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2nd Sunday in Ordinary
Time

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Week of Prayer for
Christian Unity

I intervened at the end of a round-table discussion of the Federal Government's Bill C-9 that saw 45 ministers – mostly Evangelical, Pentecostal, and Non-Denominational – meet with MP's fighting this bill that will essentially give the Government authority over the Word of God. I pointed out that implying that society should evaluate Scripture is as "Hate Speech" is breathtaking in its arrogance. It is also a clarion call to Christians – sadly divided by how to employ the Holy Scripture – to be united in one voice reminding the Government of the first line of the *Charter of Rights and Freedoms*:

"Whereas Canada is founded upon principles that recognize the supremacy of God and the rule of Law."

A united voice of Christians serves the whole of Canadian society – including those whose "religion" is of a faith or of no faith – by advocating for a rule that is *rooted in Christian culture*: "2. Everyone has the following fundamental freedoms: (a) freedom of conscience and religion" (*Charter*). For those who believe Jesus Christ is the Good News, St. Paul's cry, "woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel!" (1 Cor. 9:16) impels us to defend the freedom to proclaim Jesus as the Gospel. St. Paul's exhortation is directed to each of us, let our prayerful action for Christian Unity by lobbying our Catholic brother, PM Mark Carney to defend the *Charter* (mark.carney@parl.gc.ca).



I have been blessed this year to have followed the daily reflections of Oswald Chambers (a Scottish Baptist Evangelist who died in 1917) in the collection *My Utmost for His Highest*. This book is extremely popular among Evangelicals and Baptists and quite outside of my normal reading interest. Of course, as a Catholic theologian I note some fundamental theological limitations ... but the depth of the spiritual love with Jesus in Chambers words brought me to the heart of Christian Unity: Union with the Heart of Christ. Here is a passage engaging this Sunday's Gospel of John the Baptist giving us the heart of our mission as baptized disciples in Christ's Holy Church:

"The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" ... The missionary's message is the limitless importance of Jesus Christ as the propitiation for our sins, and a missionary is someone who is immersed in the truth of that revelation.... The missionary's message is not nationalistic, favouring nations or individuals; it is *"for the whole world."* (Lk. 24:47) When the Holy Spirit comes into me, He does not consider my partialities or preferences; He simply brings me into oneness with the Lord Jesus.

A missionary is someone who is bound by marriage to the stated mission and purpose of his Lord and Master. He is not to proclaim his own point of view, but is only to proclaim "the Lamb of God." It is easier to belong to a faction that simply tells what Jesus Christ has done for me, and easier to become a devotee of divine healing, or of a special type of sanctification, or of the baptism of the Holy Spirit. But Paul did not say, "woe is me if I do not preach what Christ has done for me," but, "woe is me if I do not preach the gospel!" And this is the gospel – "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" (*My Utmost for His Highest*, October 15 reflection)

**Christ, the good and gracious Way,
And the living Truth.
Leader of our spirits from
Earth to heaven above.**

**Jesus, Door to Life, True God,
Through you we shall come;
Now admit us to your Father,
By your Holy Spirit.**

(St. Nersess the Gracious: *Final Prayer for Worship Service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, 2026*)

MONDAY, January 19, 2026

11:00 am - Confessions & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** (*St Tamas Tahn*)
6:30 pm - Medjugorje Prayer Group

TUESDAY, January 20, 2026

St. Fabian (OM) & St. Sebastian (OM)

11:00 am - Confessions & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** († *John Jansen*)

WEDNESDAY, January 21, 2026

St. Agnes (M)

11:00 am - Confessions, & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** († *Elsie Zuntie*)
1:00 pm - **Eucharistic Adoration**
7:00 pm - Choir

THURSDAY, January 22, 2026

St. Vincent (OM)

11:00 am - Confessions & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** († *Patenaude family*)
4:30 pm - RCIC
7:00 pm - RCIA
8:00 pm - Christ the King Prayer Group

FRIDAY, January 23, 2026

11:00 am - Confessions & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** († *souls in purgatory*)
4:30 pm - Wedding Rehearsal
5:30 pm - Sto. Nino Prayer Group

SATURDAY, January 24 , 2026

St. Francis de Sales (M)

11:00 am - Confessions & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** († *Patenaude family*)

SUNDAY, January 25, 2026
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am - **Mass**
10:00 am - **Mass**
12:30 pm - Eritrean **Mass**
2:00 pm - Wedding
7:30 pm - **Solemn Vespers**
8:00 pm - **Mass**

Register for Confirmation Class by Jan. 27

Confirmation Classes will be held Saturdays at 10:00am beginning January 31. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated May 21 with Bishop Mark Hagemoen. To register your child for confirmation, or for more info please contact Sr Peter Mary at srpetermary@stpaulcathedral.ca or call 306-986-3885

As part of the 2026 Priests Pension & Retirement Campaign, the Diocese of Saskatoon Catholic

Foundation is inviting parishioners to submit a short video clip sharing a brief story or reflection on how their priest has impacted their life. Testimonies will be compiled into a campaign video to honour our priests and emphasize the importance of caring for them in retirement. For more information or to submit a video, please contact the parish office.

Knights of Columbus “In Support of Life” Gala

Fundraiser will be held **Saturday, Feb. 28,** at the Cathedral of the Holy Family with cocktails at 5:30 p.m. and supper at 6:30 p.m.; includes a silent auction. For tickets contact Merv at (306) 961-2473

Prison ministry - Volunteers are needed to assist with prayer and outreach at the Saskatoon Correctional Centre on Tuesday evenings. Training and support will be provided. Contact Dianne Anderson for more information. Email: danderson@rcdos.ca or call (306) 659-5845. “...I was in prison and you visited Me.” – Matthew 25:36

OFFERING for January 11, 2026

Cash Donations	\$	811.61
Envelopes	\$	1,615.00
Renovation	\$	160.00