

HOLY MASS

Sunday February 23rd 2014
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

READINGS: Leviticus 19.1-2, 17-18 1 Corinthians 3.16-23
Psalm 103 Gospel: Matthew 5.38-48

Saturday February 22nd 4:00pm
Offered for: Charlie Cole and all deceased family members
 By Helen Cole and family

Sunday February 23rd 10:00am
Offered for: Isabel Oakes 7th Anniversary
 By the family

Tuesday February 25th 6:00pm
Offered for: Philomena Bertha Mae Thompson
 Requested by daughters and family

Wednesday February 26th 12:10pm
Offered for: 1st memorial birthday Edward Lazore
 Requested by the family

Thursday February 27th 12:10pm
Offered for: 1st anniversary Thomas Montour
 Requested by the family

Friday February 28th 12:10pm
Offered for: 1st memorial birthday Mass Annie Jacobs-David
 Requested by the family

Offered for: Saturday March 1st 4:00pm
 10th anniversary George Tessier
 Requested by wife Linda and family

Offered for: Sunday March 2nd 10:00am
Children's Mass
 1st Anniversary for Beatrice Jacobs
 Requested by the family

Thank you to all the church cleaning teams!

Feb 26th Team #6 Connie Thompson's team
 March 6th Team #7 Terry Bova's team

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Welcome **Henri Joseph Lauzon** this Sunday February 23rd

Next Baptism Seminar
 Thursday March 20th 2014 4:00 pm.

You have to BE PRE-REGISTERED to attend. Please call or visit the Pastor's Residence to obtain application. To insure your registration, please submit completed application form and birth certificate of person to be baptized **before** the scheduled seminar.

PARISH MEETINGS

Parish Council	February 23 rd 1:00pm 2014 K.H.
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Finance Council	March 15 th 2014 Pastors residence 9:00am
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Sunday Collections
For the week of February 16th
 603.75 US 633.60 CDN

Faith Formation Ministry	March 5 th 6pm K.H.
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Communications Ministry	March 12 th 5:00 pm K.H.
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Youth Ministry	March 14 th 5:00 pm K.H.
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Liturgical Ministry	March 19 th 6:00 pm K.H.
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Family Life Ministry	February 26 th 3:00 pm K.H.
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Sanctuary Lamp

Arthur Bova	by the family
Jacob Stehlin	by the family

Meditation: Jesus continues enunciating for us the details of a higher morality to which he calls us as Christians. The *lex talionis* (the law of retaliation) of the OT given by Moses was an improvement on the jungle justice of the pre-biblical times, where people unleashed havoc on those who offended them even for a little matter. To put things under control, and to bring "justice", Moses commanded "an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth"; allowing the victim to retaliate but only to the extent that he/she is offended. But Jesus steps up higher, to tell us what God really wants: love for all, even for the enemy and offender. The attitude that Jesus requires His followers does not imply or weakness or lack of self-assertiveness. Neither does it imply subserviently swallowing everything hook and sinker. No! Jesus is calling us to something downright positive, to follow a better maxim: 1) turn the other cheek; 2) give your cloak as well as your tunic; 3) go the extra mile; and 4) give or lend to the person who asks you. Some of Jesus' words are really hard to listen to but we all know the wonderful benefits that could accrue to humanity should all live in accordance with the better maxim of Jesus. Jesus wants us to translate love into praxis in our families and homes, in our communities and towns, in our church and society, among brothers, sisters, neighbours and colleagues. Peter draws from them in writing about the relationship that should exist among brothers and sisters in Christ: "Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tender-hearted, be courteous; not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing" (1 Pet 3:8-9). The love that extends to the 'enemy' is an all-inclusive love. And it is this type of love that according to Jesus should be operative and binding on all who claims to be His disciples. Love is a tremendous creative inventive force; and its expression is not in the least a sign of passivity or weakness. And only love holds the antidote against offence, injustice and wrong: not paying back with the same coin, but repaying evil deeds with good.

Fr. Anthony



The Lord's Prayer

Ta kwa ien ha, ne, ka ron hia ke, te si te ron, a ie sa sen na ien, a ie sa wen ni ios ta ke, a ie sa wen na ra kwa ke, non wen tsia ke, tsi ni iot, ne, ka ron hia ke, kie sa wen na rak wa. Ta kwa nont, ne, ken wen te, ia kion he kon, nia te wen ni se re ke, sa sa ni konr hen, ni on kwa ri wa ne ren, tsi ni iot, ni, i, tsi on kwa ni konr hens. O the non, ion ki ni konh rak sa ton, non kwe; to sa, a ion kwa sen ni, ne ka ri wa ne ren, ak we kon, e ren, sa wit, nio tak sens. NE NE KA NA KE RAH TSHE RA, NE NE KA SATS TENH SE RA, KA IA TA NE HRA KWAH TSHE RA, SA WEN'K NON:WA NOK TSI NEN:WE - E THO E THO NA IA WEN.



THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

What a daunting challenge Jesus puts to us today. He tells us we must love and pray for people who not only don't love us, but who wish us harm and even work against us. Is that even possible? Maybe there are one or two saints who could pull it off, but most of us would find it too hard to resist the urge for payback when we feel we have been wronged. Yet Jesus is very clear: he is asking us to be perfect! But before giving up in dismay—after all, who is perfect? – let us look at what else Jesus tells us. Every single day, the sun rises and gives warmth and light to everyone and everything: the young, the old, the sick and the healthy—and the good and the bad. The rain, too, doesn't fall only in deserving places. It just falls—and cleans and nourishes whatever and whomever it lands on. Neither the sunshine nor the rain makes judgments about who should receive them and who should not. They simply offer to the world the goodness that is at the heart of their being. So we, too, should hold back on making judgments, no matter how appealing that might be. Instead, we are asked simply to offer our inner goodness to the world—kindness, generosity, prayer, forgiveness, and love. This is not easy, but who said being a follower of Jesus would be easy?

Patrick Gallagher, Toronto, ON

PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK & ELDERLY

PRAYER OF ISAIAH
 Lord, be gracious to us; we hope in you.
 Be our strength each morning,
 Our salvation in time of trouble (Isaiah: 33:2)
 We pray for healing and strength for
 Evelyn Bush, Abe Francis, Ann Terrance, Joseph Benedict,
 Gordon Caldwell, Ted Mitchell, Theresa Mitchell, Sandra
 Terrance, Martha George, Ann-Marie McDonald, Eva
 Seymour, Felicia Sunday, Barbara White, Betty Swamp, Paul
 Arbour and Lawrence Robillard and all others who are
 hospitalized or suffering at home.

 Lord, grant eternal rest to all the faithful departed, especially our recently deceased Wally Jacobs, Alec Cooke and Robert Jock and Jacob Stehlin. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

All Weekday Masses will be at the Rectory Chapel

Lay Ministry Sunday, March 2nd 2014. Formation for Ministry is for sponsored persons who wish to serve in parish ministry. Over a two year period, participants are provided academic, pastoral and spiritual formation. If you are feeling called to help fill a need within your parish ministries, speak with your pastor about applying to the Formation for Ministry program to become a commissioned lay minister. Are you open to the call to serve in parish ministry? Consider joining the hundreds of commissioned lay ministers who have responded to the call by training through the Formation for Ministry program. Speak with your pastor to see how you can use your particular gifts in service to your parish community as a commissioned lay minister.

Please Don't Forget the Food Bank
 Mark 12:31 "Love your neighbor as yourself" - Do not allow our own community go hungry!
 Psalm 111:5 Gracious and merciful is the Lord. He has given food to those who fear him.

Announcements/Notices

LENT 2014
March 5th, 2014 is Ash Wednesday: which marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. Please bring us your blessed palms of last year to be burnt for Ashes. Two masses on Ash Wed: 7.30 am and 5 pm
 Stations of the Cross: 3.30 pm on Saturday and 9.30 am on Sundays.

Seminars: On Fridays of Lent (14th March, 21st March, 28th March, and April 11th), we shall have seminars open to all at the Kateri Hall. These seminars are teaching sessions on Lent, Liturgical Seasons, Liturgical celebrations and few other related issues about our faith, organized by the Faith Ministry. Please try to be there. The time is 6-8pm.

Holy Hour: We shall begin a monthly Holy hour on every first Friday of the month. It begins at 5pm, then followed by Mass at 6 pm. The first Holy Hour falls on Friday 7th March 2014. It will be in the main Church.

Children's Liturgy Program

Children's Mass - Every First Sunday of the month. There will be no children's Liturgy class in the sacristy on those Sundays. Next Sunday **March 2nd 2014 Children's Mass**

Children's Liturgy - All children are invited to participate in the Children's Liturgy held every Sunday during the 10 am Mass. February 23rd Sunday's instructors are Caroline Peters and helper. If you wish to volunteer, please call Kateri Hall 518-358-2931

Religious Education News - Confirmation Class scheduled for February 23, 2014 at the Kateri Hall has been cancelled. Candidates are still required to attend Mass.