

JANUARY 15, 2023 ~ 2ND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

This week's scriptures are meant to be a link between the Baptism of Jesus and the rest of the Church year. They provide sort of a follow-up and meditation on Christ's ritual washing by John. Last week we read part of the Servant Songs from Isaiah. These describe a mysterious person who serves God through his pain. Today's selection adds the concept that the Servant's mission is not just to the Jewish people, but for all nations.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for the Month of January

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

PARENT CONFIRMATION MEETING:

for students preparing to celebrate the sacrament of *Confirmation* will be held at St. Alfred Church 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. ~ on Tuesday, January 17th.

IN 2022 AT ST. ALFRED CHURCH

WE CELEBRATED

91 BAPTISMS

82 FIRST COMMUNIONS

76 CONFIRMATIONS

10 MARRIAGES

105 FUNERALS

RELIGIOUS GOODS STORE

New Year New Start! We have new products coming in weekly. Bibles, Devotional, and Prayer Books. Want to learn more about your faith, now is the time. From books about understanding the Mass, to books about the Saints.

Volunteers Needed

"Looking for a volunteer opportunity at St. Alfreds? We are looking for volunteers for our Counting Ministry. We currently have 6 teams that rotate once every 6 weeks to count the weekly collection. If you can donate an hour of your time your help would be greatly appreciated. Please call the Parish Office at 905-934-9703 if you're interested in more details."

THE PARADOX OF OUR TIME

The paradox of our time in history is that: We have taller buildings but shorter tempers, wider highways, but narrower viewpoints. We spend more, but have less, we buy more, but enjoy less. We have bigger houses, and smaller families, more conveniences, but less time.

We have more degrees but less sense, more knowledge, but less judgement, more experts, yet more problems, more medicine, but less wellness.

We drink too much, smoke too much, spend too recklessly, laugh too little, drive too fast, get too angry, stay up too late, get up too tired, read too little, watch T.V. too much, and pray too seldom.

We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values. We talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often.

We've learned how to make a living, but not a life.

We've added years to life not life to years.

We've been all the way to the moon and back, and have trouble crossing the street to meet our neighbour.

We've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul.

We've conquered the atom, but not our prejudice.

We write more, but learn less.

We plan more, but accomplish less.

We've learned to rush, but not to wait.

We build more computers to hold more information, to produce more copies than ever, but we communicate less and less

These are the times of fast foods and slow digestion, big men and small character, steep profits and shallow relationships.

These are the days of two incomes but more divorce, fancier houses, but broken homes. These are the days of quick trips, disposable diapers, throwaway morality, one night stands, overweight bodies, and pills that do everything from cheer, to quiet, to kill.

It is a time when there is much in the showroom window and nothing in the stockroom.

Remember, spend some time with your loved ones, because they are not going to be around forever.

Remember, say a kind word to someone who looks up to you in awe, because that little person soon will grow up and leave your side.

Remember, to give a warm hug to the one next to you, because that is the only treasure you can give with your heart and it doesn't cost a cent.

Remember, to say, "I love you" to your partner and your loved ones, but most of all mean it. A kiss and an embrace will mend hurt when it comes from deep inside of you. Remember to hold hands and cherish the moment for someday that person will not be there again.

Give time to love, give time to speak, and give time to share the precious thoughts in your mind.

Life is not measured by the number of breathes we take, but by the moments that take our breath away

Daily Mass Intentions

Monday, January 16- Sunday, January 22

Mon	Jan 16	~ 8:00 a.m.....Linda Proske-Slamka/ Maurice Fisher
Tue	Jan 17	~ 8:00 a.m..... Mary J Madden/ Donato Mancini
Wed	Jan 18	~ 9:00 a.m.....Pietro Caldarelli & Family/ Pietro DiPietro
Thu	Jan 19	~ 8:00 a.m.Lonnie Busauskas/ Pasquale Marsala
Fri	Jan 20	~ 8:00 a.m. Joseph Pezzarello/ Rosa Miele
Sat	Jan 21	~ 8:30 a.m.Nada Rozman/ Sigita Zubrickas
		~ 5:00 p.m.Alex Kemeter/ Katalin Knipfel
Sun	Jan 22	~ 7:30 a.m.Missa Pro Popolo
		~ 9:30 a.m. Domenico Marino/ John DiPietro
		~11:30 a.m.Luigi Greco/ Peter Ricciardi

Mark Your Calendars

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS WORKSHOP

Saturday February 4th from 10:00 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.

ALL EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS are invited to attend this mandatory workshop.

READERS WORKSHOP

Saturday February 10th from 10:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

ALL READERS are invited to attend this mandatory workshop

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, held 18-25 January, will draw together churches across the globe to "Do good; seek justice (Isaiah 1:17)."

Isaiah challenged God's people in his day to learn to do good together; to seek justice together, to rescue the oppressed together, to defend the orphan and plead for the widow together. The prophet's challenge applies equally to us today. How can we live our unity as Christians so as to confront the evils and injustices of our time? How can we engage in dialogue, increase awareness, understanding and insight about one another's lived experiences?

This year the resources and theme are presented by the churches of Minneapolis as we seek to explore how the work of Christian unity can contribute to the promotion of racial justice across all levels of society. The resources are available in English and French at.

<https://www.weekofprayer.ca/2023-wpcu-resources>

II DOMENICA TEMPO ORDINARIO

15 gennaio 2023

*Ecco l'agnello di Dio,
che toglie i peccati del mondo!*

IL TEMPO ORDINARIO

Il Tempo "Ordinario" comprende 34 o 33 settimane. Comincia il lunedì dopo la domenica che segue il battesimo del Signore, e si protrae fino all'inizio della Quaresima; riprende poi il lunedì dopo la domenica di Pentecoste e termina il sabato che precede la prima domenica di Avvento. Nei tre anni A, B e C si leggono rispettivamente il Vangelo secondo Matteo, il Vangelo secondo Marco e il Vangelo secondo Luca. Il colore liturgico che si usa nelle celebrazioni è il **verde**, colore della vita.

Compagni di volo

Voglio ringraziarti Signore, per il dono della vita; ho letto da qualche parte che gli uomini hanno un'ala soltanto: possono volare solo rimanendo abbracciati. A volte, nei momenti di confidenza, oso pensare, Signore, che tu abbia un'ala soltanto, l'altra la tieni nascosta, forse per farmi capire che tu non vuoi volare senza di me; per questo mi hai dato la vita: Perché io fossi tuo compagno di volo, insegnami, allora, a liberarmi con Te. Perché vivere non è trascinare la vita, non è strapparla, non è rosicchiarla, vivere è abbandonarsi come un gabbiano all'ebbrezza del vento, vivere è assaporare l'avventura della libertà, vivere è stendere l'ala, l'unica ala, con la fiducia di chi sa di avere nel volo un partner grande come Te. Ma non basta saper volare con Te, Signore, tu mi hai dato il compito di abbracciare anche il fratello e aiutarlo a volare. Ti chiedo perdono, perciò, per tutte le ali che non ho aiutato a distendersi, non farmi più passare indifferente vicino al fratello che è rimasto con l'ala, l'unica ala, inesorabilmente impigliata nella rete della miseria e della solitudine e si è ormai persuaso di non essere più degno di volare con Te. Soprattutto per questo fratello sfortunato dammi, o Signore, un'ala di riserva.

~ Carlo Carretto