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Most Rev. Gerard P. Bergie D.D. Mass Schedule Diocesan Bishop Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30 a.m. Pastor Fr. Greg Schmidt frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com Saturday 5:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m. (Children's Liturgy of the Word) Sunday Deacons Deacon George Newman 11:00 a.m. **Deacon Brian Jeynes** Confessions **Director of Music** Dr. David Holler 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. or by appointment Saturday Maintenance Jim Salmon Office Hours Administration Christine Buckley Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Cheryl Wood



January 29, 2023 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Gospel Reading for today is what is popularly called the Sermon on the Mount. Many think it is the absolute epitome of Jesus' teachings. To be sure it tells us how we are to live our lives, the attitudes we are to have. We must remember that those who were waiting and hoping for the Messiah expected a military leader, one who would lead them in battle against their oppressors.



In His Sermon on the Mount Jesus gives a more accurate perspective of Who He is. He begins what we call the Beatitudes (the word means "blessings") with "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." In a sense we are all "poor in spirit." Without the guidance and strength provided us by the Lord there is no way we can escape this poverty of spirit, of spirituality, if you will.

That is why we often say that living God-centered lives is at the very core of stewardship. Being a disciple of Christ translates into being a steward of our many gifts and blessings. Some scholars believe that Jesus may have given this sermon often during His ministry. Those who followed Jesus and became the earliest Christians, the first members of the Church, were fond of quoting and referring to what the Lord said on this occasion. As stated, Jesus provides us with the secret of living a good life. If we rely on Him and follow Him, we will be blessed.

Stewardship Reflections by <u>Catholic Stewardship Consultants</u>

Parish Calendar

Monday, January 30

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Alyre Theriault †
Paul O'Sullivan †
Special Intention

Tuesday, January 31

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Gertrude Kilgour†
Special Intention

Wednesday, February 1

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Rita Markle† Abbey Allen†

Thursday, February 2 The Presentation of the Lord

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - John & Margaret Doodeman†

Friday, February 3

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Teofil Szymski † 9:00 a.m. (Livestream) - Holy Hour

Saturday, February 4

5:00 p.m. (Livestream) - Elaine Flynn † John Charles Cassidy †

Sunday, February 5 9:00 a.m. - CWL Gathering Mass John & Margaret Doodeman † 11:00 a.m. - Mass for the People

Are You Being Called?

"Consider your own calling, brothers and sisters..."

We are all called to bear witness to Christ in our lives. Could you be called to do so 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

We welcome you to join our RCIA session for



"The Commandments: 1-3"

at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, January 31st in Divinity Hall.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for the Month of February

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.



Catholic Women's League Corner: January 28th & 29th



CWL St. Catharines Diocese Lenten Retreat



"Lent: More than Giving Up Chocolates!"

Dates: Saturday, February 11, 2023 Wednesday, February 15, 2023

Place: Monastery of Mount Carmel

7020 Stanley Avenue, Niagara Falls

Max # of People to Register: 110 - each day

Cost: \$50.00 / person

Contact: Your Council President

Agenda:

8:15 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. - Registration 9:00 a.m. - 9:10 a.m. - Welcome 9:10 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. - Rosary 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Speaker: Father Daniel Corso 10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. - Fr. Richard Kowalchuk

10:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. - Confession 11:15 a.m. - Mass at the Mount Carmel Chapel

12:00 p.m. - Lunch

Respond by February 3rd to Dina Marchionda at dina.marchionda@gmail.com

max initial 6 people per parish - have a wait list!



We are pleased to announce the wedding of Nelson Obimna Omenugha and Mary Chidera Onyekwelu

on April 15, 2023 at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Awka, Anambra State, Nigeria.

Any known reason why this marriage should not happen should be reported to Fr. Greg Schmidt. We wish Nelson and Mary God's blessing as they unite as husband and wife!

HOPE





Development & Peace – Caritas Canada: Share Lent Workshop 2023

<u>Development and Peace — Caritas Canada</u> is beginning a new campaign cycle this year. Encouraged by our <u>Orientation Assembly</u> in June 2022 and inspired by the October 2021 <u>address</u> of Pope Francis to the world meeting of popular movements, we have chosen the theme *Create Hope* to guide our actions over the next five years.

For the first year, we have chosen to create hope by working to *Stand for the Land* in solidarity with our sisters and brothers in the Global South who are defending their homelands by protecting their land and water, the environment and human life.

All are welcome to join us at the upcoming St. Catharines Share Lent Workshop, Saturday, February 4, 2023 at 10:00am at St. Alfred's Parish.

Kindly **RSVP** by emailing your local D&P Animator, Emily: <u>elukasik@devp.org</u>

If you can't make that workshop, you're welcome to join the virtual one happening Thursday, February 9 at 7:00pm (<u>Click HERE to register</u>)

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God bless you and those that you love.