



JANUARY 21ST, 2018
3RD SUNDAY OF
ORDINARY TIME
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REFLECTION

Following Him

Scott Hahn Reflects on the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The calling of the brothers in today's Gospel evokes Elisha's commissioning by the prophet Elijah (see 1 Kings 19:19-21). As Elijah comes upon Elisha working on his family's farm, so Jesus sees the brothers working by the seaside. And as Elisha left his mother and father to follow Elijah, so the brothers leave their father to come after Jesus. Jesus' promise – to make them "fishers of men" – evokes Israel's deepest hopes. The prophet Jeremiah announced a new exodus in which God would send "many fishermen" to restore the Israelites from exile, as once He brought them out of slavery in Egypt (see Jeremiah 16:14-16). By Jesus' cross and resurrection, this new exodus has begun (see Luke 9:31). And the apostles are the first of a new people of God, the Church – a new family, based not on blood ties, but on belief in Jesus and a desire to do the Father's will (see John 1:12-13; Matthew 12:46-50). From now on, even our most important worldly concerns – family relations, occupations, and possessions – must be judged in light of the gospel, Paul says in today's Epistle. The first word of Jesus' gospel – repent – means we must totally change our way of thinking and living, turning from evil, doing all for the love of God. And we should be consoled by Nineveh's repentance in today's First Reading. Even the wicked Nineveh could repent at Jonah's preaching. And in Jesus we have a greater than Jonah (see Matthew 12:41). We have God come as our savior, to show sinners the way, as we sing in today's Psalm.

This should give us hope – that loved ones who remain far from God will find compassion if they turn to Him. But we, too, must continue along the path of repentance – striving daily to pattern our lives after His.



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

"In so far as divine love beautifies our souls. And makes us pleasing to His divine Majesty, it is called grace; in so far as it gives us strength to do good, it is called charity; but when it reaches such a degree of perfection, that it makes us not only do the good, but do so carefully, frequently and readily, then it is called devotion."

–St. Francis de Sales

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 20TH TO JANUARY 27TH, 2018

SAT. JAN. 20TH	5:00 PM	- Special Intention of Branavan Manoranja
SUN. JAN. 21ST	7:30 AM	- May Lugos in Thanksgiving
	9:00 AM	- People of the Parish
	10:30 AM	- Bernadette Rodrigues
	12:00 PM	- Lacorte Family in Thanksgiving
TUE. JAN. 23RD	8:30 AM	- Raffaele Morra †
WED. JAN. 24TH	7:30 PM	- Aurelio Parcon †
THU. JAN. 25TH	8:30 AM	- Antonio & Umbelina Felix & for their deceased family members
FRI. JAN. 26TH	7:30 PM	- Rose & Cyril Mattos †
SAT. JAN. 27TH	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, Clera Uy Cruz, Mary Loretta Noftall, 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?

HOW DOES SOMEONE BECOME A SAINT?

Canonization is the process the Church uses to name a saint. The process begins after the death of a Catholic whom people regard as holy. Often, the process starts many years after death in order give perspective on the candidate. The local bishop investigates the candidate's life and writings for heroic virtue (or martyrdom) and orthodoxy of doctrine. Then a panel of theologians at the Vatican evaluates the candidate. After approval by the panel and cardinals of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, the pope proclaims the candidate "**venerable.**" The next step, beatification, requires evidence of one miracle (except in the case of martyrs). Since miracles are considered proof that the person is in heaven and can intercede for us, the miracle must take place after the candidate's death and as a result of a specific petition to the candidate. When the pope proclaims the candidate beatified or "**blessed,**" the person can be venerated by a particular region or group of people with whom the person holds special importance. Only after one more miracle will the pope canonize the saint (this includes martyrs as well). The title of **saint** tells us that the person lived a holy life, is in heaven, and is to be honoured by the universal Church. Canonization does not "make" a person a saint; it recognizes what God has already done.

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 whiskers, choosing your topic and creating the talk. Workshop dates are;

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



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.



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.

All registration forms are due by Friday February 2nd.



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

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

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



SUNDAY BULLETIN

Submissions for the Sunday Bulletin are due in the Parish Office by 12 noon on Tuesday each week.
Email to st.boniface@rogers.com

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Please note, the parish office will be closed:

- Monday February 19th for Family Day

ST. BONIFACE SPEAKER SERIES

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 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

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!



PANCAKE SUNDAY

Please join us after all Masses the weekend of February 10/11 (*the Sunday before Ash Wednesday*) in the Parish Hall for some yummy pancakes! Proceeds go to help the youth ministry at our Parish!



ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

On Wednesday February 14th (*Ash Wednesday*), Mass will be celebrated at:

- 10:00 am
- 7:30 pm



OPPORTUNITIES FOR INVOLVEMENT

~ We need your help! ~

We have some opportunities for parish involvement. These following ministries are seeking volunteers;

- Ushers and Greeters
- Choir Members
- Communion Ministers
- Lectors



If any of these interest you and/or you would like more information, please contact the Parish Office at 416-261-5983 or st.boniface@rogers.com

NEXT EDGE NIGHT

When: Tuesday January 30th, 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 youth@stbcc.ca

