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Pope at Audience: Christian unity achieved only through God's grace

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In his catechesis at the Wednesday General Audience, Pope Francis reminds Christians that unity is achieved only with grace of God, and not through our own force of will.

As Christians around the world observe the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Pope Francis reflects on Jesus' invitation to overcome discord and sow reconciliation.

Speaking in the catechesis portion of his weekly General Audience, the Pope reminded everyone that Jesus did not command His disciples to be united, but rather prayed that they might be.

This, said the Pope, "means that we are not able to achieve unity with our own strength. Unity is above all a gift, a grace to be requested through prayer."

Internal Conflict - As the Apostle Paul observed, each of us experiences a painful conflict within ourselves, in which we desire the good but find ourselves inclined toward evil.

Our internal conflict, said Pope Francis, is a reminder that the true solution comes "by asking God for peace, reconciliation, and unity."

He said Jesus prayed for His own, "that they may all be one" (Jn 17:21).

"Our prayer for unity," he added, "is thus a humble but trusting participation in the Lord's prayer."

External Hardship - Pope Francis then asked us all to reflect on how often we pray for Christian unity. "During this time of serious hardship, this prayer is even more necessary so that unity might prevail over conflicts."

Christians, he said, need to pursue the path of visible unity, because the world will only believe in Christ if we bear witness "to the love that unites us".

Fighting for Unity - "To pray means to fight for unity," said the Pope. This means fighting against the discord and division which the devil seeks to sow by magnifying the defects and mistakes of others in our eyes. God, however, offers another path. "He takes us as we are, different, sinners, and nudges us towards unity." So, Pope Francis invited everyone to sow unity in our homes and workplaces with the tools God has given us: "prayer and love."

In Christ's Love - Finally, Pope Francis reflected on the theme of this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit."

"The root of communion and love is Christ who makes us overcome our prejudices to see in others a brother or sister to be loved always," he said.

By seeking unity, we find that Christians of other confessions are gifts from God.

"Let us begin to pray for them and, when possible, with them," concluded Pope Francis. "We will thus learn to love and appreciate them."

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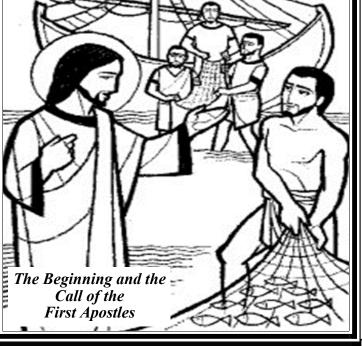
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SUNDAY JANUARY 24, 2021 THIRD SUNDAY IN **ORDINARY TIME**



Reconciliation By Appointment

Baptism:

Expectant parents welcome to register, and speak with Fr. Ron after Mass

Matrimony:

Must register at least eight months in advance. Book the Church before the hall.

Communion at Home:

Lay ministers are available to bring Communion to shutins. Phone the parish office

Prayer-Line:

Rose Marie Spina 254-4064 Angela Filice 253-8607 (Italian)

Visiting & Card Ministry:

If you wish to send cards or have someone visit people who are confined to their homes. Contact the parish office.

"Love is shown by little things, by attention to small daily signs which make us feel at home."

- Pope Francis

REGULAR CHURCH OFFICE HOURS **CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER** NOTICE

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

During this time, if you would like to donate, please drop off your donation envelopes at our office any time by depositing your envelope in the mail slot of the office door. Auto-Deposit E-Transfer is also available. Details inside bulletin. Thank you to all who give! Website: veronica.church

DUE TO GOVERNMENT LOCKDOWNS. THERE ARE **NO IN-PERSON MASSES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

SATURDAY MASSES ARE LIVESTREAMED AT 4:00 PM website: veronica.church

It will also be available to view Sunday on the website

TELEVISED MASS ON SHAW CABLE Channel 10 and on BLUE CURVE 105 Every Sunday at 9:00 AM

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 30, 2021 4:00 PM MASS



For the intentions of all parishioners of St. Veronica's.

<u>Sunday, January 31, 2021</u> 11:00 AM MASS

Michele Policicchio by Francesca Policicchio and family. Madame Francine Daigneault Cardinal by Fabiola Agostinelli. For the intentions of all parishioners of St. Veronica's.

AUTO-DEPOSIT E-TRANSFERS FOR DONATIONS

A convenient way we are now accepting donations is through Auto-Deposit E-Transfer. Send your E-Transfer to veronicassm@shaw.ca and the donation will automatically be deposited into our Parish's account without the need to create a question or answer! If you are not registered with our Parish, please include your address with the E-Transfer for a tax receipt. Thank you all for your continued support!

FUNDRAISER Livestream Equipment

Our Goal: \$15,000

Raised to date: \$13,015



GREETINGS FROM THE ST. VERONICA'S CWL

We understand that everything has changed with the COVID outbreak but we have been advised that the CWL Membership for 2021 will virtually carry on.. The membership for 2021 will remain at \$20.00 per year for everyone that wishes to continue their membership. If you wish, we would ask that you put your membership fee in an envelope addressed to the CWL and drop it into the Sunday collection box. If you are able to e-transfer, then please do so. E-transfer 20.00 to delaney.arlene@gmail.com. No codes required. It is direct deposit.

In any event, Rose Linklater, President, and I, will be calling the members throughout January and February so that they don't lose their yearly membership with the National.

Happy New Year to all of you and we pray that many Blessings be given to you and your families.

Arlene Delaney, Secretary/Treasurer CWL



PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

We hope you can join us for our preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation that will begin in February. Candidates must be in Grade Seven or higher. Due to Covid-19 restrictions we are going to have our meetings on ZOOM this year.

To register and for more information, please go to our website: www.veronica.church and open the Liturgy/Sacrament tab. Your registration and all documentation can be submitted online.

Our deadline for registration is January 24, 2021.



PREPARATION FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST COMMUNION

This year we are going to have our meetings in a new way. Due to Covid-19 restrictions we are going to meet on ZOOM. There will be 3 meetings for First Reconciliation and 3 meetings for First Communion. Children must be in Grade 2 or higher. We will begin our meetings on February 10th.

To find out more, please go to our website: veronica.church, and click on the Liturgy/Sacraments tab. You will be able to register online and send in all documentation.

The deadline for registration is January 24, 2021.

We look forward to seeing you!

