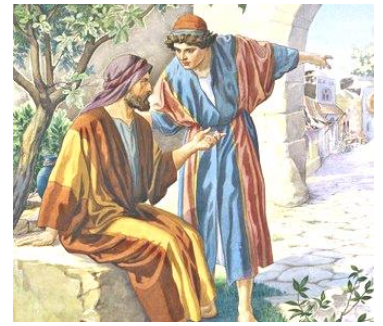


January 17, 2021

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: JANUARY 16 TO JANUARY 24

Saturday	Jan. 16 Guglielmo & Adele Bertoli Joseph Kavumpurathu	Their Children Shaju & Joseph
Sunday	Jan. 17 Our Parishioners	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
11:00 am	Felicia Samugana	Peter & Norma Cook
Monday	Jan. 18 Leyland Gonsalves (L) Albert Shomali	Peter & Marilyn Silas Carole & Kevin Shanahan
Tuesday	Jan. 19 Alf & Chris Kolodnicki Sick of the Parish	The Family
Wednesday	Jan. 20 Albanese Family Maureen Kelly	The Family Becket Council of the Knights of Columbus
Thursday	Jan. 21 Fara Tavares Families in difficulty	Philomena Carvalho
Friday	Jan. 22 Stanley Szuszkowski Souls in Purgatory	Linda & family
Saturday	Jan. 23 Tim Kelly Gordon Mitchell	The Family
Sunday	Jan. 24 Our Parishioners	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
11:00 am	Marie Karrize de la Cruz & family (L)	Karan Cabebe

SANCTUARY LAMP (Week)

January 17: Alf & Chris Kolodnicki, requested by the family.

January 24: Donny Coelho, requested by Juliette Coelho

LORD, GRANT MERCY AND LASTING PEACE to those who died recently, and strength and comfort to those who mourn them: Amanda Voss, daughter of Gunther and Maciejka, sister of Christopher.

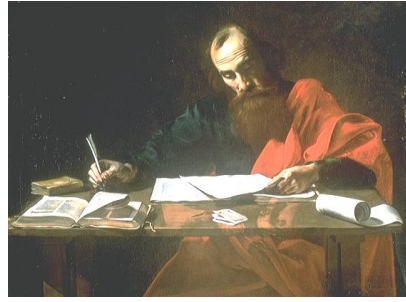
Blessed are those who have died in the Lord; let them rest from their labours for their good deeds go with them. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

PARISH WISH LIST

- 1) A dozen or so matching board room chairs (on wheels) for Cahill Hall, where most of our meetings take place. The collection presently in use of mismatched, broken and soiled chairs are begging for retirement.
- 2) Battery-operated or non-electric carpet sweeper for the sanctuary.

HERE'S A QUESTION:

Q. How many of the epistles in the New Testament were written by Paul?



A. *The New Jerome Biblical Commentary* (1990) is a standard reference for basic biblical research. Its editors remark that theologians have doubted Paul's authorship of the Letter to the Hebrews since the third century. Scholars believe the "genuine" Pauline writings are 1 Thessalonians, Galatians, Romans, Philippians, both letters to the Corinthians, and the Letters to Philemon. These scholars believe 2

Thessalonians, Colossians and Ephesians were the work of one of Paul's disciples. The letters to Timothy and Titus appear to have been written by an anonymous hand. References within the letters suggest that Paul may have written others, which have not survived, and internal evidence suggests that the Letters to the Romans and Philippians may actually have been condensed from more than a single letter. Paul's mentioning other letters encouraged some creative, anonymous editors to invent a series of letters, which they attributed to Paul. The Jerome Commentary discusses the several methods a theologian like Paul would have used to compose his letters. The most direct, of course, was to record his thoughts himself, but another was to dictate the "sense" of the text, and leave its final formulation to a secretary. Paul appears to have done both.

~ **Father Reginald Martin**

BECKET PANTRY NEEDS: canned fruit salmon, beans (e.g. black, pinto, kidney, mixed), canned ham, Prem/Kam/Spam, tomato juice, tomato paste, sugar, juice, Jello/pudding, dish soap, soap, laundry detergent, toilet paper (2 or 3 individual rolls accepted)

DO YOU FEEL ISOLATED AND IN NEED OF SPIRITUAL SUPPORT?

Here are some support services in our region:

SASMAD: Spiritual support service for the elderly or sick at home

Open 7 days a week, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the following number: 1-888-305-0994

Carmelite Sisters: 514 271 6957

Missionary Recluses: 514 648 6801

Priests (from Mary Queen of the World Cathedral)

Hours are from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm (in French) and from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm (in French and English) : 514-866-1661

Le Pèlerin

Spiritual accompaniment service for people in search of meaning 514-737-6262, by email at info@lepelerin.org or using this link

<https://www.lepelerin.org/portail/nos-services/laccompagnement-spirituel/>

PARISH NEWS

In keeping with the new provincial guidelines, the church is closed until at least February 9. Churches have been among the safest places, with little or no transmission of the coronavirus, so this is a disappointing restriction that we pray will be soon lifted. Let us take the opportunity, however, to be even more prudent and careful in contact with others. The Archbishop has extended the suspension of the Sunday Mass obligation. What does that mean? It means that we need not attend Mass---something impossible at the moment in any case---but we should still honour Sunday as a day especially dedicated to God. How? By taking some time to pray and limiting the work we do the rest of the week; by watching our livestreamed Mass at 11:00 or later (www.becket.ca); by reading the Scripture for the day and/or other spiritual reading; by calling an isolated relative or neighbour or perhaps dropping off a meal at the door of someone in need. Faith in action.

GOD SAVE THE FLEAS

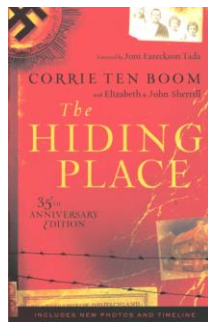
The current situation we are living seems to offer us more opportunities to complain and lament than to be grateful. When we conceive of "gratitude" as a virtue rather than an emotion, we see that it does not depend as much on the circumstances as it does on our imagination, our practices, and our habits. How can we cultivate a gracious imagination in which we practice receiving and extending grace, especially when we do not want what we have been given? For ultimately that is the real test of gratitude, is it not? In Corrie ten Boom's *The Hiding Place*, you may recall the scene when she and her sister thanked God for the fleas. The two sisters were arrested for hiding Jews and confined to Ravensbrück concentration camp. Shortly after arriving, Corrie is pestered by fleas and cries out to her sister, "Betsie, how can we live in such a place?" Ever the saint, Betsie prays the question to God, "Show us how." Corrie recalls, "It was said so matter-of-factly it took me a moment to realize she was praying." Then Betsie excitedly rushes Corrie to re-read their Scripture passage from the morning, 1st Thessalonians 5:18: "Give thanks in all circumstances." Interrupting her, Betsie demands that they start a litany of thanks: "Thank you, Jesus, that we are bunked together and that our Bible was not discovered during inspection." But, when Betsie prays "Thank you for the fleas," Corrie stops her. "This was too much. 'Betsie, there's no way even God can make me grateful for a flea.'" Betsie emphatically insists, reminding her sister: "Give thanks in all circumstances . . . It doesn't say, 'in pleasant circumstances.' Fleas are part of this place where God has put us." After weeks residing at the camp, the sisters go unchecked in leading covert Bible studies. They are astonished that the guards never seem to catch them. In fact, they never enter their bunkhouse. Providentially, Betsie overhears a conversation between guards about the reason they stay away - it was because of the fleas.

This story is a beautiful example of practicing gratitude for what causes suffering or what is experienced as a trial. The sisters do not pray for God to remove the fleas, despite how bad the fleas are. They do not pray that their hardship be mitigated, despite how atrocious the situation. They offer thanksgiving for the difficulties because they trust in God's sovereignty. As the theologian John Baillie wrote, "The perfection of Christian saintliness is that we should be enabled to thank God even for the worst troubles that come to us, including death, realizing that their ultimate purpose is to bring us closer to himself. While the sufferings are not good, God is using them to lead us and others to him."

By Jessica Hooten Wilson

WORTHWHILE READING

The Hiding Place by Corrie ten Boom.



Corrie ten Boom was a woman admired the world over for her courage, her forgiveness, and her memorable faith. In World War II, she and her family risked their lives to help Jews escape the Nazis, and their reward was a trip to Hitler's concentration camps. But she survived and was released-as a result of a clerical error-and now shares the story of how faith triumphs over evil. For thirty-five years Corrie's dramatic life story, full of timeless virtues, has prepared readers to face their own futures with faith, relying on God's love to overcome, heal, and restore. Now releasing in a thirty-fifth anniversary edition for a new generation of readers, *The Hiding Place* tells the riveting story of how a middle-aged Dutch watchmaker became a heroine of the Resistance, a survivor of Hitler's death camps, and one of the most remarkable evangelists of the twentieth century. The movie made of this story is available on DVD.

PARISH INFORMATION

All telephone numbers are in the 514 area code unless otherwise indicated.

PARISH WARDENS

The Fabrique of the parish administers all parish properties and assets, and consists of the Pastor and six wardens elected by parishioners at an Annual General Meeting.

Janet Arts (2021)	620-6643	Siro Di Marco (2020)	620-6788
Peter Cook (2022)	620-2019	Michelle Figueredo (2021)	694-8879
Norman Cousineau (2020)	624-8753	Michael Sciotto (2022)	626-9550

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Altar Guild:	Anna Donald	620-2258
Altar Servers:	Fr. Peter Sabbath	626-4111
Baptism Preparation Team:	Parish Office	626-4111
Children's Liturgy	Parish Office	626-4111
Eucharistic Ministry Coordinator:	Rosemarie Della Rocca	620-1930
Greeters:	Norma Cook	620-2019
Ushers:	Joe Ojeda	941-7914
Lectors:	Tobias Koikaran	693-5514
Liturgy Team:	Rosemarie Della Rocca	620-1930
Weekday Sacristan:	Anna Donald	620-2258
Music Ministry Coordinator:	Lino Viegas	620-0750
Choir Director	Brendan Kelly	944-7220

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Sycamore	Elsa Rivera	626-4111 Ext. 222.
Angels of Mercy	Sarah Sajedi	827-6408
Becket Pantry:	Parish Office	626-4111
Catholic Women's League:	Catherine Lee Jude	463-5991
Couples for Christ:	Francis & Aurora Apgao	630-6586
Healing Ministry	Elsa Rivera	626-4111 Ext. 222
Helping Others:	Parish Office	626-4111
Knights of Columbus:	Joe Ojeda	941-7914
Marriage Course:	John & Nathalie Bondyra	695-7896
Pastoral Home Care:	Ailsa Lee Loy	626-7265
Prayer Group: (Thursday 9:15 a.m.)	Louise Eberwein	825-5198
Prayer Line:	Christine Charron	694-3958
Seniors:	Audrey Cassidy	626-3586
Social Club:	Rina Callard	695-6995

RESOURCES AND SERVICES

A.A.	376-9230
Al-Anon (Families of Alcoholics)	866-9803
Archdiocese, Marriage Tribunal, English Pastoral Services	931-7311
Episcopal Vicar - Fr. Raymond Lafontaine	931-7311
Quebec Life Coalition: Pregnant? Worried?	344-2686
Tel Aide (listening line)	935-1101
Violence S.O.S. Hotline	1-800-363-9010
West Island Women's Shelter	620-4845

Sacrament of Reconciliation: (Confession) before all Masses or by request.

Anointing of the Sick: upon request

Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration: First Friday of the month

Benediction: Fridays after morning Mass

Baptism: Please contact the office.

Marriage: Please contact the office well in advance.

Vocations: Please contact Fr. Peter Sabbath or Fr. Jaison Joseph

R.C.I.A.: Fr. Peter Sabbath