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127 Hamilton Rd. (at William) www.dannyswineandbeer.com This past week the daily Gospel readings have shown the Pharisee speaking up and confronting Jesus, usually pointing out that his disciples were breaking the law like doing something on the Sabbath that wasn't allowed. All they could see was that the Sabbath law was being broken. They never noticed that Jesus was travelling with his disciples serving people. They couldn't see the compassion for people's needs. They always kept pointing this out to others. As we travel through our day what do we point out - to ourselves, to God, to others? Many of us often begin a conversation with "Look at that!" What are we really pointing at? Is our vision dominated by a narrow, selfrighteous perspective at times? Do we always think we have a handle on a situation that we've just walked in on? Do we stop ever to ask ourselves "what is happening here beyond what I catch at first sight?" Am I willing to let God show me something different from what immediately meets my eye?

This weekend Pope Francis has invited us to focus on the Word of God - praying with Scripture. When reading the Scriptures it is important to always ask ourselves four important questions:

- 1. What does it say? We need to determine as closely as possible the meaning of the text. What are the words really implying?
- 2. What does what I'm reading mean? This is determined not simply from the words but also from the context in which the words exist.
- 3. What does it mean to me? How does what I'm reading apply to my life, the life of the Church and parish?
- 4. Having read and prayed with Scripture what am I going to do about it? What difference will what I have just read mean for my life? Do I have a desire to respond to God's word?

Something to think about as we move into a new year .... "It is the Glad Season.

Hope is born again in the faces of children. It rides on the shoulders of our aged as they walk into their sunsets.

Hope spreads around the earth. Brightening all things, Even hate which crouches breeding in dark corners.

In our joy, we think we hear a whisper. At first it is too soft. Then only half heard.

We listen carefully as it gathers strength. We hear a sweetness.

The word is Peace.

It is loud now. Louder than the explosion of bombs."

(Amazing Peace, Maya Angelou)

Fr. Jam Mockler

#### **CELEBRATION OF WEEKDAY LITURGY**

Monday, January 27 - 12:05pm Bishop John Michael Sherlock; Concordia Selino & Imelda Mateo; Ints. Melissa Cho

**Tuesday, January 28 - 7:30am**Nellie Morris; Clairissa Glanville; Ints. Ardila Family

Wednesday, January 29 - 12:05pm Mile Matijevic; Ints. Charmaine Konecny; In Thanksgiving

**Thursday, January 30 - 7:30am**Fr. Stephen Bodnar; Purita Sumabat; Abelardo & Socorro Herera

Friday, January 31 - 12:05pm—St. John Bosco Alfonso & Cristina Villamor; Steve Dittrich; Ints. Fran Dittrich & Souls in Purgatory

We remember in prayer all those who are sick, including Shari Houghton. We also pray for those who have died, including Stephanie Taylor, and comfort for those who mourn.

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

Rev. Michael Dwyer; Ursuline Religious of the Chatham Union; Rev. Sebastin Pakiyanathan, C.R.; Mrs. Kathryn Heemsherk, Pastoral Minister; Rev. Franklin Mizzi, C.S.B., Rev. Martin Tschibimku Kabanga

#### READINGS - SUNDAY FEBRUARY 2, 2020 First Reading - Malachi 3.1-4

The Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple.

Psalm - Ps 24.7, 8, 9,10 (R.10)

R. The Lord of hosts, he is king of glory!

Second Reading - Hebrews 2.10-11, 13b-18++

Jesus had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect.

**Gospel - Luke 2.22-40** 

My eyes have seen your salvation.

#### Retrouvaille

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### THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 26, 2020

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Most Rev. Ronald Peter Fabbro C.S.B. Bishop of London

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#### Sunday of the Word of God

"The relationship between the Risen Lord, the community of believers and sacred Scripture is essential to our identity as Christians. Without the Lord who opens our minds to them, it is impossible to understand the Scriptures in depth. Yet the contrary is equally true: without the Scriptures, the events of the mission of Jesus and of his Church in this world would remain incomprehensible. Hence, Saint Jerome could rightly claim: "Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ"

At the conclusion of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, I proposed setting aside "a Sunday given over entirely to the word of God, so as to appreciate the inexhaustible riches contained in that constant dialogue between the Lord and his people" (Misericordia et Misera, 7). Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world.

Consequently, I hereby declare that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God. This Sunday of the Word of God will thus be a fitting part of that time of the year when we are encouraged to strengthen our bonds with the Jewish people and to pray for Christian unity. This is more than a temporal coincidence: the celebration of the Sunday of the Word of God has ecumenical value, since the Scriptures point out, for those who listen, the path to authentic and firm unity.

Regular reading of sacred Scripture and the celebration of the Eucharist make it possible for us to see ourselves as part of one another. As Christians, we are a single people, making our pilgrim way through history, sustained by the Lord, present in our midst, who speaks to us and nourishes us. A day devoted to the Bible should not be seen as a yearly event but rather a year-long event, for we urgently need to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures and of the risen Lord, who continues to speak his word and to break bread in the community of believers. For this reason, we need to develop a closer relationship with sacred Scripture; otherwise, our hearts will remain cold and our eyes shut, struck as we are by so many forms of blindness.

Sacred Scripture and the sacraments are thus inseparable. When the sacraments are introduced and illumined by God's word, they become ever more clearly the goal of a process whereby Christ opens our minds and hearts to acknowledge his saving work. We should always keep in mind the teaching found in the Book of Revelation: the Lord is standing at the door and knocking. If anyone should hear his voice and open for him, he will come in and eat with them (cf. 3:20). Christ Jesus is knocking at our door in the words of sacred Scripture. If we hear his voice and open the doors of our minds and hearts, then he will enter our lives and remain ever with us.

It is fitting, then that the life of our people be constantly marked by this decisive relationship with the living word that the Lord never tires of speaking to his Bride, that she may grow in love and faithful witness."

Excerpt from the Apostolic Letter "Aperuit Illis", Instituting the Sunday of the Word of God, Pope Francis, Sept. 30, 2019http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/motu\_proprio/documents/papa-francesco-motu-proprio-20190930\_aperuit-illis.html

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#### Government of Canada Online Survey Medically Assisted Suicide

Recently, the Government of Canada announced an online survey of Canadians' views on medically-assisted suicide. The two-week period of consultation ends Monday, Jan. 27. The survey is predicated on the assumption that respondents support euthanasia legislation. Even so, the survey does have text boxes that afford the opportunity to let the government know that you are against medically assisted death. The survey is available at <a href="https://justice.survey-sondage.ca/f/s.aspx?s=6E6210A5">https://justice.survey-sondage.ca/f/s.aspx?s=6E6210A5</a> -E100-4201-A55D-CFB52ADA1COC

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#### Bible Study of St. Matthew Continued

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