

ADORE HIM



THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION: for the month of January is that young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

INDULGENCES REVISITED - FR. RON ROLHEISER, O.M.I.

When Pope Francis launched the Holy Year of Mercy in 2016, he promised that Christians could gain a special indulgence during this year.

That left a lot of Roman Catholics, and even more Protestants and Evangelicals, scratching their heads and asking some hard questions: Is Roman Catholicism still dealing in indulgences? Didn't we learn anything from Luther and the Reformation? Do we really believe that certain ritual practices, like passing through designated church doors, will ease our way into heaven? What the Pope was doing was tying the idea of indulgences to two things.

First, an indulgence is the acceptance and celebration of the wonderful gratuity of God's mercy. An indulgence is, in effect, the more-conscious acceptance of an indulgence, that is, the conscious acceptance of a love, a mercy, and a forgiveness, that is completely undeserved. Thus, whenever we do a prayer or religious practice with the intent of gaining an indulgence the idea is that this prayer or practice is meant to make us more consciously aware of and grateful for God's indulgent mercy. We live within an incredulous, ineffable mercy of which we are mostly unaware. During the Holy Year of Mercy, Pope Francis invited us to do some special prayers and practices that make us more consciously aware of that indulgent mercy.

Beyond this, Pope Francis linked the notion of indulgences to another concept, namely, our union and solidarity with each other inside the Body Christ. As Christians, we believe that we are united with each other in a deep, invisible, spiritual, and organic bond that is so real that it forms us into one body, with the same flow of life and the same flow of blood flowing through all of us.

Thus, inside the Body of Christ, as in all live organisms, there is one immune system so that what one person does, for good or for bad, affects the whole body. Hence, as the pope asserted, since there is a single immune system inside the Body of Christ, the strength of some can fortify the weakness of others who thereby receive an indulgence, an undeserved grace.

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT: can be easily setup using our parish Automatic Sunday Giving service. Father Steve personally completes the transactions, whether they be made weekly or monthly. In a busy world, it is easy to support the parish, even if one has to be away. A registration form can be picked up at Ann Marie's office or can be printed from our Parish website: www.sorrowspetawawa.com. Look for the heading that says "Automatic Sunday Giving". With a completed registration form we will also need a VOID cheque from the account you wish to use. Registrants can start or stop this service at any time.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS: Place a stamped, self-addressed envelope in the collection basket & it will be mailed out to you as soon as possible.

SUNDAY OFFERING: totalled \$3,299.15, Initial Offering \$200.00, New Year Offering \$280.00. Thank you for your generosity.

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SUNDAY JANUARY 13TH, 2019

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

THE LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday - 5:00 p.m. Sunday - 10:00 a.m.

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

NOTE: Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday	Jan. 15	10:00 a.m.	<i>Philip Clouthier – John & Sandra Huff</i>
Wednesday	Jan. 16	10:00 a.m.	<i>Sandra de Ruiter – Shelley Ramsey</i>
Thursday	Jan. 17	10:00 a.m.	<i>Pat Donnelly – Ernie Fougere</i>
Friday	Jan. 18	10:00 a.m.	<i>Cecile Dwyer – Art & Anne Bonner</i>
Saturday	Jan. 19	5:00 p.m.	<i>Intentions of All Parishioners – Fr. Steve</i>
Sunday	Jan. 20	10:00 a.m.	<i>Shane Kelly – Jacques & Lucy Caron</i>

UPCOMING DATES OF INTEREST

Tuesday	January 15	Morning Study Group (Parish Centre 9:15 a.m.) Bishop Barron series 'Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues'. All welcome!
Saturday	January 26	Confirmation Class (Parish Centre 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m)

VIGIL CANDLES: our vigil candles have been acting up a bit! We apologize for the inconvenience when this has occurred. Through time, some of the light sockets have burnt out and there appears to be other issues associated with its functioning. Father Steve will explore our options with respect to repair / re-wiring. Thank you for your patience and understanding!

SENSITIVITY TO FRAGRANCES: a growing numbering of parishioners have a sensitivity to strong fragrances. This sensitivity can show itself in difficulty breathing, itchy or watery eyes or sneezing. It would be very kind of all to abstain from wearing any strongly scented products before coming to Mass. Your fellow parishioners know you are beautiful, inside and out!

WOMEN'S RETREAT - The Joy of Catholic Womanhood: "The Joy of the Lord is my Strength." This retreat will be led by Cynthia Donnelly and Fr. Robert Johnson of Madonna House from Friday, February 22, 2019 at 7 p.m. to Sunday, February 24, 2019 at 2 p.m. at the Graphite Bible Camp. Cost is \$150 (\$120 for those who wish to commute). Student rates available. To register send e-transfer or cheque (Made out to Holy Canadian Martyrs Parish – women's retreat) to: Claudia Francis, 976 County Road #27 Codrington, ON, K0K 1R0. Registration is confirmed upon receipt of e-transfer or cheque. For more information contact Claudia Francis at claudia.francis777@gmail.com or call 613-970-4656.

THE ANOINTING

Dr. Scott Hahn (St. Paul Centre for Biblical Theology)

The liturgy last week revealed the mystery of God's plan—that in Jesus all peoples, symbolized by the Magi, have been made “co-heirs” to the blessings promised Israel. This week, we're shown how we claim our inheritance.

Jesus doesn't submit to John's baptism as a sinner in need of purification. He humbles Himself to pass through Jordan's waters in order to lead a new “exodus”—opening up the promised land of heaven so that all peoples can hear the words pronounced over Jesus today, words once reserved only for Israel and its king: that each of us is a beloved son or daughter of God (see Genesis 22:2; Exodus 4:22; Psalm 2:7).

Jesus is the chosen servant Isaiah prophesies in today's First Reading, anointed with the Spirit to make things right and just on earth. God puts His Spirit upon Jesus to make Him “a covenant of the people,” the liberator of the captives, the light to the nations. Jesus, today's Second Reading tells us, is the One long expected in Israel, “anointed . . . with the Holy Spirit and power.”

The word messiah means “one anointed” with God's Spirit. King David was “the anointed of the God of Jacob” (see 2 Samuel 23:1–17; Psalm 18:51; 132:10, 17). The prophets taught Israel to await a royal offshoot of David, upon whom the Spirit would rest (see Isaiah 11:1–2; Daniel 9:25).

That's why the crowds are so anxious at the start of today's Gospel. But it isn't John they're looking for. God confirms with His own voice what the angel earlier told Mary: Jesus is the Son of the Most High, come to claim the throne of David forever (see Luke 1:32–33).

In the Baptism that He brings, the voice of God will hover over the waters as fiery flame, as we sing in today's Psalm. He has sanctified the waters, made them a passageway to healing and freedom—a fountain of new birth and everlasting life.

MINISTRIES NEXT WEEKEND – SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JAN. 20, 2018

	Eucharist	Cup	Reader
5:00 pm.	Don Proulx	Len McGean Sandy Giesebrecht	Brenda McCarthy
10:00 am.	Dave Howard Barbara Burke	Yvette Bourque Greg Lubimiv	Karen Roosen
	Greeters	Gift Bearers	
5:00 p.m.	Don & Barb Richard	Ushers	
10:00 am.	Angela Caverley	Jim & Phyllis Hebert	