# Second Sunday of Ordinary Time, January 19, 2025

#### **Intentions:**

Jan 19 - In loving memory of Father Terrance O'Toole, requested by Suzanne and Ludo

Mass Intentions: \$15.00

# **Offertory Collection**

Jan 12 - T.B.A. Thank You

#### January 20

**Saint Fabian:** Fabian succeeded Saint Anterus as pope in 236. The historian Eusebius describes Fabian's election as pope: Fabian was a layman and a stranger in Rome at the time of the election. When a dove settled upon his head, those around him were reminded of the descent of the Holy Spirit on Jesus at his baptism. The event was seen as divine intervention. Fabian was chosen pope and reigned for 14 years. He was martyred during a persecution in 250. Saint Cyprian records that Fabian was an :incomparable man." His tombstone can still be seen in the catacomb of Saint Callixtus in Rome.

#### January 20

**Saint Sebastian:** We know only that Sebastian was martyred in Rome, probably in the 3rd century, and buried along the Appian Way in the catacombs. Saint Ambrose writes that Sebastian came from Milan, where he has bee venerated since the 4th century. The *Acts of Saint Sebastian* was written in the 5th century and is, for the most part, fictitious. Not until the late mediaeval period was Sebastian pictured pierced with arrows or holding an arrow.

In May 2010 Benedict XVI entrusted newly sworn-in-Swiss Guards to the intercession of the Virgin Mary and to their patron saints: Sebastian is a patron saint of the pope's Swiss Guard. He is also the patron saint of athletes and soldiers.

# Pope's Intentions for the Month of January:

**For the right to an education:** Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.



**Prayers for the Sick.** Please pray for the sick among our families and friends, especially Fran Bernard, Roy Campbell, Patricia Cassidy, Bridget Floysvik, Chris Kelly, Suzanne Lafontaine, Priscilla Rowley, and Lorraine Stafford. *The names will remain on the list until we are otherwise advised.* 

Gospel Reflection: We identify with Mary's sensitivity in noticing that the wine was running short and Jesus's ensitivity in keeping the miracle quiet. The purpose of the miracle, then, wasn't to save the wedding couple's day or to draw attention to Jesus. The purpose runs deeper: the sign revealed Jesus' glory. The wedding feast as an opportunity for epiphany and belief. The epiphany (manifestations and revelations) of Jesus' glory is a sign of the persistence of God's overtures of love to us—God reveals glory to us in many ways to make sure we catch it—and the depths of God's love, so much so that we are espoused to God. Belief entails a *Who* rather than a *what*. Our own encounters with Jesus in prayer, through others, in struggling with daily living, are truly epiphanies of God's glory which also invites us to respond to divine Presence with belief. (Living Liturgy, p.42)

#### **Vincentian Meditation:**

Epiphany signs might come in many ways—through others in a cry for help, in a lonely person's plea for companionship, in the spontaneous laughter of delight, in the beauty of nature, in the love of family and friends. The challenge to us is to see these as revelations of God's glory, as epiphanies of God's love for us, and an opportunity to respond in belief. Yes, these common, ordinary signs of God's love are all around us. By *responding* to other persons, recognizing them as revelations of God to us, we ourselves also become signs of God's inbreaking, *epiphanies for others*.



2024-2025 Sunday Missals are available at the rear of the church. Suggested donation is \$7.00.

#### **Intentions Book:**

You are invited to write your prayer requests in our special intentions book in the back of the church - as many and as often as you like. It is important that we verbalize in some form, our desire before God.

# The Haircut!

A teenage boy had just passed his driving test and inquired of his father as to when they could discuss his use of the car.

His father said he'd make a deal with his son, "You bring your grades up from a C to a B average, study your Bible a little and get your hair cut. Then we'll talk about the car."

The boy thought about that for a moment, decided he'd settle for the offer and they agreed on it.

After about six weeks his father said, "Son, you've brought your grades up and I've observed that you have been studying your Bible, but I'm disappointed you haven't had your hair cut."

The boy said, "You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that, and I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair, and there's even strong evidence that Jesus had long hair."

Love the Dad's reply!

"Did you also notice that they all <u>walked</u> everywhere they went?"

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#### Volunteer Corner

Volunteers needed: Ushers are needed to gather the collection at mass. Please see Martine Messier or call 613-808-4573. The pay is not good (\$0) but the company is wonderful.

#### **Lost and Found**

Periodically, please check the lost and found basket at the church entrance for articles you may have left behind.

#### **West Carleton Food Access Centre**

The Food Bank is open to all West Carleton Residents year-round. It provides up to 4 - 5 days of food once a month, including fresh food. The Food Access Centre is located at 5670 Carp Road, Kinburn, ON, on the lower level of the West Carleton Community Complex.

Office Phone: (613) 832 - 5685 Email: WCfoodaid@gmail.com

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ber our local Food Bank each week by donating items to St. Gabriel's grocery cart. Cash donations of \$20.00 and over will receive a tax receipt. Please include your name and address on the envelope. See Suzanne Lee if you have any questions. Thank you for your support.



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# Weekly Eucharist

St. Gabriel's (Constance Bay) St. Michael's (Fitzroy Harbour)

Sunday 11:00 am Mass

Saturday 4:00 pm Mass Sunday 9:00 am Mass

live streaming link on YouTube St. Michael's Mass at 9 am Sunday

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Confessions and Sacrament Of the Sick are also available by request. Please contact Fr. Anthony directly to book an appointment.

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