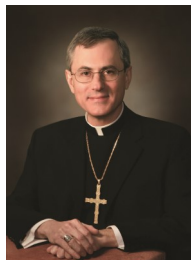




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Gathering a Scattered People

"Today the table of the Word is spread with abundance. Nehemiah and Ezra were pivotal figures in the establishment of Judaism after the return from exile. How do you gather a scattered people?"

The books of Ezra and Nehemiah show us that collaboration is a key factor in the establishment of community. Nehemiah, a layman, had deep faith and the ability to set up a sound administrative system. Ezra, a priest, provided a unity and cohesion by insisting on the primacy and centrality of Torah as the foundation stone of Judaism. Ezra assembled the people in an open space before the Water Gate. He positioned himself on a stage so as to be visible to all. The people comprised all the adults and those young people deemed to have reached the age of reason.

The liturgical action consisted of three very important parts. First, the Word was proclaimed. The people received it on their feet. This implied a readiness to hear and respond. Second, the Word was heard. The people acknowledged the Word by the affirmation, Amen, and a prostration as an act of worship of God. Third the Word was interpreted. A team of Levites helped Ezra to break open the Word for the nourishment of the people.

This sacramental action, proclaiming, hearing and interpretation of scripture, was the means by which Israel was constituted as a people. The day concluded with a call to community partying. The word of God is to be received with joy not sadness. The holiness of the occasion called for the best food and drink in the context of a shared meal.

In the establishment of the Christian covenant the same pattern of the liturgical reception of the word, followed by the "breaking of the bread" became the constitutional element of the Body of Christ. Against this background Luke presents his Good News. He aims to provide a narrative of the "things accomplished amongst us." His authorization comes from eye-witnesses and the role of interpretation by the apostolic tradition. The second passage is an introduction to the ministry of Jesus. Jesus returns from his exile in the desert to begin the proclamation of the Kingdom and thus gather up the scattered people of God. The scattered are the poor, people alienated by interpretations of the word of God which have destroyed joy and provided the bread of sorrow rather than holy feasting.

In this passage the pattern of the work of Jesus is established. In the desert he repudiated various false images of the Messiah. Now, in the power of the Spirit he stands to proclaim the word. The people listen attentively, then Jesus provides a new interpretation. "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." Following the pattern established in the ancient community, Jesus will provide apostles, teachers and prophets to contribute to and carry on the work of proclamation and interpretation.

The first reading points to the value of shared gifts through collaboration in ministry, Paul re-emphasizes this through the image of the body of Christ. This powerful picture of a unique being, created through the image of the harmonious interplay of various parts, is the pattern of our community life as Christians. Unity is not achieved by uniformity but by the contribution of the parts. The health of the whole depends on the strength of each part to function according to its gift. Collaboration is the key to the mission of Christ."

*Excerpt from Resources for the Sunday Readings; the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart;
<https://www.sosj.org.au/resources/sunday-readings-year-c/>*

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Bible Study: The Gospel of St Luke

Throughout 2019 we will listen to the Gospel of St. Luke during most of our Sunday Masses. Would you like to learn more about the Gospel of Luke? Many people are hungry for the Good News about Jesus and it is our duty to share it with them. As we learn more about the gospels we are better able to lead others to a meeting with Jesus. Our scripture study will begin on Thursday evening February 28th: 6:30 pm until 8:00 pm and run weekly until April 11th (seven Thursday evenings in a row).

Proposed Format for Each Session

- Lectio Divina on a passage of Luke's Gospel
- Introduction to the topic for the evening session
- Audio-Visual presentation by Sr. Barbara Reid, OP
- Reflections, Questions and Discussion

Please sign up for the course: online at our parish website or by calling our parish office.



The Young Adults for Christ at St. Peter's Cathedral (ages 18-39) are hosting their annual skating social on Saturday February 9, 2019. Join us at the Victoria Park ice rink at 7:00pm followed by hot drinks, pizza, and games in the Parish Centre at 9:00pm. Skates can be rented and sharpened at the rink. Please RSVP via the event in our Facebook group: www.facebook.com/groups/ya4cstpeters/ or email ya4cstpeters@gmail.com.

Cathedral Choirs Open Choir Rehearsal

Room 104 - Parish Centre

Come join the Cathedral choirs for an open rehearsal. Drop in to listen, socialize, and sing! Beverages and goodies provided. Come see what choir is all about and consider joining. Contemporary Choir: January 30 @ 7pm; Children's Choir: January 31 @ 6pm; Cathedral Singers: January 31 @ 7pm.



St. Mary Catholic School Choir & Orchestra Program is still accepting applications for entrance to Gr. 5 for 2019/2020. Brochures with application forms available in all LDCSB elementary schools. Please contact your Principal for further details of the application and audition process or call St. Mary School at (519) 675-4423. Applications are due back to St. Mary School by January 31, 2019. Application to the program is open to all Gr. 4 students. All applicants must meet the admission requirements of the LDCSB.



St. Mary's Family Theater Movie Series -

Saturday, February 2nd at 6:30 pm, we present our next quality family film "UP", the Academy Award winner for Best Animated Feature & Original Score. \$5 Hotdog or Pizza Dinner, tickets available at 519-434-9121. St. Mary's Parish Hall, 345 Lyle Street, London. In keeping with Venerable Patrick Peyton's mission to strengthen family life where even Hollywood Stars prayed the Rosary together!



CATHEDRAL CAFÉ

"Coffee & Goodies" will be served in the Narthex after each Mass next weekend on February 2nd & 3rd. Please stop by and say "Hi!"



Night with the Knights

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February 8th

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Lift Jesus Higher Rally

Be inspired, encouraged and healed at the largest single day Catholic event in Canada, the 27th annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally! This year's theme is "Hope in the Midst of Suffering." Takes place Saturday, March 2 from 9am to 5:30pm at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Toronto. There will be inspired talks by Ralph Martin, Sr. Ann Shields, and guest speaker Fr. Mark Goring; there will be an adult high Mass (with Sunday readings) celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins; there will be a separate youth event (13-18 years) with great music, dynamic talks and inspirational skits; there will be a youth Mass (with Sunday readings) celebrated by Fr. Mark Goring. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$15 for youth. For additional information, please visit www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca, call 647-243-9441, or email contact@lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca.

Encounter as Bridging and Crossing, with Sr.

Teresa Maya, CCVI, member for the Congregation of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, San Antonio since 1994. Ministry has been in education. Co-sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada. The Culture of Encounter is a multi-dimensional call. We are challenged to build bridges across all that divides humanity, but we are also encouraged to cross the bridges others have built. What are the competencies today's Christians need to embrace in order to build and cross bridges? February 7 at 7:30pm, Darryl J. King Student Life Centre, King's College. For more information kings.uwo.ca/veritas

Thank you to all from St. Peter's who attended the Ecumenical Worship Service on Wednesday. We were warmly welcomed to St. Paul's Cathedral by Bishop Linda Nicholls and Dean Paul Millward. Bishop Fabbro and Bishop Nicholls joined together in sending us off to reflect on the call to promote justice and the dignity of life. The introductory words of the service set the stage: "As Christians from separated communities, we gather here to pray for unity. This year, the theme of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity chosen by the churches in Indonesia is "Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue." This theme is imperative due to the recurring situations that bring divisions and conflicts. As we pray together, we are reminded that our calling as members of the body of Christ is to pursue and embody justice. Our unity in Christ empowers us to take part in the wider struggle for justice and to promote the dignity of life." In a talk last year, Pope Francis invited us to consider the call to unity not just during this special week of prayer... "Christian unity is an essential requirement of our faith, a requirement that springs from the intimacy of our being as believers in Jesus Christ....We wish to live unity, because we wish to follow Christ, to live His love, to benefit from the mystery of His being one with the Father, which is the essence of divine love. ... According to Jesus' priestly prayer, what we yearn for is unity in the love of the Father, which comes to us as a gift in Jesus Christ, love that also informs thought and doctrines." He emphasized that agreement on how we understand the Gospel is not enough, because there must be union in Christ. "It is our personal and community conversion, our gradual conformation to Him, our living increasingly in Him, that enables us to grow in communion between us."

Some have commented on last week's announcement concerning the necessity to close some of our cathedral doors. I appreciate those who took the time to write. One comment summed it up... "...the Cathedral is still open to the city."

It seems a long time since Christmas and New Year's Day but not too long ago to still reflect on the season and the year ahead. Thinking back, were there personal and family events that became important? Did I find a new strength and support in relationships and in my prayer? In what ways did I experience God's presence? What am I looking for in a new year? How will all I have been given in talent and time be used in 2019? Has my energy been renewed or restored? As we reflect and answer may we do it in hope.

Something to think about.....

Poem: "New Year's Day" by D. Simone

May Light always surround you;
 Hope kindle and rebound you.
 May your Hurts turn to Healing;
 Your Heart embrace Feeling.
 May Wounds become Wisdom;
 Every Kindness a Prism.
 May Laughter infect you;
 Your Passion resurrect you.
 May Goodness inspire
 your Deepest Desires.
 Through all that you Reach For,
 May your arms Never Tire.

Fr. Jim Moeller

CELEBRATION OF WEEKDAY LITURGY

Monday, January 28 - 12:05pm

(St. Thomas Aquinas)

Valerie Pumputis; Intentions of Brian Hooker;
 Patricia & Joe Colangelo

Tuesday, January 29 - 7:30am

Deceased Members of the Gleason Family;
 Peter Harding; Sr. Jane Marie Stocks

Wednesday, January 30 - 12:05pm

Fr. Stephen Bodnar; Valerie Pumputis;
 Intentions of Patricia McQuillan

Thursday, January 31 - 7:30am

(St. John Bosco)

Socorro Herrera; Nino Herrera Abelardo;
 Sr. Stephanie Rettinger

Friday February 1 - 12:05pm

Doroteo Romero; Eve Penaranda; Valerie Pumputis

We remember in prayer all those who are sick, including Andrew Haddad, and all those who have died, and comfort for those who mourn.

We pray for those serving in pastoral ministry throughout our diocese:

Ursuline Religious of the Chatham Union;
 Rev. Sebastin Pakiyanathan, C.R.;
 Mrs. Kathryn Heemskerk, Pastoral Minister;
 Rev. Franklin Mizzi, C.S.B.; Rev. Henry Cassano;
 Rev. Christopher Bourdeau; Rev. Tom Ashton

READINGS - SUNDAY FEBRUARY 3, 2019

First Reading - Jeremiah 1.4-5, 17-19

I appointed you a Prophet to the nations.

Psalm - Ps. 71.1-2, 3, 5-6, 15+17 (R. 15)

R. My mouth will tell O Lord, of your deed of salvation.

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 12.31-13.13

Faith, hope, and love abide; the greatest of these is love.

Gospel - Luke 4.21-30

Like Elijah and Elisha, Jesus was not sent only to the Jewish people.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR - JANUARY 20, 2019

Total Offertory	\$ 7,612.45
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Next Sunday we will celebrate World Day for Consecrated Life. The Church is invited to remember with gratitude the women and men who have dedicated their lives in service to the mission of Jesus. We also want to pray that others will hear the call to consecrated life and respond generously.

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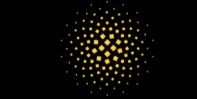
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