3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 22, 2017

This week’s readings are all about evangelization. In the midst of being people who come to church week after week, who are busy like everyone else, who do not face deep threat or persecution for believing, it is easy to take the gift of faith for granted. Furthermore, when people are often interested or hostile to hearing about God, it can be easy to ignore our call to be, like Simon Peter and Andrew, “fishers of people.” Someone gave you the gift of faith. They introduced you to Jesus, prayed with you, invited or brought you to church, shared faith and life and struggled with you, forgave you and asked to be forgiven. Take time this week to thank the people in your life who have shared faith with you. Reflect on how you are being called to share that gift of faith with others. Whose life could be blessed by your honest sharing about what God has done for you?

Dear Parishioners: there’s no denying our forecasted “heavy winter” seems to have missed most of the month of January! (It was fun staring at a pile of snow on a Maplewoods resident’s patio this past Thursday.) I should call up Fr. Francis & ask him to raffle off his Huron County winter tires as a fundraiser! Let’s hope we get a real winter soon. We’ve been blessed by the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity each day, sharing a meal, our thoughts & prayers with 20 members of various local Churches. If you cannot participate at today’s (Sunday) 3 pm Prayer Service at St. Boniface, please consider attending one this Wednesday at 7 pm at Trivitt Memorial Anglican in Exeter: they have a new transitional Deacon (Steve Greene) who has just arrived on the scene, and is charging out of the gate with WoPfCU! (I sense a real kindred spirit in him.) The Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul on the 25th has traditionally been the final day in the WoPfCU. How Things Work Dept.: out of the blue this week, a diocesan-wide email arrived, encouraging each parish to celebrate World Marriage Day (which I later found to be sponsored by the folks at Worldwide Marriage Encounter (www.wwme.org)) on the second Sunday of February. It’s been so long since I’ve been involved with Engaged Encounter & Marriage Encounter that I forgot these groups existed! In Pope Francis’ Apostolic Exhortation Amoris Laetitia, the Holy Father encouraged the Church to use everything we’ve got to encourage & support family life, including St. Valentine’s Day! For all the smarmy-ness of Valentine’s Day, the Pope makes a valid point that it is strange that the world trumpets love better than the Body of Christ each February. (Now I’m not promising a lounge singer or anything at the Masses that weekend, but we’ll see what we can do to celebrate the call to – and the great love we witness in – Christian Marriage.) Anyone celebrating a significant wedding anniversary is encouraged to contact the Office: it’d be nice to have a renewal of vows & blessing for married couples. It’s great to see the St. Brother André 100th Anniversary calendar of events taking shape! (Fr. Charrette just wrote me about his own father’s healing at the words of this great Saint – very moving stuff!) Jesus begins his ministry at the margins (and we forget how very much the French Settlement was on the margins!) of society: are we willing to go there, to the people there, or will we stick with the tried-and-true? Lord, help your Church to put out into the Deep! Fr. Matt

Prayer List

Please remember in your prayers the members of our parish family suffering from illness, Joyce Waller, Roxanne Rau, Louise Merner, Rees Thomson, Joyce Cole, Steve Brock, Fr. Martin Nyland, Patrick Mihm, Shirley Bedard, Barbara Rau, Ed Smith, Madeline Denomme and Ken Mittelholtz.
Adult Faith Development
Beginning in Lent Fr. Matt would like to get a catechetical series going and needs your help. If you are interested in helping, keep watching our website for more info, and/or contact the church office.

Advertising on our Church Bulletin
If anyone is interested or knows someone interested in placing an ad for the year on the back of our church bulletin please contact the church office as soon as possible. First come, first serve.

St. Boniface Knights of Columbus
Card Party - Tuesday, January 24 at 7:00 pm at St. Boniface Church.
Ladies Night - Thursday, January 26 beginning at 6:30 pm in St. Boniface Parish Hall. Hot meal, door prizes and entertainment. All members, spouses & widows are invited. Please call Steve Harburn at 519-236-7160 to let him know how many will be attending.

CMOB
The next CMOB meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 24 at 7:00 pm in St. Peter’s Church Sacristy.

Finance Meeting
Our next Finance meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 25 following the 7 pm Mass at St. Boniface Church.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at The Chapel at Windermere on the Mount
This year, we rejoice in the opportunity to pray with the Christians of Germany. They have chosen as their theme “Reconciliation – The Love of Christ Compels Us,” inspired by 2 Corinthians 5:14-20. They invite Christians around the world to celebrate God’s reconciling grace, call us to recognize the pain of the deep divisions which afflict the Church, and urge us to become ambassadors of Christ’s message of reconciliation. In this year when we commemorate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, the healing of the Church is of utmost importance. King’s University College will be hosting this gathering of prayer at The Chapel at Windermere on The Mount (1486 Richmond Street) on Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at 7:30. Their choir will lead the assembly in song and they have invited the ministerial team from North Park Community Church to break-open the Word of God. Refreshments will follow in the Parish Hall.

Ultreya
The January ultreya in Goderich this month is on Sunday, January 22 at 7:30 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall on 390 Parson’s Court. For further info call Eileen at 519-524-9400 or Marie at 519-395-5261.

Upcoming Vocations Event - Finding God In All Things: Tools for Discernment
Fr. W. Mbugua, SJ, of the Jesuits of Canada will be offering a day for those in any kind of vocational discernment on Saturday, February 4 from 10 am to 2 pm, at the Vitali Lounge at King’s University College. Lunch will be provided and there is no fee to attend. To RSVP contact campusministry@kings.uwo.ca or 519-963-1477. This event is sponsored by Vocations London and King’s University College.

2017 Lift Jesus Higher Rally
Be inspired, encouraged and healed: Come Celebrate the 25th Annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally, on Saturday, March 4 from 9 am - 5:30 pm at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre (255 Front St. W.). Including Sr. Ann Shields, Peter Herbeck and guest speaker Bishop Scott McCaig. High Mass (with Sunday readings) will be celebrated by Cardinal Thomas Collins. There is also a separate youth event (13-18 years) with great music, dynamic talks and inspirational skits. Tickets ($25 for adults, $15 for youth) can be purchased online at http://www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca

A Seniors Luncheon with Elva Hurst
On March 17 from 12 - 3 pm the Kingsfield-Zurich Mennonite Church is hosting a Seniors Luncheon with Elva Hurst. Elva is a professional artist and author from Lancaster, PA. Growing up in a large old order Mennonite family, she spent most of her time on the farm. After graduating 8th grade from her one-room school, she discovered the lost performance art of chalk talk. She now owns and operates the Barnyard Art Studio & Gallery on her 40 acre farm in Lancaster, while traveling abroad to share her stories of faith and freedom through chalk talk. Lunch will be provided. Freewill Donations will be accepted. RSVP by March 3 to Mary Lou @ 519-236-4779 or mamalouerb@gmail.com.

London Area Catholic Cursillo Weekends
Men’s: February 23-26, 2017
Women’s: March 2-5, 2017
Cost is $200 per person (includes meals and accommodations). No one is every turned away due to lack of funds. For more information visit https://sites.google.com/site/cursillolondon2/home or contact Pre-Cursillo Coordinators: Veronica & Gerald Kolkman at 519-347-2689 or email: gvkolkman@xplornet.ca.

Daily TV Mass Available Online
The National Catholic Broadcasting Council has made Daily TV Mass available online at www.dailytvmass.com for those who cannot get to Mass. The new website has a number of features including the ability to send a prayer request which will be included in their Prayer Intentions Book; light a virtual candle; as well as view any of the past 14 National Catholic Missions.
Events at a glance....

- **Christian Unity Service** - Sunday, January 22 at 3:00 pm at St. Boniface Church
- **CMOB** - Tuesday, January 24 at 7:00 pm in St. Peter’s Sacristy
- **K of C Card Party** - Tuesday, January 24 at 7:00 pm at St. Boniface Church
- **Finance Meeting** - Wednesday, January 25 at St. Boniface following the 7 pm Mass
- **K of C Ladies Night** - Thursday, January 26 at St. Boniface Church at 7 pm
- **CMOB** - Tuesday, January 31 at 7:00 pm in St. Peter’s Sacristy
- **First Friday School Mass & 12 Hour Adoration** - February 3 at St. Boniface Church

**SHOW YOUR LOVE FOR YOUR PARISH BY REMEMBERING TO INCLUDE YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL.**
Weekend Masses
Sat  5:00 pm  St. Peter (mid April to mid October)
      St. Boniface (mid October to mid April)
Sun  9:00 am  St. Boniface
     11:00 am  St. Peter

Pastoral Staff:
Pastor:  Fr. Matthew George
Secretary:  Lori LaPorte
Office Hours:  Tuesday - Thursday
              8:30 am – 4:30 pm
              Friday - 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

MISSION STATEMENT
And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:18-20 (NRSV, Catholic edition)

Parish Organizations
Parish Advisory Council: A combined council meets every month to discuss and plan pastoral initiatives and practical functioning of the parish. If you have suggestions please consider contacting one of the members.
Youth Ministry: Youth from grades 5 to 8 gather regularly for fun, faith and friendship. See the website for information.
Children’s Liturgy of the Word: Every Sunday at the 9:00 am mass.
Catholic Cemeteries: We have the privilege of having cemeteries associated with St Peter and St. Boniface Churches. Information can be found on the website.
Other Organizations: Catholic Women’s Leagues, Knights of Columbus and others.

Baptism
Please contact the office as you await the birth of your child or while you are awaiting adoption.
Reconciliation
God sent His Son so that we might be saved! Experience God’s healing through the sacrament of reconciliation after the 12:00 pm Mass and Devotions on Tuesdays at St. Peter’s or before Mass on Saturday mornings from 8:00 - 8:45 am at St. Boniface or by appointment.
Marriages
The sacrament of marriage is a beautiful expression of God’s love for the world! Minimum six months notice is required during which time the engaged couple must attend a Marriage Preparation Course.
Sacrament of the Sick
If you know of a person who is in hospital, or who is homebound because of illness and is desiring the sacrament of the sick, contact the office to make arrangements.
Bluewater Nursing Home
A weekly mass is offered on Thursdays at 3:30 pm in the chapel. All are welcome.
Devotions
St. Joseph and Saint André - Tuesday after the 12:00 pm mass - St. Peter’s.
Our Mother of Perpetual Help - Wednesday after the 7:00 pm mass - St. Boniface.
Every first Friday at St. Boniface Church there is exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm—come be transformed by the healing power of Jesus.