# **MASS INTENTIONS**

# <u>"During this time, the MASSES are celebrated privately (no congregation)"</u>

Wednesday Jan 20 – Charles George Arnone Friday Jan 22 – John Kerr Saturday Jan 23 – Marguerite Smith, Roger Settimi

Wednesday Jan 27 — Robert & Georgina Fogarty Friday Jan 29 – Mary Deeney Saturday Jan 30 –

## DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR -Jan 18-23

MON - Rev. Zygmunt Baranowski TUES – Rev. Sam Restivo WED – Youth Ministers THUR – Rev. David Perrin FRI - Rev. Robert Bulbrook SAT - Rev. Timothy Higgins

#### **DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR - Jan 25-30**

MON – Rev. Lawrence Parent TUES – Rev. Pawel Stankiewicz WED – Carmelites of Mary Immaculate THU - Rev. Ronald Voisin FRI - Rev. Meskel Abib Aibu SAT - Rev. Miro Grubisic

Thank you for your on going generosity.

The Office will be closed due to the lockdown of the province.

If you leave a message on the parish phone, someone will get back to you as the secretary will be in the office a few days a week and Fr. Charlie will be checking messages.

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Spread the word that we have social media to your family and friends, so they are also up-to-date. See you online!

# Sunday January 24

# Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming..."Repent, and believe in the gospel." (Mark 1:14,15)

Today, as we near the end of the week of Prayer for Christian Unity, the Church also celebrates the Sunday of God's Word. How fitting, then, that the readings today look at two proclaimers of God's word: Jonah and Jesus. Both proclaimed God's word, and both witnessed the power of that word to unite the people who heard it.

Although Jesus and Jonah were similar, their differences are even more significant. Unlike Jonah, Jesus was no reluctant prophet. On the contrary, he moved with determination from village to village in his desire to preach God's word (Mark1:38-39). Also unlike Jonah, Jesus didn't preach only repentance. He also announced that God's time of redemption had finally come. In Jesus, we see the Word of God himself breaking into history and gathering all God's children into one. As Jesus would later say, "something greater than Jonah is here" (Matthew 12:41)

How amazing it must have been to see and hear Jesus, the Word of God, walking this earth! But our celebration of God's word today reminds us that we have that same powerful Word available to us every time we read the Scriptures or hear them proclaimed at Mass. Jesus is always speaking to us.

So just as God's word touched the hearts of people in Nineveh and Galilee, it can move us to repentance and faith. Just as Jesus' words moved Simon and Andrew to leave their nets and follow him, they can move us to reorder our priorities and follow Jesus more closely. And just as Jesus' words called both Jews and Gentiles into one Church, God's word can bring us to unity with our brothers and sisters in Christ. As Pope Francis said when instituting Word of God Sunday, "The word of God unites believers and makes them one people" (Aperuit Illis, 4)

## "Lord, change us by your word, and make us one so that the world might believe."

Jonah3:1-5, 10 Psalm 25:4-9 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Anniversary Mass 2021 – The Anniversary Mass scheduled for June of 2021 has been cancelled due to restrictions and concerns around COVID-19. We invite you to register your 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60 plus years Anniversary starting in January on the Diocesan website. We will send you the certificate you would have received from Bishop Crosby at the Mass.

### Ecumenical Candle Light & Prayer Vigil Thursday, January 28th, 2021

To commemorate the 33rd Anniversary of the 1988 "No Abortion Law" in Canada, please join us for our 12th Annual Prayer Vigil, on the public sidewalk in front of McMaster Children's Hospital on Main Street West, Hamilton. Arrive at 6:45 pm. Vigil will be 7:00 pm - 7:30 pm (30 minutes). Please dress appropriately for the weather. Park on nearby streets or in McMaster parking lots (for a charge).

We will pay homage to the unborn children who have perished through abortion, and pray for a change of hearts and minds of those who think of abortion as an answer to a crisis or unplanned pregnancy.

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As you share gifts with your family and friends please remember the sacred gift of life and be sure to put HRTL on your list! As we close an unprecedented year, we are truly grateful, more than ever, to our community for all your support! We wish you love, joy and peace!

To Donate:

Please make cheque payable to "Hamilton Right to Life". If you wish to make a donation online, please visit our website hamiltonrighttolife.org and click on "Donate Now" to give securely on CanadaHelps. We have added a NEW and easy way to give: E-Transfer, using the email <u>HRTLDonations@outlook.com</u>. Please include your name, address and phone number. All donations received on or before December 31st will be eligible for a 2020 Charitable Tax Receipt, which will be mailed in February 2021.

# The Knights of Columbus Sacred Heart of Jesus

**Council** 15922 and District 109 is inviting all Catholic men and their families to attend a Fraternal Benefit Seminar and the awarding of the Heritage Award for Councils 1454 and 5860 for their combined total of 167 years of service to their parishes, faith community, and fellow brother knights.

The event is scheduled for Saturday, February 6, 2021, on a Zoom platform at 2:00 PM. The Zoom link is provided below.

Best regards,

Oscar Aran

GK, Sacred Heart of Jesus Council 15922 905 975 7904

Field Agent is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: FBE + Heritage Award event

Time: Feb 6, 2021, 02:00 PM Eastern Time (the US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81806735859?pwd=UEx4RW w2c2tFZXBFcitIeVhkS1dwUT09

Meeting ID: 818 0673 5859 Passcode: 336953