



FEBRUARY 18TH, 2018
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
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REFLECTION

The New Creation

Scott Hahn Reflects on the First Sunday of Lent

Lent bids us to return to the innocence of baptism. As Noah and his family were saved through the waters of the deluge, we were saved through the waters of baptism, Peter reminds us in today's Epistle. And God's covenant with Noah in today's First Reading marked the start of a new world. But it also prefigured a new and greater covenant between God and His creation (see Hosea 2:20; Isaiah 11:1-9). We see that new covenant and that new creation begin in today's Gospel. Jesus is portrayed as the new Adam—the beloved son of God (see Mark 1:11; Luke 3:38), living in harmony with the wild beasts (see Genesis 2:19-20), being served by angels (see Ezekiel 28:12-14). Like Adam, He too is tempted by the devil. But while Adam fell, giving reign to sin and death (see Romans 5:12-14, 17-20), Jesus is victorious. This is the good news, the "gospel of God" that He proclaims. Through His death, resurrection, and enthronement at the right hand of the Father, the world is once again made God's kingdom. In the waters of baptism, each of us entered the kingdom of His beloved Son (see Colossians 1:13-14). We were made children of God, new creations (see 2 Corinthians 5:7; Galatians 4:3-7). But like Jesus, and Israel before Him, we have passed through the baptismal waters only to be driven into the wilderness—a world filled with afflictions and tests of our faithfulness (see 1 Corinthians 10:1-4, 9,13; Deuteronomy 8:2,16). We are led on this journey by Jesus. He is the Savior—the way and the truth we sing of in today's Psalm (see John 14:6). He feeds us with the bread of angels (see Psalm 78:25; Wisdom 16:20), and cleanses our consciences in the sacrament of reconciliation. As we begin this holy season, let us renew our baptismal vows—to repent and believe the gospel.



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

"Patience is the companion of wisdom"

—St. Augustine

"Be kind to all and severe to thyself"

—St. Teresa of Avila

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

FEBRUARY 17 TO FEBRUARY 24, 2018

SAT. FEB. 17TH	5:00 PM	- Eugenia & Gabriel Dilag †
SUN. FEB. 18TH	7:30 AM	- All Souls in Purgatory
	9:00 AM	- Michael & Delaila Paes in thanksgiving
	10:30 AM	- Barry Blencowe †
	12:00 PM	- People of the Parish
TUE. FEB. 20TH	8:30 AM	- Elsy Paul
WED. FEB. 21ST	7:30 PM	- In thanksgiving for Crystal
THU. FEB. 22ND	8:30 AM	- Spec. Int. of Georgina Da'Costa
FRI. FEB. 23RD	7:30 PM	- Maggie Cherayil †
SAT. FEB. 24TH	8:30 AM	- Beatification of Alfie Lambe



OUR SICK: Nicanor Gocado, Daniela Alario, 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, Paul Swoffer, Minoli Paul, Joshua Bolingot, Offe Ayuson, Isabel Grosvenor, Clera Uy Cruz, Mary Loretta Nofall, Marie Herrera, Salome Mason, Frank McPhearson, John Germain, Ms. Dalhoo, Loren Lea Hodgson, Carla Di Cecco, Virginia Johnson, Wynn Young, Mary Rocha, 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 are the Beatitudes and what do they mean?

(A Bulletin Mini-Series)

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

It seems rather counterintuitive that the mournful can be called 'happy', but this beatitude refers to a special kind of mourning. If we love God, we will love all those who belong to God, and every human being without exception comes from God and is loved by God with an incomprehensible love. And so the more we enter into the heart of God, the more we discover our neighbor there, and so we are moved to return to earth, so to speak, and we go looking for him or her, because we know that there we will find the God we have begun to love: we discover our neighbor in God, and we rediscover God in our neighbor.

Now when we truly love others, their happiness becomes our own, because we have begun to love them as "another self", and yet for the most part, we find them in pain, suffering, and struggling to be happy. Because we love them as "another self", their suffering too becomes our own. We mourn for them, for it is so hard to remain indifferent to the sufferings of others after we have discovered and entered into the heart of God. It is the sins of human beings, the cold indifference of others towards God and neighbor that fills us with sorrow. This, however, is a blessed sorrow, a sorrow that is not incompatible with joy, but exists with it, for it is the joy of having been invited into Christ's sorrow, which is a joy filled sorrow.

Next week we look at "Blessed are the meek"

ST. BONIFACE SPEAKER SERIES
Family Lecture Series



"Here & There: Literacy is Everywhere"

Jonathon Butler from TCDSB Literacy Resource

Literacy is about more than reading and writing --it is about how we communicate in society. It is about social practices and relationships, about knowledge, language and culture. Literacy finds its place in our lives alongside other ways of communicating. Indeed, Literacy itself takes many forms: on paper, on the computer screen, on TV, on posters and signs. Those who use literacy take it for granted - but those who cannot use it are excluded from much communication in today's world. Indeed, it is the excluded who can best appreciate the notion of "literacy as freedom."

*** TO BE RESCHEDULED ***

Culture of Life Series

Fertility Care Toronto

Vania Branker will speak about the organization and how they provide a circle of care focusing on informed choices in women's reproductive health. Using the FertilityCare System, biomarkers are gathered to monitor hormonal events during a woman's menstrual cycle. This information is interpreted by specially trained practitioners and doctors; who then identify abnormalities and find solutions that work cooperatively with the woman's cycles to achieve, first their own optimal health and, if desired, pregnancy.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 25 AT 1:30PM
In the Church

CONFESSIONS AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS THROUGH LENT

Confession and Stations of the Cross will be available through-out Lent Friday evenings. Come and be renewed in heart and spirit, to be reconciled with our God.



7:00pm - Stations of the Cross
7:30pm - Mass
8:00pm - Holy Hour with Divine Mercy and Confessions

THANK-YOU!

A great big thank-you for everyone's support for last week's pancake Sunday. It was wonderful to see all who came down to the hall.



WHY MY FAITH IS IMPORTANT TO ME
~ YEAR OF THE SCHOOL ~

Faith means believing in myself and believing in somebody. Faith also means to be confident in what I hope for, what I dream for and love. Faith also means to be caring, friendly, and to have courage to be a strong Catholic.

- Courtney, St. Nicholas School

PARISH OFFICE NEWS

Please note, the parish office will be closed Monday February 19, 2018 for Family Day.

ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

2017 FINANCIAL REPORT

COMPARATIVE REVENUES AND EXPENSES

	2016 Year	2017 Year
REVENUE		
Sunday Offertory	\$ 334,189	\$ 394,592
New Year, Easter, Christmas	27,538	23,218
Stipends, Candles, Missals	25,754	25,216
Baptism, Marriage, Funeral	13,675	10,600
Other Parish Collections	13,373	10,293
Parking Lot, Hall	21,176	28,555
Interest	713	1,342
HST Recovered	38,704	15,698
Miscellaneous	30,538	52,335
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 505,659	\$ 561,849

	2016 Year	2017 Year
EXPENSES		
Church Operating Expenses		
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 172,020	\$ 197,433
Taxes, Insurance, Utilities	22,794	26,994
Repairs and Renewals	15,461	22,372
Grounds Upkeep	18,928	19,725
Religious Services	18,982	25,927
Church Office	10,384	13,125
Music and Supplies	13,985	21,858
Other Operating	4,161	7,368
TOTAL CHURCH OPERATING	\$ 276,715	\$ 334,803

OTHER EXPENSES		
Diocesan Taxes	\$ 81,282	\$ 83,065
Hall and House Expense	11,719	12,172
HST to Recover	12,880	7,429
Other Expenses	71	139
TOTAL OTHER	\$ 105,952	\$ 102,805
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 382,667	\$ 437,607
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$ 122,993	\$ 124,242

COMPARATIVE BUILDING FUND ACTIVITY

	2016 Year	2017 Year
Receipts	\$ 80,247	\$ 96,203
Expenses	30,185	55,239

COMPARATIVE KEY INFORMATION

	Dec. 31, 2016	Dec. 31, 2017
Cash and Receivables		
Cash in Bank	\$ 163,199	\$ 105,565
On Deposit at Archdiocese	20,046	211,556
GST to Claim	8,964	10,918
Total	\$ 192,209	\$ 328,038

Parishioners wishing to view a more detailed statement are invited to contact the parish office.
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SCHOOL MASSES

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

- **St. Boniface School:** Thu. Feb. 22, 2018 at 1:30pm
- held in the church

NEXT EDGE NIGHT

When: Tuesday February 20th, 6:30pm - 8pm
Where: St. Boniface Church Hall

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

Parents, please follow us on FaceBook for information and latest updates. Search "St. Boniface Parish EDGers and Parents" and request to join.

