

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time, January 18, 2026

Intentions:

January 18 - For the parishioners of St. Gabriel & St. Michael parishes.

Mass Intentions: \$15.00

Offertory Collection:

January 11 - 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.

Saint Fabian (Pope, c. 200-250 AD) is known more for his courageous actions and example of faith during persecution, rather than direct spoken quotes, with prayers and reflections focusing on his steadfastness and leadership, encouraging believers to remain firm in their faith, face trials with courage, and prioritize spiritual peace over worldly comfort, inspired by his life and martyrdom during the Decian persecution

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 been 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.

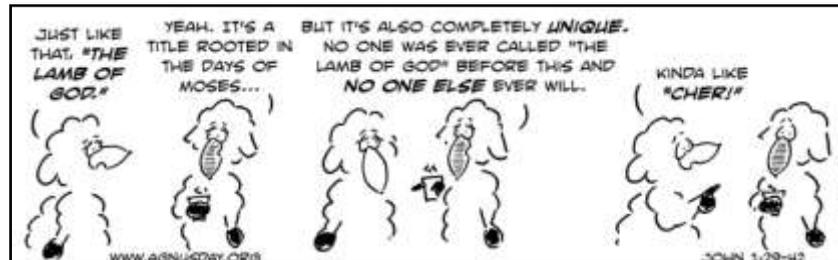
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Reflection: Reflection: Our baptismal task is continually to deepen our own understanding of who Jesus is and to make him known. We don't come to a one-time understanding of Christ. Our whole lives are spent beholding the Lamb of God. Like John, we go from not knowing to seeing to testifying. More than likely, we aren't called to testify to the Son of God by going and baptizing or doing great things. We testify to Jesus' identity by being faithful to the ordinary things in life, by doing God's will. The revelation of Jesus' identity—how he is made known in the world—is mediated by the way we live our lives everyday.

Vincetian Meditation: The fields of battle for Frederic Ozanam were not only the arenas of the poor, but also the milieus of the young whom he served at the university. One day he heard that the public were clamoring for him at the Sorbonne, accusing him of self-indulgence and neglect of duty in being so long absent from his course, when he was paid by the State for giving it. The news stung him to the quick. "I will show them it is not true. I will do honor to my profession!" Bl. Frederic Ozanam (*Ramson, Praying with Frederic, p. 102*)



Pope's Intentions for the Month of January

For prayer with the word of God: Let us pray that praying with the word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.



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

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true, with thanksgiving I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

- 2025-2026 Sunday Missals are available at the rear of the church. Suggested donation is \$8.00.
- 2026 donation envelopes are displayed at the back of the church please take yours home at the end of mass.
- There will be no weekday masses in January 2026. Fr Anthony will be on holiday then.
- Readers 1st quarter schedules is available at back of the church.



~ Two Little Boys ~

After a hardy rainstorm filled all the potholes in the streets and alleys, a young mother watched her two little boys playing in the puddle through her kitchen window.

The older of the two, a five year old lad, grabbed his sibling by the back of his head and shoved his face into the water hole..

As the boy recovered and stood laughing and dripping, the mother runs to the yard in a panic.

'Why on earth did you do that to your little brother?!' she asks as she shook the older boy in anger. We were just playing 'church' mommy,' he said.

'And I was just baptizing him.....in the name of the Father, the Son and in...the hole-he-goes.'

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Sts Michael and Gabriel helpinghand ministry: Her objective is to serve needy families periodically in a timely and confidential manner. More details will be announced soon. The administrators can be reached at stmichaelshelpinghands@gmail.com or (613) 623-3419.

West Carleton Food Access Centre: (WCFAC) Please remember 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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