

January 17, 2016



ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
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TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS

DATE	TIME	MASS FOR
Saturday, January 16 th	4:00 p.m.	Joan & Dave Hinschberger
Sunday, January 17 th	10:00 a.m.	Barbara McCarthy
Monday, January 18 th	9:00 a.m.	+Nelson Puetz
Tuesday, January 19 th	9:00 a.m.	Bernadette Downing
Wednesday, January 20 th	9:00 a.m.	Thomas & Amy Lang
Thursday, January 21 st	9:00 a.m.	Bernard, Darlene Lang & Children
Friday, January 22 nd	9:00 a.m.	Fr. Anthony
Saturday, January 23 rd	8:30 a.m.	Kathy O'Donnell
Saturday, January 23 rd	4:00 p.m.	+Lois Hughson
Sunday, January 24 th	10:00 a.m.	Diane & Ted Conway
Monday, January 25 th	9:00 a.m.	+Ross Roadknight
Tuesday, January 26 th	9:00 a.m.	Maria Wolsct & Family
Wednesday, January 27 th	9:00 a.m.	+Nelson Puetz
Thursday, January 28 th	9:00 a.m.	Lina, Kevin & Family
Friday, January 29 th	9:00 a.m.	+Mary & Peter Ryan
Saturday, January 30 th	8:30 a.m.	+Nelson Puetz

Masses offered for the deceased (+)

Rosary: 20 minutes prior to weekday and Saturday morning Masses

Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30 p.m. – 3:50 p.m. Sunday 9:30 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Daily from 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Bible Study: Every Wednesday 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Prayer Group Meeting: Every Tuesday 9:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

NOTE: Winter Weekend Mass Hours Beginning November 7th

Saturday Evenings 4:00 p.m. Sunday Mornings 10:00 a.m.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please Pray For: Angela Gonsalves, Maria Sousa, Maria Dias, Antonia Pickarz, Ethan-Nicholas Galdick, Pamela Murray, Mary Dunham, Ivor (Buster) Johnston, Aaron David Martin, Kathleen Scott, Rod Kerr

Kindly let us know when the sick are blessed with healing.

Parish Council Kathy O'Donnell 705-484-5742	Finance Committee Herb Phillipps 705-484-0547	Fundraising Committee Mary Jane Whalen 705-484-0063
Liturgy Committee Choir: Joan Dunbar 705-484-5287 Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors Diane Conway 705-484-5925	Cemetery Board Ruth Windatt 705-426-7117	Foley Catholic School 705-484-5940 Pat Shannon Principal
Catholic Women's League Donna Page 705-484-0057	Maintenance Committee Dave McCarthy 705-426-7868	

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WINNER: The winner of our C.W.L. membership early bird draw is Madeline Windatt. Congratulations Madeline!

C.W.L. MEMBERSHIPS: Please submit your membership fee as soon as possible.

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PAINT NITE FUNDRAISER: Saturday, February 13th from 7p.m. to 10p.m.

Come out to the Brechin Legion for some painting enjoyment! Learn to paint with the help of our instructor, Amanda Burke and let your creative juices flow. **No experience necessary!**

Cost: \$45 plus HST

Tickets MUST be purchased in advance by February 1st and seats are limited, (no tickets will be sold at the door). Sign up now at <https://paintnite.com/events/932398.html> to buy your ticket or contact: Mary Jane Whalen @ (705) 484-0063

Should you have any upcoming events you would like to have published in the bulletin, please contact Cathy White 705-484-0058

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Date	Offertory Envelopes	Offertory PAG	Restoration Regular	Restoration PAG
December 6 th	\$1,135.00		\$ 830.00	
December 13 th	\$1,465.00		\$ 530.00	
December 20 th	\$ 930.00		\$5,985.00	
December 21 st		\$847.00		\$130.00
December 25 th	\$1,750.00			
December 27 th	\$1,145.00		\$11,170.00	

THANK YOU to all parishioners for your generous contributions!

THE SCRIPTURES AND TRADITION The Second Vatican Council describes sacred Tradition and Sacred Scripture as being “like a mirror in which the pilgrim Church on earth looks at God” (Rev.,7). God’s word of revelation comes to us through words spoken and written by human beings. Sacred Scripture is the Word of God “in as much as it is consigned to writing under the inspiration of the divine Spirit” (Rev.,9). Sacred Tradition is the handing on of God’s Word by successors of the apostles. Together, Tradition and Scripture “form one sacred deposit of the Word of God, which is committed to the Church” (Rev.,10).

THE BIBLE: ITS BOOKS AND ITS MESSAGE

Sacred Scriptures, the bible, is a collection of books. According to the canon of Scripture, the bible contains 73 books. The 46 books of the Old Testament were written approximately between the years 900 B.C. and 160 B.C.-that is, before the coming of Christ. The 27 books of the New Testament were written approximately between the years A.D. 50 and A.D. 140. The Old Testament books are a record of the experience the Israelite people had of Yahweh, “the God of their fathers”. As a whole, these books reveal Israel’s insight into the personal reality of one God, Yahweh, who acts in human history guiding it with plan and purpose. Yahweh, the God of the Old Testament, is the same God whom Jesus, a Jew, called Father.

The New Testament books, written originally in Greek, are made up of Gospels (proclamation of the Good News) and Epistles (letters). First, in the order in which they appear in the Bible, are the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. The first three Gospels are called synoptic, because the manner in which the stories are told seem identical. The Book called Acts of the Apostles, which follows the Gospel of Saint John, is a sequel to the Gospel of Luke, written by St. Luke. Acts continues the narrative of his Gospel. The Gospel of John (also called the Fourth Gospel) fills out the view of Jesus found in the three synoptic Gospels.

Next in sequence come the Epistles of St. Paul – the earliest New Testament documents – which were written in each case to meet the particular needs of various local Christian communities. After Paul’s Epistles come the Catholic Epistles. These letters are called catholic, or universal, because they were not written to deal with particular needs of local Churches but with matters important to all Christian communities. The final book of the New Testament is the Book of Revelation, a message of hope for persecuted Christians, promising Christ’s ultimate triumph in history.

SPIRITUAL WISDOM

The basic theme of the New Testament is Jesus Christ. Each book reveals a different side of His mystery. The four Gospels record the words and deeds of Jesus as they were remembered and handed down in the early generations of the Church. They tell the story of His Passion and death, and what that death means in the light of His Resurrection. In a sense, the Gospels began with the Resurrection; Jesus’ teachings and the events in His life made sense to the early Christians only after His Resurrection. The Gospels reflect the shared faith of the first Christians in Jesus who is risen and now dwells among us. The New Testament tells not who Jesus was, but who He is. More than mere historical documents, these writings have the power to change our lives. In the New Testament “mirror” we can find Jesus Christ. If we accept what we see in that mirror, the meaning Christ has for us in our life situation, we can also find ourselves.

Truly in Christ,

Fr. Anthony Gonzalez