No Mass

Friday, January 22 (Livestream)
8:30 a.m. - Special Intention for Sue Virtuoso

Saturday, January 23
4:00 p.m.
5:00 p.m. - Livestream on YouTube
Horst Behlau †

Sunday, January 24
9:00 a.m. - Mass for the People
10:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m. - Giuseppina Corda †
Aristide Tacinelli †

FAITH FORMATION & CATECHESIS

Interested in joining our RCIA session
at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, January 19, 2021 for
"The Sacrament of Holy Orders"?
Please contact the parish office
to join the Google Meet.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Do you know of someone in need of prayers for
healing? Please contact the church office to add
them to our weekly intentions.



POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

*We pray that our personal relationship with
Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God
and a life of prayer.*

ARE YOU BEING CALLED?

Samuel learns to hear the voice
of the Lord, responding,
"Speak Lord, for your servant is listening."
Are you wondering how to respond to God's call?
Contact Fr. Greg at the church office, 905 684 5603
or email frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com.



Separated & Divorced Healing Ministry
Diocese of St. Catharines
PO Box 875, St. Catharines, ON L2R 6Z4

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.
For our pamphlet or information, call 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154, or email separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com

PROGRAM SCHEDULE FOR WINTER/SPRING 2021 (Jan. - June)

When in person meetings in place specific to the Additionally, participants will meetings, practice social distance. limited supply will be on hand for use.

Because of the current province-wide lockdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic, meetings will be held virtually via the Zoom platform and pre-registration is required for Zoom meetings by phoning 905-356-4113 or emailing separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com

January 11, 2021	Welcoming the New Year
January 25, 2021	Facing Fear
February 8, 2021	Understanding Loss
February 22, 2021	Grief Journey, Dino Sicoli, presenter
March 8, 2021	Learning To Forgive, Dino Sicoli, presenter
March 22, 2021	Have Faith, Dcn. Gunther Eyer, presenter
April 12, 2021	Finding Reconciliation, Fr. John Vickers, presenter
April 26, 2021	What Is Forgiveness?
May 10, 2021	Healing, Fr. Hugh Gibson, presenter
May 25, 2021	Who Am I Now?
*Note date change due to holiday	
June 14, 2021	New Relationships, Dcn. John Shalala, presenter
June 28, 2021	Loving and Respecting Yourself

• No meetings July & August

• Meetings resume September 13, 2021



CWL DONATIONS 2020

Amidst the challenges we all experienced in the past year, the St. Julia CWL was able to continue to support the following charities:

- Catholic Missions in Canada
- Development & Peace
- Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education (DM Cares)
- St. Peter School
- Hospice Niagara
- Start Me Up Niagara
- RAFT
- Hotel Dieu Shaver Angels Campaign
- Niagara Health Foundation Tree of Lights
- St. Vincent De Paul and Catholic Near East Welfare Association (India Water Project)

St Julia CWL would like to sincerely thank all members and parishioners who have supported the League all these years but especially in this most challenging year.

Covid-19 has restricted us from having in-person meetings, or continuing with projects scheduled for the year, and our annual bake sale fundraising, but we are still all united in prayer.

Aside from the financial support to the above charities and in spite of the lockdown, the CWL ladies were still busy in the background. Some ladies were able to sew reusable face masks donated to two elementary schools and the hospital; some made "comfort dolls" for Niagara Warehouse of Hope which were included with baby layettes for third world countries; some donated cake mixes, etc for Nunavet residents; some decorated Tim Horton's "Smile Cookies" the proceeds of which went to Hospice Niagara and Big Brothers Big Sisters, and others who continued their ministry work in the church. The League is grateful for volunteering your time and talents.

We are blessed to be part of the St. Julia Caring Community!

