

Weekday & Sunday Mass Schedules & Mass Intentions for the week of Jan. 29 - Feb. 4

Mon. Jan. 29 & Tues. Jan. 30	St. Anthony's 6:30pm	No Mass on Monday
Wed. Jan. 31	St. Augustine's 9:00am	Jose Valverde – requested by St. Augustine's Guild
Thursday Feb.1	St. Augustine's 9:00am	Jose Valverde – requested by Deborah Pico
Saturday Feb. 3	St. Patrick's 4:00pm	
Sunday Feb. 4	St. Augustine's 9:00am St. Anthony's 11:00am	Pro populo Elizabeth Fowle (healing) – requested by Colleen & Jim Ferguson



CANADIAN CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION FOR
Development and Peace

Development & Peace – Caritas Canada welcomed the announcement on January 17, by the Canadian government to create a human rights ombudsperson to oversee

Canadian mining, oil and gas operations around the world after ten years of campaigning on this issue. Between 2006-2009, Development and Peace collected signatures asking for more accountable mining companies and for the establishment of an ombudsman mechanism with the power to act on complaints. In 2013 Development and Peace took up the campaign again. **Thank you to all at St. Augustine's who signed Action Cards over the years. A voice for justice is coming to Canada.**

SHROVE TUESDAY ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKE SUPPER – Tuesday, February 13, from 4:30 – 6:30 in St. Anthony's Church Hall, sponsored by the men of St. Luke's and St. Anthony's Church. Come and enjoy pancakes, fresh fruit, homemade muffins, tea and coffee. Adults - \$8.00, Children - \$5.00 and under the age of five – free.

*Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 28, 2018*

*St. Augustine's Parish, Chester
St. Anthony's, Hubbards & St. Patrick's, New Ross*



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Collection for Jan. 21 – Envelopes - \$1568.75; Loose - \$138.05 – Total - \$1706.80

Expressions of the Call

“Come after me.” ([Mk 1:17](#))

The reading from Corinthians will probably infuriate its share of people. In a day and age when many of us are loath to admit any differences between religious life, clerical life, and the life of the laity, here comes Paul, shoulders and all, barging into our liturgy with these outrageous statements.

To top it off, he says it’s for our own good.

He offends just about everyone. Top of the list: me. As if to suggest that my life—childless, spouseless—is free of worries. We all know, as a matter of fact, that unmarried men and women can be the all-time best worriers. And there is ample evidence that celibacy and virginity guarantee neither single minded service nor whole-hearted devotion to the Lord.

On the other hand, I continue to get reports, even complaints, that the last thing a husband is concerned with is pleasing his wife—or the wife her husband, for that matter.

In a nutshell, who can doubt that among married people are numbered some of the holiest people we know? And, among priests and religious, who has not found people capable of prodigious mediocrity? Or worse.

The point is, I really do not think that St. Paul is claiming something so boldly counterintuitive.

Certainly an unmarried person devoted to God will have more time for service of others, especially on an emergency basis, and also have more time for quiet and isolated prayer. All mothers and fathers I have ever known, immersed in the demands of labor and family, have in some way sighed for the time to do such things.

But the crucially operative word is “devoted to God.” If that is not there, all the “worry less” free time in the world will not yield a thimbleful of love. And as Paul has written elsewhere, with “devotedness to God” even the most ordinary experiences of parenting, family, and spousal love can be astounding revelations of God’s grace and intimacy in our lives.

I do believe, however, that Paul is getting at something more. It is this: When I look at my brother’s life—his spouse and children, his business and profession, his endless tasks involved just with house and automobile—I am utterly convinced that he reveals an encounter and intimacy with God that I

never could. It is not necessarily higher or lower. But it is thoroughly different, marvelously diverse in contrast to my life.

But I also believe that a single person, whether lay or religious or priest, reveals by his or her life a dimension of God’s love and grace that a married person quite simply does not. To say the least, it reveals the possibility of a love which is greater than the loveliest gifts of this earth, a love through which all our earthly loves move and toward which all are drawn.

And surely Paul would agree: If such a life is not, indeed, grounded in God, what a terrible waste it shall have been.

John Kavanaugh, SJ

St. Augustine’s Guild is hosting the January birthday party at Shoreham this Monday, January 29th at 2:30pm. Anyone free at that time of day is invited to join us to bolster the sing-along by singing and helping residents locate the song pages and generally giving life to the party. For more information, call Anne at 275-5190.

World Day for Consecrated Life - The Franciscans of Halifax invite you to join them for a celebration of the World Day for Consecrated Life on Friday, February 2 at 7:00pm at Saint Catherine of Siena Parish in Halifax. The World Day for Consecrated Life is celebrated each year on the Feast of the Presentation, and is an occasion to pray for vocations to the consecrated life and to give thanks for the many brothers and sisters before us who have given the gift of themselves. The mass will be followed by a reception and time of fellowship, and all are invited.

Steubenville Atlantic Draw Deadline - Our draw deadline for Steubenville Atlantic is almost here! **For every participant spot purchased by Wednesday, January 31, 2018 you will be entered in a draw to win a free youth night for your group!** This includes supplies, snacks, and (if desired) support from an experienced youth minister. This is a great way to bring your youth together to prepare for the conference, or to give them a chance to reunite afterward.

Steubenville Atlantic is our annual high school youth conference, held this year July 6-8, 2018 at Dalhousie University. All registration is done online at www.steubenville.ca

