

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 17, 2019



MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: FEBRUARY 9 - FEBRUARY 17

Saturday	Feb. 16	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 pm	Joann Brues	Bill & Maureen Kelly
Sunday	Feb. 17	
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Connie Schaffer	Carol & Alex Hamilton
Monday	Feb. 18	
8:30 am	Mary Whyte	Dina & Remi Perron
Tuesday	Feb. 19	
8:30	Maurice Emsley	Adele Philip
Wednesday	Feb. 20	
8:30 am	Maria Bastone	John Bastone
Thursday	Feb. 21	
8:30 am	Walter & Sandy, Edward, Ingrid, Kyle & Tyler (L) and special intentions of the Barth family	
Friday	Feb. 22	
8:30 am	Nephews, nieces & families of the Barth family (L) Mrs. Ingrid Barth	
Saturday	Feb 23	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 pm	Rita Caroline	Robert and Lorraine Plamondon
Sunday	Feb. 24	
9:00 am	Antonio Boccanfuso	Di Marco Family
11:00am	Our Parishioners	

SANCTUARY LAMP (Week)

February 17: Dominic Mancini, requested by Julie & Family

February 24: Alex Della Rocca, requested by Anna Donald

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR FEB 9/10

Offerings: \$ 5, 054.20 Religious Education: \$ 1, 255.00

Next special collection: February 24 - Building Fund

WORDS TO PONDER

Fr. Sabbath received this email from a parishioner and thought it was worth sharing part of it (with the writer's permission, of course). We can probably all learn something from it:

"Father, I have lost my voice from laryngitis. It has given me the opportunity to realize how much I have taken my voice for granted. I am remembering all the mean, rancorous things I have said, lies that I have told, malicious things I have said about those closest to me. How I regret not using the graceful vocal opportunities God has given to me to use my voice to profess more love to the Holy Trinity and to all those around me. I have realized that my voice is a gift from God and meant to be used for purposes of praising him in word and in song, openly confessing my love for him and to express my love for all those around me. I so much want my voice back but I truly don't deserve it by the way that I have used it. I can only take this moment and ponder in my heart: "when God gives you back your voice what do you say to Him?"

FEAST OF THE CHAIR OF PETER: February 22



The term Holy See comes from the Latin Sancta Sedes, meaning "Holy Chair," and originates from the enthronement ceremony of the Bishop of Rome, the pope. Strictly speaking, the cathedra, i.e. the chair or throne, represents the position and authority of the Holy Father or a bishop, and the place where he resides in the territory of his jurisdiction. Here the Holy See refers to the "seat of government" of the universal Church. Geographically, this seat of government is located in the Diocese of Rome. In terms of actual governance, the Holy See (or Apostolic See) refers specifically to the position of the Holy Father, who "by reason of his office as Vicar of Christ and as pastor of the entire

Church, has full, supreme, and universal power over the whole Church, a power which he can always exercise unhindered" (Dogmatic Constitution of the Church, #22), and by extension to the Curia, which consists of the Secretariat of State, the Council for Public Affairs of the Church, the Congregations, tribunals, and other institutions and offices (Code of Canon Law).

The term "see," from the Latin "sedes," is actually the technical term for all dioceses and the places of residence for their bishops. For example, Archbishop Lepine is the bishop of the "See of Montreal" and his cathedral of residence is the Cathedral of Mary, Queen of the World; the cathedral also houses the bishop's cathedra or throne. Originally, sedes designated the Churches founded by the Apostles, and later limited particularly to the five great patriarchal sees: Rome, Alexandria, Antioch, Jerusalem, and Constantinople; to this day, these latter four patriarchs follow the Holy Father in honour.

Each February 22, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter. To celebrate the feast of a "chair" sounds strange. However, "the chair" refers to the primacy and authority our Lord entrusted to St. Peter. This primacy and authority are symbolized by the monument of the chair of St. Peter located against the wall of the apse behind the main altar in St. Peter's Basilica sculpted in bronze by Bernini; the sculpture is a reliquary for what is traditionally believed to have been the original chair or cathedra of St. Peter. Again, what is of importance is not so much the actual chair, but what that chair symbolizes—the Holy See.

~ *Fr. William Saunders*

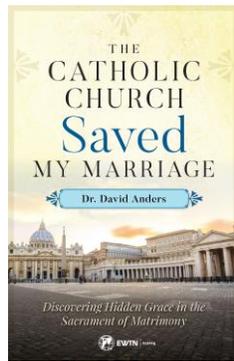
THE BEGINNING OF LIFE

The life that begins when a child is conceived is a powerful reality, hidden in that first cell. This life is not just a physical thing, allowing the growth of the tiny body with all its organs, but also something psychological and spiritual. The power of life hidden in the body pushes the tiny child out of the womb of his mother and into her arms, and invites him to enjoy his parents love, to advance through life, to acquire knowledge, to be independent of his parents, to love others, to open himself to the world, to create and procreate.

There are a number of life forces working alongside each other, one to form the body, one to create relationships, and another to develop knowledge and creativity. All is united. All is one, contained in that life hidden in the first cell. It is at the root of all movement and all physical growth, but also of all relationships, all growth in knowledge, all spiritual activity. ~ *Jean Vanier*

FAITH FIRST: Level 3 (SP3, SP4) Tuesday, Feb. 19th

WORTHWHILE READING



The Catholic Church Saved My Marriage: Discovering Hidden Grace in the Sacrament of Matrimony

by Dr. David Anders

"The Catholic Church saved my marriage and, quite possibly, my life." So begins David Anders in this remarkably forthright book. In it, David reports that by the early 2000s, his marriage was so painful that he and his wife had just one thing in common: contempt for each other. Today, he and his wife are extremely happy together not because of marriage therapy, but because they came to know and fully embraced the Catholic Church's teachings

on marriage. Many people who encounter the Church's teachings are shocked by their rigor. Yet the Church offers much more than rules about sexual restraint; she offers a way to make marriage into something supernatural, even mystical. Here Dr. Anders shares his personal discovery and offers a robust defense of the Church's teaching on marriage, even the most controversial topics of divorce, remarriage, gay marriage, and contraception. With the Church's teachings and the writings of the saints as his guide, he also offers practical, time-tested ways to live in peace despite an unhappy marriage, the value of suffering, and ways to overcome reluctance to forgive grave offenses. In a culture that breaks apart marriages and undermines human dignity, Dr. David Anders offers a hope-filled alternative for those who live moral and spiritual lives in union with Christ and His Church.

CONFERENCE ON THE FUTURE OF PALLIATIVE CARE



Presented by the Physicians Alliance against Euthanasia. Intended for primary care physicians, however all are welcome. The last hour of the conference is open to the public. April 6, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm at the Holiday Inn, 999 St. Urbain. For tickets or info: 438-938-9410 or info@collectifmedecins.org

WHAT IS THE RIGHT WAY TO READ THE BIBLE? The right way to read Sacred Scripture is to read it prayerfully, in other words, with the help of the Holy Spirit, under whose influence it came into being. It is God's Word and contains God's essential communication to us. "The Bible is like a long letter written by God to each one of us. For this reason I should accept the Sacred Scriptures with great love and reverence. First of all, it is important really to read God's letter, in other words, not to pick out details while paying no attention to the whole message. Then I must interpret the whole message with a view to its heart and mystery: Jesus Christ, of whom the whole Bible speaks, even the Old Testament. Therefore I should read the Sacred Scriptures in the faith that gave rise to them, the same living faith of the Church. (YOUCAT questions 16)." To dig deeper: See the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), 109-119.

WIDOWS' SUPPORT GROUP Members of the Widows' Support Group continues to meet each first Monday of the month from 9:30-11 a.m. at St. Edmund of Canterbury Parish (105 Beaconsfield Blvd, Beaconsfield, H9W 3Z8). The next meeting will be March 4. New members are very welcome. Info: Cathie Macaulay cmacaulay@diocesemontreal.org We are planning a group for widowers in the spring; details to follow.

BECKET'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE will be hosting an International Dinner Fiesta in May. We are looking for people to represent the various cultural heritages of our parish, among which are Filipino, Indian, Irish, Nigerian, Polish, Caribbean, Italian and many others. Please contact Michelle for more info. 514-862-5591