

# January 20th, 2019

## 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### **A Word from our Pastor**

Dear Friends,

This week I begin a three-part series based on the three areas of "Equip the Saints" that the Archdiocese has had us focus on in the past few years. In the document "New Parishes: Stronger Together" from the Archdiocese, it's said that "merger is only a launching point toward renewal; each newly created parish must then concentrate their efforts on activities that indicate the

life of the parish is consistent with the vision and values

of the diocese." So, within each of the three categories, there are some concrete steps we are to take, if we haven't already done so, in order to best position ourselves for alignment with the diocese, and ongoing renewal in the parish. We must remember that renewal is a work of the Holy Spirit, and it must continue in every age of the Church, and at every stage of the life of a diocese or parish.

The first area that the Archdiocese writes about is "Mission." God the Father has sent the Son, who sends the Spirit, who equips and sends the Church. We are sent into our local community and the world at large to impact it with the Good News of the Gospel. The primary work, as we hear in Matthew's Gospel, is to "go and make disciples." The message of Jesus is meant to transform lives; people must know they are loved and forgiven and invited to respond to that by choosing to live their lives as disciples of Jesus. So, we are to always proclaim "Christ crucified, the power and the wisdom of God." In doing so, we look after the whole person. Thus, while we invite people into a transformative relationship with Christ, we also look after their other basic needs. Caring for the needs of the poor and vulnerable in the name of Jesus is therefore part of our work as well.

And in all things that we do, we are to have prayer at the centre. We certainly want to promote and foster a culture of prayer. We want to pray together as a community certainly, but also ensure that prayer is a regular part of our home lives, our ministries, our meetings, and our outreach. We want to be praying for and with each other, for God's intervention in our lives, and those we minister to.



And so, we will evaluate these three aspects that the diocese has asked us to look at as a parish, to ensure that they are present and rich:

- To “have a tool for evangelization designed to reach out and invite those outside of our church, similar to Alpha or ChristLife.”
- To “provide dedicated service to the most vulnerable in the local area, such as: the poor, the homeless, the sick, and the dying.”
- To “rely on the guidance of the Holy Spirit in pastoral ministries, vision, mission, and discernment of the charisms and gifts of parishioners by putting prayer at the centre of all our decision making.”

~Fr. Bryan Sabourin, CC

## ALPHA begins again!

Have you ever wondered: "Is this it? Do I have a purpose? Does God exist? Why is there evil in the world?" ALPHA might be for you! ALPHA is a way for people to be encouraged through conversation to explore the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly, open, and informal environment. ALPHA helps to transform the lives of those searching for answers. Maybe there are some family members or friends that you could invite to attend. Our next come and see what Alpha is about is on Thursday January 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at St. Elizabeth Seton Church. Invite your family and friends and join them on their journey. See our website for more information: [holytrinityns.ca/alpha](http://holytrinityns.ca/alpha)



<b>Mark your Calendars....</b>	<b>Beacon House Church Volunteer Days</b>
Saturday January 26th	St. John Vianney & St. Elizabeth Seton
Saturday February 2nd	St. Francis of Assisi

## **Discipleship Corner by Alex Craven**

I'll bet many of you have gone to the IKEA in Dartmouth since it opened. If you bought any furniture you likely got it home and navigated the IKEA instructions that looked something like what I pictured here. IKEA instructions take the complexity of building furniture and simplify it: They show you the Goal, the Supplies, and the Directions. In our readings today, God likewise provides the Goal, Supplies, and Directions for the construction project he wants to do in our lives!



Straightaway the reading from Isaiah outlines God's Goal in his building project: The Salvation of His People! This is the finished product, the Goal, for both God and us cooperating with one another, and it is something which remakes and reforms what is already there into something the builder delights in!

Paul describes the gifts of the Holy Spirit in his letter to the Corinthians and outlines some of the various supplies at God's disposal and ours. God, for his part, provides us with these gifts, which in turn we put to work in service to God and others. This is not unlike the box of supplies one buys from IKEA in order to build a shelf, chair, or table! The material is provided for us, and through our work, the Goal is realized more and more!

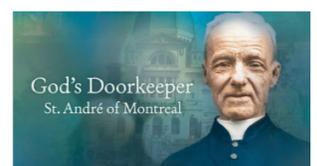
Finally, the Wedding at Cana in John's Gospel gives us the Directions we require. Yet it is not from Jesus' mouth we get the Directions, but from Mary saying "Do whatever he tells you." In her context, she was speaking to the frazzled servants at the wedding just trying to fix the wine shortage; to us however, Mary's words should serve as the fundamental Direction we need, a Direction which points us to Jesus and invites us to do what he says.

God desires us to be whole and complete persons sharing in His life. His Goal is to get us to that point, but it is a goal we must cooperate with just as if you're building furniture you need to have a chair in mind in order to produce a chair! Likewise, God ensures we are provided with what we need, and our task is to use these Supplies well. Finally, God gives us the Direction this construction project requires: "Do whatever he tells you." We have our instructions, so let's get to building the Kingdom!

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## **New FORMED Recommendation! – St. André Bessette!**

Brother Andre served as a humble doorkeeper for decades, yet many were drawn to his hospitality, compassion, and spiritual gifts. The Church celebrates Brother Andre on January 7<sup>th</sup>, and through this documentary, we too can celebrate the life and mission of this amazing Canadian Saint of the modern era! Check it out on our parish's FORMED Community Tab Today!



## **Ministry Minute**



### **The Ministry of Care and Companionship needs volunteers!**

In order to meet the Archdiocese's requirement that ALL parish visitors and extraordinary ministers visit the homebound with a partner, we need to expand our list of volunteers. Our homebound seniors and those in nursing homes are a vital part of our parish community, and after a lifetime of faithful participation, it is now our turn to serve them. Can you help? If you could commit to an hour a week to accompany a current minister, you would simply need a criminal records check to be completed at the RCMP office (a copy of a current one for another organization is acceptable). If you would like to become an extraordinary minister or a visitor to the homebound yourself, we will be offering training sessions in the near future. We ask you to take a few minutes in your daily prayer to respectfully consider sharing your time and talent in this very rewarding ministry. For more information contact Julia Batt at 902-865-9902 or Debbie Brown at 902-865-8103 or Kate Pinto at 902-865-2112 ext. 33

### **JAM Children's Liturgy of the Word**

On Sunday January 27th at the 10 am Mass at St. John Vianney, we will offer once again a Liturgy of the Word for children. No registration is necessary and is open for children ages 4-11. Children will be called forward after the opening prayers to be blessed and sent forth.

### **Lay Associates Gathering**

Please join us on **Saturday, February 16th** beginning at 9 am with Mass at St. Elizabeth Seton. Our theme is "Keeping the faith in Ordinary Time" Potluck lunch to follow so if you're able to contribute, that would be very much appreciated. All are welcome!

### **Valentines Dance**

KOC 10565 will be hosting a Valentines Dance on **Saturday February 16th at 8pm** at St. Elizabeth Seton Church. The band *Back In The Day* will entertain us. For tickets, contact Brian Clarke at 902-414-6842. \$12.50 each.

### **HTPU Summer Picnic Leader Needed**

In order to continue the tradition of our family summer picnic at Acadia Park in August, we are in need of a leader to coordinate an existing team in the planning of this great event. If you are interested, please contact Catherine for more details and information on the role as Summer Picnic Team Leader.



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## MASS TIMES

### SUNDAY, THE DAY OF THE LORD

Saturday	4:30 pm	St. John Vianney
Sunday	8:00 am	St. Francis of Assisi
Sunday	10:00 am	St. John Vianney
Sunday	12:00 pm	St. Elizabeth Seton

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday	7:00 pm	St. Elizabeth Seton
Wednesday	9:00 am	St. John Vianney
Thursday	9:00 am	St. John Vianney
Friday	9:00 am	St. John Vianney

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 6:30-6:45pm St. Elizabeth Seton Wednesday  
8:30am-8:45am St. John Vianney Saturday 3:45-4:15pm St  
John Vianney or by appointment at any of our three Churches.

## EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesday at SJV following 9 am Mass and concludes at 10  
pm with Reposition. Thursday & Friday at SJV following 9 am  
Mass concluding at 10:30 am

## PRAY THE ROSARY

Tuesday 6:30 pm	St. Elizabeth Seton
Wednesday (Pro-Life) 8:00 am	St. John Vianney
Thursday & Friday 9:40 am	St. John Vianney
<i>On Friday, recited for Peace in the World, as per Pope Francis'</i>	
Saturday 9:00 am	St. John Vianney
<i>(Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle with Rosary)</i>	

**MINISTRY OF CARE & COMPANIONSHIP** If you know  
someone who is seriously ill, in the hospital or homebound  
that would like a Parish Visitor or to receive Communion,  
please contact the Parish Office.

**GOT LIFE QUESTIONS?** RCIA might be just for you. Come  
journey with us as we explore the meaning of life and the  
Catholic spirituality. Contact Anne Marie Reid at  
[reid.am@bellaliant.net](mailto:reid.am@bellaliant.net) to find out more about the R.C.I.A (Rite  
of Christian Initiation of Adults) Program.

**BAPTISM AND MARRIAGE PREPARATION:** Contact the  
Parish Office for details.

**NO SCENTS MAKES GOOD SENSE!** Please refrain from  
wearing perfume/cologne to Mass. Thank you!