



ST. GIANNA BERETTA MOLLA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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“To transform the world by choosing unconditional love and sacrifice”

- Parish Mission Statement

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 28, 2018

PARISH TEAM

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Pastor

John Eisma

Pastoral Associate responsible for Liturgical Music Ministry

Rachel Suarez-Banmann

Pastoral Associate responsible for Children's Faith Formation

Kristi Stubbings

Pastoral Associate responsible for Global Awareness & Social Action

Ernest Lacuna

Administrative Coordinator

Romeo Suban

Operational Business Manager

Monique Gauthier

Living Waters Columbarium - Director of Sales, Marketing & Promotions

Reg & Jane Todd

Custodial

Masses Intentions of the Week

MONDAY, January 29, 2018

No Mass

TUESDAY, January 30, 2018

7:00 p.m. Liturgy - Novena Mass in Honour of St. Gianna

Intention: + *Linda Fradette / Larry Gagné & Lee Hopper*

WEDNESDAY, January 31, 2018

9:30 a.m. Liturgy - Memorial - St. John Bosco

Intention: + *Rose Lampertz / Roland Lampertz*

THURSDAY, February 1, 2018

No Mass

FRIDAY, February 2, 2018

9:30 a.m. Liturgy - Feast - The Presentation of the Lord

Intention: *Bob & Doris St-Hilaire / Gerald Bermisa*

SATURDAY, February 3, 2018

4:30 p.m. Liturgy - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Intention: + *Anacleto del Rosario / del Rosario Family*

SUNDAY, February 4, 2018 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Liturgy - Intention: For All Parishioners

11:00 a.m. Liturgy - Intention: For All Parishioners



**Remembering Those Entombed or Memorialized
in Living Waters Columbarium:**

February 5 - Nieves B. Bernardo



"The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes." Those gathered in the synagogue where Jesus taught had never heard anything like this

before. They were used to the preaching of the well-educated scribes, but Jesus possessed something that those men lacked: authority. Instead of merely interpreting the laws of the prophets, Jesus presented a new vision, indeed, he shared the good news of the Gospel with his listeners.

We do not have the opportunity to stand in the presence of Jesus in the same way that those first-century Jews did, but nonetheless we can also stand in awe of his authority. His teachings are available to us through the sacred Scriptures that the Church has preserved and through the sacred tradition that the Church carries on. And in a special way, Christ's authority continues to inspire and guide us through the ministries of the papacy, episcopacy, and priesthood that Jesus established on our behalf while he was yet on earth.

As Catholics, we have a special share in the astonishing authority of Jesus through the hierarchy of the Church. Although this structure is often misunderstood or misinterpreted, it is actually an authority rooted in service and modelled after Christ who told his apostles, *"The greatest among you must be your servant"* (Mt 23:11).

This humble exercise of authority is contrary to the worldly search for power. And whenever we find ourselves in a position of authority, we too should strive to lead and direct others in the true spirit of Christian love and service. Chances are, if we truly imitate Christ in this way, people will be astonished at what they see.

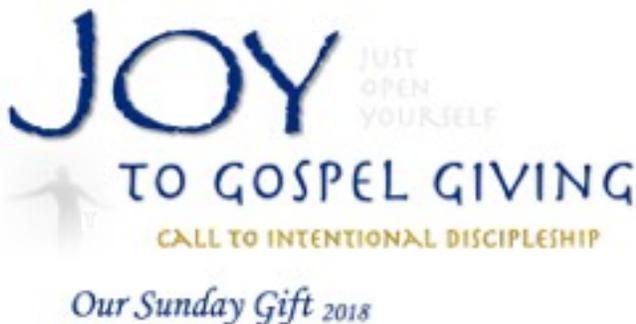
KIDS' CORNER

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus shows his power and authority over evil. His teaching during Sabbath worship amazes his audience. Jesus teaches as one with authority. In his healing and his teaching, Jesus is fuelled by the Holy Spirit and driven by God's love.

Do we recognize Jesus' authority over us and his power to teach us?



- Pflaum Gospel Weeklies



Please remember to return your 2018 Stewardship of Treasure Commitment Card via the Sunday offertory basket, the parish office or mail.

Sunday's Offertory - January 21, 2018

Pre-Authorized Giving:	\$ 14,000.00
Loose:	\$ 1,103.90
Votives:	\$ 216.62
Novena Mass	\$ 255.00
TOTAL:	\$ 15,575.52

Our minimum weekly offertory income requirement is \$ 20,000.00

Submit Your Own Photo - Final Opportunity!



The photo sessions for the creation of our first parish photo directory are now complete, but you can still be included by submitting your own photo for a charge of **\$12.50 plus taxes**, and receive your copy of the

completed parish directory. Hard copy photos must be **no larger than 4x6 inches** and labelled (where applicable) with the Family Last Name, father's name, mother's name, and children's names, oldest to youngest. Digital photos must be a file size of **at least 1MB**. Avoid close-up, head shots like passport photos, and vertical images are recommended, but horizontal photos will be accepted. Photos with a copyright must be accompanied by a letter from the photographer permitting its use. Please submit photos to our parish office in-person or email to: stgianna@mymts.net by **January 31, 2018**.

Day of Prayer for Vocations - Join the Chain of Prayer



An Archdiocesan 'Day of Prayer' for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life is being held every Thursday from **9:00am - 8:00pm** this year. All are invited to participate in this chain of prayer by visiting our Perpetual

Adoration Chapel of the Divine Mercy on any Thursday.

Four prayer themes have been chosen and will be the focus of the various Thursdays in the month:

The **first Thursday** of the Month will focus on: An increase of Vocations to the Priesthood.

The **second Thursday** of the Month will focus on: Supporting seminarians in preparation for the Priesthood,

The **third Thursday** of the Month will focus on: Praying for priests currently serving our Church,

The **fourth Thursday** of the Month will focus on: An increase of Vocations to Religious life.

The **fifth Thursday** of the Month (when one occurs) will focus on: Families and the creation of a culture of Vocation.



We Value Your Opinion!

Our online survey has been sent to all registered parishioners via email. The focus of this survey is *Witness Matters: Telling Your Faith Story*. These surveys are anonymous and are very easy to complete. If you did not receive the email, printed copies are available at the parish office or contact our office to update your email: stgianna@mymts.net. We look forward to receiving your important input!

New Parishioners Orientation Session - February 4

Our next New Parishioner Orientation Session has been scheduled for **Sunday, February 4th** in the narthex, immediately following our 11:00am liturgy. This 90 minute session provides a wonderful way to learn more about our parish community, the opportunities for faith formation and ministry involvement, as well as to learn about the unique charism that we hold as a community of Christian disciples under the patronage of St. Gianna Beretta Molla. To pre-register for this event, please fill out a membership request form at the visitor's information table and hand it to one of the ministers of hospitality or include it in the Sunday Offertory. We are eager to welcome and count those who worship with us as registered members of our parish community.

Registration at St. Gianna's is a two part process:

1. (*Step one*) Complete the "Request for Parish Membership" form and submit it either via the Welcome kiosk box in the narthex, by including it in the Sunday offertory basket or by returning it directly to the parish office.
2. Once submitted, you will be invited to a **New Parishioner's Orientation Session** to learn more about our parish community and the call to parish membership. At that time, those who wish to proceed to full parish membership may complete the registration package (*Step two*) and officially join our faith community. New member orientation sessions take place on the first Sunday of every month immediately following our 11:00 a.m. Sunday Liturgy.
3. Once the registration process is completed, we will joyfully count you as a full member of our parish community, sharing in the ministry and mission that makes us all a part of something Great!



The Season of Lent

Mark your calendars as the season of Lent begins with the liturgy of Ash Wednesday and the distribution of ashes on **February 14 at 7:00 p.m.**

Visit our new websites, watch our videos and keep up-to-date on parish activities:

Go to www.stgianna.ca and www.livingwaterswpg.ca



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