



JANUARY 14TH, 2018
2ND SUNDAY OF
ORDINARY TIME
CYCLE B

REFLECTION

Hearing the Call

Scott Hahn Reflects on the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the call of Samuel and the first Apostles, today's Readings shed light on our own calling to be followers of Christ. Notice in the Gospel today that John's disciples are prepared to hear God's call. They are already looking for the Messiah, so they trust in John's word and follow when he points out the Lamb of God walking by. Samuel is also waiting on the Lord – sleeping near the Ark of the Covenant where God's glory dwells, taking instruction from Eli, the high priest. Samuel listened to God's word and the Lord was with him. And Samuel, through his word, turned all Israel to the Lord (see 1 Samuel 3:21; 7:2-3). The disciples too, heard and followed – words we hear repeatedly in today's Gospel. They stayed with the Lord and by their testimony brought others to the Lord. These scenes from salvation history should give us strength to embrace God's will and to follow His call in our lives. God is constantly calling to each of us – personally, by name (see Isaiah 43:1; John 10:3). He wants us to seek Him in love, to long for His word (see Wisdom 6:11-12). We must desire always, as the apostles did, to stay where the Lord stays, to constantly seek His face (see Psalm 42:2).

For we are not our own, but belong to the Lord, as Paul says in today's Epistle. We must have ears open to obedience, and write His word within our hearts. We must trust in the Lord's promise – that if we come to Him in faith, He will abide with us (see John 15:14; 14:21-23), and raise us by His power. And we must reflect in our lives the love He has shown us, so that others too may find the Messiah. As we renew our vows of discipleship in this Eucharist, let us approach the altar singing the new song of today's Psalm: "Behold I come . . . to do your will O God."



Thank you to Dr. Scott Hahn and the St. Paul Center for the use of the weekly Mass reflections. More resources are available at www.stpaulcenter.com

HEROES IN HOLINESS
QUOTES FROM THE SAINTS

"Understanding is the reward of faith. Therefore seek not to understand that thou mayest believe, but believe that thou mayest understand."

–St. Augustine

"Understanding is the sure and clear knowledge of some invisible thing."

–St. Bernard

The Saints who have gone before us are the witness, par excellence, to this tethering to Truth that enlightens and inspires and elevates mankind.

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK

JANUARY 13TH TO JANUARY 20TH, 2018

SAT. JAN. 13TH 5:00 PM - Corrado Calvo
 SUN. JAN. 14TH 7:30 AM - People of the Parish
 9:00 AM - Roque Fernandes †
 10:30 AM - Mary Jigolyk †
 12:00 PM - Linda Marbaniang in Thanksgiving

TUE. JAN. 16TH 8:30 AM - Giuseppe & Antonia Mercurio †
 WED. JAN. 17TH 7:30 PM - Chito Carpo Claudio †
 THU. JAN. 18TH 8:30 AM - Larry Van Desen †
 FRI. JAN. 19TH 7:30 PM - Perla Abog †
 SAT. JAN. 20TH 8:30 AM - All Souls in Purgatory



OUR SICK: Rebecca C. Baltazar , Cristeta Del Mundo, Dina Sorbera, Daniel Leonardo, Monica Bouchard, Kerrie Leonard, Ramona Labo, Harold Hunt, Adeline Noronha, Antonio Sorbera, Julia Genova, Carmen Humbel, Christina Lochan, Ronaldo Maravilla, Lucas Sorbera, Peter Pacione, Sheryl Watson, Stanley de

Freitas, Peter Pinto, Maureen Dempsey, Marina Sequeira, Ofelia Magat, Rosemarie Deans, Paul Swoffer, Minoli Paul, Joshua Bolingot, Offe Ayuson, Isabel Grosvenor, Clara Uy Cruz, Mary Loretta Nofall, Marie Herrera, Salome Mason, Frank McPhearson, John Germain, Ms. Dalhoo, Loren Lea Hodgeson, Carla Di Cecco, Virginia Johnson, Judith Ritch, Wynn Young, Mary Rocha, Pat Fellows, Eric Hudder, Marguerite Watson, Tony & Nelie Sicat, Teofilo Mondala, Duverney Family, Anthony de la Isla, Leonard Rodrigues, John Jarman, William Dale, Anne O'Callaghan, Mr. & Mrs. Cerami, Simon Fernandes, Arnold Uy Cruz, Charles Gill, Deacon Gerald Godsoe, Ellen Jarman, Patrick Doty, Debra Fernandes, Nida Carandang, Marie McPherson, Marina Jose, Rasheeda DeFranca, Vicki Scallon, Frances Schober, William Schober, Rita Ropke, Marie Dignum, Maria Anna Diandra Rivera, Natalina Fernandes, Umbelina Felix, Evelyn Cummings, Anita Gouveia, Erlinda Balita, Colleen Balgobin, Joan Crowley, Webster Paul, Ela Sicat-Angeles

DID YOU KNOW?

WHAT IS THE LITURGICAL YEAR (THE CHURCH YEAR)?

The liturgical year, or the Church year, superimposes the mysteries of the life of Christ - from His Incarnation to His second coming in glory - on the normal course of the year. The liturgical year begins with Advent, the time of waiting for the Lord, and has its high point in the Christmas season and its second, even greater climax in the celebration of the redemptive suffering, death, and Resurrection of Christ at Easter. The Easter season ends with the feast of Pentecost, the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Church.

The liturgical year is repeatedly interrupted by feasts of the Lord, Mary, and the saints, in which the Church praises God's grace, which has led mankind to salvation.



CHRISTOPHER LEADERSHIP CLASS

Do you hate to give presentations at work or school? Do you lack confidence? The Christopher Leadership Course will help you overcome your fears! Join the class at St. Boniface Church, on Wednesday evenings, 7 - 10 pm, for 11 weeks, beginning on February 7th, 2018. For more information or to register; call (416) 410-7776 or visit www.clctorontoeast.com



MARRIAGE PREP

St. Boniface will be offering the Marriage Preparation course starting in February 2018. Engaged couples looking to join this course are asked to contact the parish office.



CWL MEETING

Our parish Catholic Women's League Council will have a meeting on Sunday, January 21st after the 12noon mass in the parish hall. We would like to see as many of our members attend.



Bereavement Peer Support meeting

As you know we have no meeting in December 2017 due to family & Christmas celebration. Our next meeting will be: Saturday January 20, 2018 from 3pm to 4pm. Meeting held St. Stephen's Room (downstairs from the right side entrance on Markanna



PUBLIC SPEAKING WORKSHOP

Those in grades 7 and 8, we are offering a public speaking workshop. This hour and a half workshop will cover topics such as; first impressions, body language, word whisksers, choosing your topic and creating the talk. Workshop dates are;

Sunday January 14th from 1pm to 3:30pm

Monday January 22nd from 6:30pm to 8pm

Wednesday January 24th from 6:30pm to 8pm

Please contact parish office to choose a workshop.

Space is limited

(This is a free workshop)



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

St. Agatha, St. Boniface and St. Nicholas Kindergarten Registration for September 2018

Families with children born in 2014 are invited to register for Kindergarten beginning Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at 10 a.m. EST.

Registration options:

- **Online:** Parents will be able to complete their application online at: <https://soar.tcdsb.org/Login.aspx>. A follow up visit to the school to present the required documents will be scheduled following the online application.

- **In Person:** Parents can register at their local school with the required documents.

Information:

416-222-8282 ext. 5320 or 5314,
www.tcdsb.org/kindergartenregistration



ST. BONIFACE SPEAKER SERIES

Family Lecture Series

Healthy Living

(Physical Education, Healthy Eating, etc.)
Colleen Reel/Megan Ryan Lamothe

SUNDAY JANUARY 21ST AT 1:30PM
In the Church

Culture of Life Series

Aid to Women

Klaudia Rychlicka will speak about the organization Aid to Women and how they reach out to women who are facing an unplanned pregnancy and offer real solutions and caring support. Aid to Women have helped thousands of women because and they're committed to providing women with the information and support they need to make a life-affirming decision about their pregnancy.

SUNDAY JANUARY 28TH AT 1:30PM
In the Church

MAJOR RELIC OF SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER TO VISIT THE ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

A first-degree relic of missionary Saint Francis Xavier is coming to the Archdiocese of Toronto, January 12-14, 2018. The forearm of the saint, permanently displayed at the Church of the Gesù in Rome, will be in Canada from December 29 – February 2, as part of a 14-city Canadian visit. In our archdiocese, the relic will be hosted by St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (Jan. 12), St. Francis Xavier Church, Mississauga (Jan. 13) and Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Toronto (January 14). More information about the visit and a full schedule of events can be found at: www.cco.ca/relic



SCHOOL MASSES

Parents & community members are welcome to join our parish schools as they celebrate their school masses;

- **St. Nicholas School:** Tues. January 16, 2018 at 2pm
- held in the school
- **St. Boniface School:** Thurs. January 18, 2018 at 10am
- held in the church

PARISH SCHOOLS FAMILY MASS

On Thursday January 25, 2018 at 6:00pm we will celebrate Mass with our 3 schools at our church. This Mass will be hosted by St. Boniface School.

All are welcome!



NEXT EDGE NIGHT

When: Tuesday January 16th, 6:30pm - 8pm

Where: St. Boniface Church Hall

EDGE is a Ministry for those in grades 6,7 & 8.

It's a way for tweens (*pre-teens*) to learn about the Catholic faith in a way they can understand and relate to while still keeping them engaged.

For more information, please contact Peter at the office at 416-261-5983 or email

