

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – January 22, 2017



Monday, January 23rd	9:00 a.m.	Albenie Robichaud
Tuesday, January 24th	7:00 p.m.	Thomas McNulty
Wednesday, January 25th	7:00 p.m.	Bernard Cotter
Thursday, January 26th	7:00 p.m.	Vera Phreewif
Friday, January 27th	12:00 p.m.	Norman Wallace
Saturday, January 28th	4:00 p.m.	Michael Eugene “Pat” Graham
Sunday, January 29th	9:00 a.m.	Deceased Members of the Robichaud Family
Sunday, January 29th	11:00 a.m.	Doreen Ferris

### Weekly Thoughts

#### **My Friends,**

Just watching the Today show as the world awaits the inauguration of Donald J. Trump as the 45<sup>th</sup> President of the U.S.A. It is with a bit of fear and trepidation of the unknown that many Canadians watch what is happening to our neighbours to the South. Let us pray that the transition of power from President Obama to President Trump will be peaceful. Let us also hope that the United States of America, our closest ally, will be safe and that the transfer of power will be uneventful.

We continue in 2017, this coming Thursday, with the K of C 8094 leading us in a Holy Hour following the 7:00 PM Mass. It is a beautiful prayer time, led by our Knights of Columbus with the praying of the Rosary before the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. I invite you to join us for this spiritual time.

As mentioned last weekend, this Sunday, Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> following the 11 AM Mass you are cordially invited to a Coffee Party at the Parish House. I am hoping that this will become a monthly time for us to gather and build Christian Community. Look forward to your attendance.

I hate the month of January. I always feel it is 8 weeks long. In many northern places (for example, Fairbanks Alaska today was -47 degrees Celsius) the dead of winter brings grey dreary day upon grey, dreary day. When finally the clouds break and the sun shines forth in all its glory, people’s moods change. Cabin fever is dispelled by going out and enjoying the bright light and glistening freshness. Although the trees, grass, flower beds still seem dead, we ourselves feel we are at a turning point, even if just for one day. Sunlight encourages hope, anticipation, the end of seeming darkness. The Gospel this weekend tells of a turning point in Jesus’ life, a turning point that lasts longer than a day.

These weeks we hear in the Scriptures about Jesus’ public ministry. He invites us to come and follow Him. The challenge is that by changing the behaviors that bring darkness we should embrace the (Light) Jesus who is our Savior and then we can be light to others. We become the light ourselves.

Blessings!

Fr. Gerry

#### Something to Think About

- 1) The past should be left in the past or it can steal your future. Live like for what tomorrow can bring and not what yesterday has taken away. Each day is a gift.
- 2) There are no perfect parents, and there are no perfect children, but there are plenty of perfect moments along the way.
- 3) Faith is not about everything turning out OK. Faith is about being OK no matter how things turn out.
- 4) Angels exist but sometimes they don’t have wings; they are called friends.
- 5) Tibetan proverb: “The secret to living well and longer is: eat half, walk double, laugh triple, and love without measure.”
- 6) Accept what is, let go of what was, and have faith in what will be.
- 7) The easiest way to organize your stuff is to get rid of most of it.

**COFFEE PARTY:** this Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> after the 11:00 AM Mass at the Rectory. All are welcome – come and join us for snacks and fellowship. Snow date: January 29<sup>th</sup>.

**IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER:** Kay Beaulieu, Deborah Doherty, Baby Lucy Lignos, Anne Marie Duguay, Jim Connolly, Romeo St. Cyr , Marion King, Yolanda Olsen, Laurette Sutton, Jack Buckley

**Stewardship for the week ending January 15<sup>th</sup> 2017**

<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>2590.00</b>
<b>Loose</b>	<b>247.95</b>
<b>Initial Offering</b>	<b>85.00</b>
<b>Food Bank</b>	<b>20.00</b>
<b>Pre-Authorized Debit</b>	<b>444.90</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>3387.85</b>



**Upcoming Events**

<p>The <b>K of C Council 8094</b> is offering <b>free rides for seniors</b> living in the west side area who would otherwise have problems getting to medical appointments. For more Information please contact Ed Sullivan @ 672-5286 or email <a href="mailto:sulli@nb.sympatico.ca">sulli@nb.sympatico.ca</a>.</p> <p><b>K of C: HOUR of ADORATION</b> will take place this Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, after the 7:00 PM Mass. *****</p> <p><b>Attention Sunday Lectors:</b> If you know that you are not able to read at any time during the months of February through to the end of May, please contact Marilyn Upton at 672-4185 or email <a href="mailto:marilynupton961@hotmail.com">marilynupton961@hotmail.com</a> by January 24th.</p> <p><b>Lectors are needed</b> to read at weekend masses. If you are willing to become a lector, please contact Maureen Hughes at 672-5149 or Marilyn Upton at 672-4185 or <a href="mailto:marilynupton961@hotmail.com">marilynupton961@hotmail.com</a>. As well if any of the present lectors are willing to read at <u>any</u> of the weekend masses, please contact Maureen or Marilyn.</p>	<p><b>Revitalization of our Diocese</b> ~ On behalf of the Diocese of Saint John and the Catholic Leadership Institute, Fr. John Jennings will be writing a series of articles about the Disciple Maker Index Survey results and the process of revitalization in our Diocese. Articles and information about the revitalization process will appear in the New Freeman and will be posted on a website that can be accessed through a link on the Diocesan website. A Facebook page entitled <i>Revitalizing our Diocese</i> is also available for people to access information. *****</p> <p><b>Christian Meditation</b> - Come and join us for Christian Meditation! Tuesdays, 10 a.m., Villa Madonna. Everyone welcome! *****</p> <p><b>NEW EMAIL:</b> <a href="mailto:saintrosesj@nb.aibn.com">saintrosesj@nb.aibn.com</a></p> <p><b>Income tax receipts for 2016</b> are now available at the back of the Church. Please call the Office at 65-6850 if you have any questions.</p>
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**ROSARY**

**Knights of Columbus: Thursday, January 26th after the 7:00 PM Mass Theme of Family**

**Pro-Life: Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM**

**For Priests and Seminarians: Every Monday after the 9:00 AM Mass**

<p><b>Sanctuary Lamp</b> <b>In Memory of Gail Melanson</b></p> <p>We are now taking reservations for the Sanctuary Lamp for 2017. If you would like to have the Lamp lit in honour of your loved ones, please check at the office for an available date.</p>
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