

*Seventh Sunday
in
Ordinary Time
February 24, 2019*



MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: FEBRUARY 23 – MARCH 3

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	
Monday	Feb. 25	
8:30 am	Gordon Aucoin	Ann Cox
Tuesday	Feb. 26	
8:30	Vicky Nando	The Family
Wednesday	Feb. 27	
8:30 am	Walter, Sandy & Family (L)	Ingrid Barth
Thursday	Feb. 28	
8:30 am	Giuseppe, Dorotea & Vito Marcario	Rina Della Rocca
Friday	March 1	First Friday
8:30 am	John Haizelden	Atwell D'Souza & Family
Saturday	March 2	Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 pm	Maria Bastone	Lilli & Angelo Porco
Sunday	March 3	
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Fedele De Palma	Anna & Sons

SANCTUARY LAMP (Week)

February 24: Alex Della Rocca, requested by Anna Donald

March 3: Rosa Kaufam, requested by Mark Barras

LORD, GRANT MERCY AND LASTING PEACE to those who died recently, and strength and comfort to those who mourn them: *Susan Dunn*, mother of Sandy and Warren.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR FEB 16/17

Offerings: \$ 5, 666.40

Next special collection: March 6 - Ash Wednesday

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER: Join us on Tues. March 5 for food and fun at our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Mardi Gras celebration. 5:30 - 7 pm. \$5.00 per person. Children 3 and under free. We need more volunteers to make pancakes or pre-cook sausages & serve. Rina 514-915-7586.

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. 514-862-5

"I AM PRO-LIFE. DON'T CALL ME ANTI-ABORTION"



That kind of language allows critics to dismiss me and fellow pro-lifers as single-issue obsessives. Language like this ignores the fact that each of us once existed as "clusters of cells that have not yet developed into viable human beings." It seeks to hide the fact that by the time most surgical abortions take place, a prenatal child has electrical activity in the brain and a beating heart. Other words and phrases used in

the discussion about abortion seek to obscure this reality as well: "tissue," "part of the mother," "parasite," "potential life." Even the term "fetus" is dehumanizing.

Outside of an abortion context, an obstetrician-gynecologist doesn't generally speak to a mother about her fetus. She talks to her about her baby. Family and friends organize baby showers, not fetus showers. A mother-to-be has a baby bump, not a fetus bump. She is "with child," not "with fetus." It is not unusual for major news outlets, such as the BBC, to use the phrase "unborn babies" when they report on new prenatal surgical techniques.

We have shifted our language in ways that hide the dignity of the vulnerable, in this instance and on issues far from the abortion debate as well. This is part of what Pope Francis calls "throwaway culture." What he is describing is often connected with the excesses of consumerism, a culture in which human beings whose dignity is most inconvenient are discarded as mere objects. Such a culture requires the use of language that deadens one's capacity to show concern for those who need it most.

Pope Francis has saved some of his strongest language for condemning abortion. But he consistently applies his concern about throwaway culture to other populations. Rehumanize International, a pro-life group, has done research on how this culture affects different populations, including racial minorities, people with disabilities, older people, immigrants and refugees, enemy combatants and prisoners. The research has found tragic patterns in which marginalized populations are referred to as sub-humans, defective humans, parasites—and in the process become thought of as objects, things and products.

~ by Charles C. Camosy, NY Times, Jan. 9, 2019 (excerpted)

WHAT'S ORIGINAL SIN GOT TO DO WITH IT?



Sin in the strict sense implies guilt for which one is personally responsible. Therefore the term 'Original Sin' refers, not to a personal sin, but rather to the disastrous, fallen state of mankind into which the individual is born, even before he himself sins by a free decision. In talking about Original Sin, Pope Benedict XVI says that we must understand "that we all carry within us a drop of the poison of that way of thinking, illustrated by the images in the Book of Genesis The human being does not trust God.

Tempted by the serpent, he harbors the suspicion ... that God is a rival who curtails our freedom and that we will be fully human only when we have cast him aside Man does not want to receive his existence and the fullness of his life from God And in doing so, he trusts in deceit rather than in truth and thereby sinks with his life into emptiness, into death." (YOUCAT Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church)

UPDATING YOUR WILL? Prayerfully consider leaving a legacy to help maintain our House of God for future generations (and your estate will benefit from a tax receipt). Some people also suggest in the obituary, in lieu of flowers, contributions to St. Thomas à Becket Parish.

GIVING THEIR LIFE FOR THE FAITH



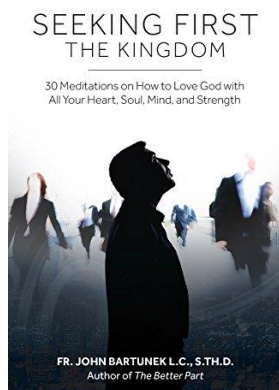
The Vatican's Fides news agency has brought out its annual year-end tally of "missionaries" and pastoral workers killed last year. In the course of the year 2018, forty "missionaries" and pastoral workers were killed around the world, almost double the previous year's toll of 23. Until 2017, the

Americas led the way for eight consecutive years for the highest number of missionaries killed. In 2018, Africa topped the list. Of the 40 killed, 35 were priests, one was a seminarian and four were laypersons. The annual list of Fides does not just include missionaries in the strict sense, "missionaries in mission lands", but comprises all the baptized engaged in the life of the Church dying in a violent way and not strictly "in hatred of the faith". Everywhere priests, religious, and laymen share the same daily life as the common people, bringing them the evangelical witness of love and service for all, as a sign of hope and peace, trying to alleviate the suffering of the weak and raising their voices in defense of their trampled rights, denouncing evil and injustice.

~ by **Robin Gomes**

WHAT IS SCRUPULOSITY? It is a religious form of Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD). Some people may be troubled about past sins, others agonize about problems of obedience and purity, and many worry about sin where there is no sin. Their fear and anxiety prevent them from making decisions lest they be wrong ones. If you or someone you know suffers from scrupulosity, check out ScrupulousAnonymous.org, a Redemptorist ministry with many resources. Our priests are always available to help in matters of conscience.

WORTHWHILE READING:



Seeking First the Kingdom: 30 Meditations on How to Love God with All Your Heart, Soul, Mind, and Strength, by Fr. John Bartunek

Whether you are just starting out on your spiritual journey and long to know Jesus better or you have encountered obstacles along the way that you find discouraging, this is a book for you. Seeking First the Kingdom is full of practical examples and down-to-earth wisdom which will show you how to bring Christ into each facet of your life. In these 30 meditations, you'll learn: how to bring every dimension of your being into your relationship with God, how to handle the emotional roller coaster of everyday life, how to overcome spiritual obstacles and roadblocks, ways to

develop virtue and grow in holiness. Along the way, you'll discover how to cultivate a deep and joy-filled friendship with Christ - an adventure that begins today, here on earth, and continues for all eternity. Father Bartunek provided spiritual support on the set of Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ" while researching the 2005 Catholic best seller, "Inside the Passion," the only authorized, behind-the-scene explanation of the film. Father Bartunek has contributed news commentary regarding religious issues on NBC, CNN, Fox, and the BBC. He also served as the English-language press liaison for the Vatican's 2005 Synod of Bishops on the Eucharist.

~ **Father Peter Sabbath, Pastor**