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**WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?**

Our readings today focus on the vital attributes of being a disciple of Christ.

The Gospel of John portrays these attributes as he bears witness to Jesus' first disciples. Upon seeing Jesus, John proclaims, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The lamb is a reference to the Jewish sacrificial offering at Passover and reveals Jesus as Savior. Once the two that were with John heard this, they immediately followed Jesus. Jesus turned to them and asked, "What are you looking for?" They responded with, "Rabbi, where are you staying?"

Imagine Jesus asking you, "What are you looking for?" We might respond with answers like a better job, more kids, retirement, or any number of things that we think will make our lives better. The things we seek may be righteous, but as disciples of Christ, we should first and foremost seek the Kingdom of God. If we strive to respond to Jesus' question in the same way the first disciples responded, essentially by asking, "Where are you, Lord?" then we will not be disappointed with the outcome.

Our story of Jesus' first disciples concludes with Andrew intentionally sharing the Good News of Christ to his brother Simon Peter. Andrew had the gift of meeting the Lord and did not hoard it to himself. Instead, he sought his brother and proclaimed what he had experienced, which serves as a reminder for us. Our calling is to be missionary disciples — to seek the Lord and share what we have found. Our faith is a gift! We should strive to share this gift with others.

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**Sunday Masses in Lockdown**  
Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm  
Sunday 9: 00 am.10:00 am. 11:00 am

**Weekday Masses**  
See Schedule on the inside of the bulletin

**In Office Hours**  
Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

**Administrative Assistant**  
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**Reconciliation/Confessions**  
By Appointment Only in COVID-19

**Requesting Sacraments**  
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**January 17, 2021**  
**Year B**  
**The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

# January 17, 2021

## The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

### MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

Mon	Jan 18	9:00 am +For the repose of the souls of John & Regina Newman 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm Development & Peace Diocesan Council Zoom Meeting	by the Newman Family Father Christopher
Tues	Jan 19	9:00 am +For the repose of the soul of Nora Franko	by Paula Weber
Wed	Jan 20	9:00 am Intention Available 10:30 am Gethsemane Centre Mass	Father Christopher
Thurs	Jan 21	<b>St. Agnes</b> 9:00 am Intention Available	
Fri	Jan 22	9:00 am Intention Available 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Hamilton Rehabilitation Centre Zoom Meeting	Father Christopher
Sat	Jan 23	8:40 am - 10:00 am That Man Is You Zoom Gathering	Father Christopher
Sat	Jan 23	<b>The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 5:00 pm Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	
Sun	Jan 24	9:00 am +For the repose of the souls of John & Regina Newman 10:00 am +For the repose of the soul of Francesca Pennetta 11:00 am Intentions Available	by the Newman Family by Norrie Franko

#### ONLINE EUCHARIST

##### Cathedral of St. Catharine of Alexandria

Sunday Mass live stream at 11:30 am.

Visit the diocesan website for viewing:

[www.saintcd.com](http://www.saintcd.com) or on YouTube

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**Sat - 8:00 am & 9:30 am**

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**Mon - Sat - 6:30 am, 11:00 am,**

**3:00 pm, 10:30 pm**

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#### .INCOME TAX RECEIPTS FOR 2020

Are now available for pickup in the front foyer. Please call the office so that a time can be arranged for pickup as we keep to the safety protocols.

#### PASTORAL HOME VISITS

Many remain uncomfortable with going to Vigil Mass Saturday and Sunday Mass. Again, we invite you to attend weekday Masses as the numbers attending are very low. If you cannot come and still desire a pastoral visit I'm more than available to bring you Holy Communion, Anointing and Sacramental Confession.

Throughout this pandemic I've also shared the Good News with many of you on the phone. Please call the parish office to setup a home visit or call my cell. Remember, you are not alone. Connection and prayer is only a phone call away.

**Home visits will continue during the lockdown with all the necessary protocols being in place. These visits are restricted to our seniors who are already in our bubble**

#### PARISH OFFICE CLOSED IN LOCKDOWN

Please call the office or e-mail your concerns, or Mass intentions. Sandy will work at times in the office and from home during the lockdown. The office will not be open to the public

#### COVID-19 AND PARISH STEWARDSHIP

While the situation of COVID-19 continues to develop in our lives and communities, it is increasingly evident that the pandemic has had, and will continue to have for some time to come, a far reaching impact on all of us. We appeal to your generosity as we need the weekly stewardship of one and all, to maintain our financial commitments. A special thank you to those who send in their weekly/monthly stewardship. Also, to those who have begun with E-Transfers. Stewardship Envelopes for 2021 are available for pickup at the front foyer of the church building. Call ahead to arrange a safe time for pickup.

#### ATTENDANCE AT SUNDAY / WEEKDAY

##### MASS

While the Province and Niagara live through this next phase of restrictions meant to curtail the spread of the coronavirus, we are permitted to have no more than ten people at Mass - radically reducing attendance. All must register for every Mass they wish to attend. You can do that by email or phone on the days Sandy is in the office Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:00 am - 12Noon.

(Office is closed to the public)

Full name and phone number are recorded for tracking purposes. Please do not call at the weekend or the morning of or evening before as its too late for registration.

To reduce cleaning responsibilities, all are asked to sit as close to the front as possible and on the left side only. A reader is required for each Mass along with a volunteer to lite the candles and prepare for the next Mass. One person required for sanitizing will be greatly appreciated. Other measures may be implemented as the parish pastoral team sees fit. Thank you.

#### "VIRTUAL" CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Our Children's Liturgy, under the direction of Mrs. Noseworthy is posting videos every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. Thank you; and very much appreciated

#### E-TRANSFERS

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#### CELEBRATING 2021 WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY IN CANADA

**January 18 to January 25.**

Every year, Christians around the world are invited to celebrate a Week of Prayer for the unity of all Christians, to reflect on scripture together, to participate in jointly organized ecumenical services, and to share fellowship. The international resources for 2021 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity have been prepared by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland, a group of religious sisters from different church traditions brought together by a common vocation of prayer, community life and hospitality and by their commitment to Christian unity.

The 2021 theme – Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit (John 15:5-9) – calls us to pray and to work for reconciliation and unity in the church, with our human family, and with all of creation. Drawing on the Gospel image of vine and branches, it invites us to nourish unity with God and with one another through contemplative silence, prayer, and common action. Grafted into Christ the vine as many diverse branches, may we bear rich fruit and create new ways of living, with respect for and communion with all of creation .

Shalom, Christopher+