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3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. - Mk 1:19-20



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WEEKEND MASS

We are so happy to be able to gather once again to celebrate Mass with you! Our current restriction is 158 parishioners at each Mass. Please register for mass at blessedoanam.ca/registering-for-mass/

St. Brother André Catholic High School
6160 - 16th Avenue, Markham
Saturday 5 p.m.
Sunday 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

CONFESSION

Saturday 4 - 4:45 p.m.
or anytime by appointment

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time | January 24, 2021

*"He guides the humble to justice
and teaches the humble his way."*

- Psalm 25:9

Dear Lord, the need for humility and justice is daily revealed in the news. May your Spirit inspire wise distribution of the COVID vaccine, generous economic relief for suffering families, rejection of racist word and action, and respect for all life. Grant Your strength to those seeking to humbly serve You and their neighbors. Please help us hear Your voice and faithfully follow your way.

Jesus, we trust in you. Amen.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 24, 2021

Today the Universal Church celebrates

“Sunday of the Word of God”

an initiative established by Pope Francis as a day “devoted to the celebration, study, and dissemination of the Word of God.” (Apostolic Letter, *Aperuit Illis*, n. 3).

Why should we focus on Sacred Scriptures?

Because, in the words of the Holy Father, “A profound bond links Sacred Scripture and the faith of believers. Since faith comes from hearing, and what is heard is based on the Word of Christ (Rom 10:17), believers are bound to listen attentively to the Word of the Lord, both in the celebration of the liturgy and in their personal prayer and reflection” (n. 7).

Pope Francis adds, “devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the Word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of His Word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world” (n.2).

To read Pope Francis’ Apostolic letter please click on this link:

http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/motu_proprio/documents/papa-francesco-motu-proprio-20190930_aperuit-illis.html

ALPHA COMES TO BLESSED OZANAM PARISH!

We are excited to be offering the Alpha program at Blessed Ozanam Parish for the first time. Alpha is a way of enriching your faith experience by getting to know Christ Himself, in a deeply personal way, and not just things about Him. It will help you connect to the heart of our Faith in a more profound way—moving your understanding of God from the head to the heart.

The program will be run virtually over Zoom beginning with a “Meet and Greet”, along with a short video, starting Thursday, February 11th, at 7pm. The program will run for 11 consecutive weeks and includes a retreat day. To register, or for more information, please email Shiv, the program coordinator, at: alpha@blessedozanam.ca.



FR. RICK'S FLICKS:

Classic films that have something to say about matters of Faith.



Strictly Ballroom (1993): **LIVING WITHOUT FEAR**

In times like these, it's really good to make laughter a priority. Humour and laughter is one of the best gifts that God has given us – something that I think too many take for granted. But humour and laughter (as long as it's in good taste) have the power to lift our spirits and heal us. And so, it's good to watch something, or read something, or do something, every now and then, that will make us laugh. This is why, for a good laugh, and some pure escapist fun, I'm recommending one of my all-time favourite movies, Baz Luhrmann's (who directed *Moulin Rouge*) directorial debut: **Strictly Ballroom**. Luhrmann's offbeat, clever, and inventive first-time film is a hilarious spoof of the Australian ballroom dancing scene that is simply spectacular – an absolutely joyous cinematic experience, and one of the very best romantic comedies of all time. What I love about this film is how it satirizes Hollywood clichés. Rather than trying to fight them, **Strictly Ballroom** embraces them, and has fun with them, making them far more effective than their use in other films that take themselves much too seriously – in fact, so effective, that this little-known cinematic gem simply grabs a hold of you, and never lets you go—to the point that you are on the edge of your seat at the film's finale, as Luhrmann makes a dance competition one of the most exciting things I've ever seen on film. Not to mention that it has a powerful statement about living in fear, as a recurring tagline throughout the movie is: “a life lived in fear, is a life half lived.” In other words, to live in fear is to not really live at all. But even if this message doesn't resonate with you, *Strictly Ballroom* will have you dancing by the end of the film and laughing throughout. And we could all use a good laugh these days.



January 24, 2021 — Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

[Jon 3:1-5, 10; PS 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 COR 7:29-31; MK 1:14-20](#)

Today's readings call us to be decisive in our faith.

Simon, Andrew, James, and John demonstrate this decision for us in their response to Christ's calling, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." In both instances, the men immediately abandoned what was before them and followed Christ.

Imagine if Simon and Andrew looked at their Savior and said, "Thanks for the offer, but we will finish up fishing and meet you later." That is no way a disciple should respond to Christ's call. Yet, that is how we often respond to Jesus' offer to us, "Come after me."

We can easily fall into the misconception that we have plenty of time to live active discipleship. But as faithful stewards of our time, we must change our ways and immediately follow Christ more intentionally, because Christ is calling us to act now.



These men became members of Jesus' twelve apostles. They surrendered their entire lives to follow Christ. We, too, are called to surrender our lives to the Lord so that He may work through us. We might think, "God isn't calling me." But indeed, He is. Just as He called four ordinary fishermen, He is calling each one of us. Renewing and reevaluating what God might be asking of us throughout our lives is a key component of our stewardship journey.

As we settle into this New Year, let us ponder the ways we can renew our commitment to God. Let us ask ourselves: what are we casting our nets for? And are we willing to leave it behind for something much greater? And if not now, when?

— *Stewardship Reflections by* [Catholic Stewardship Consultants](#)



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Registration for the 2021-2022 school year begins January 4, 2021

Parents are invited to register online at:

www.ycdsb.ca/admissions

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- Proof of age
- Proof of legal status in Canada
- Proof of residency
- Proof of Separate School Support (i.e. MPAC Assessment Notice), or you can complete a school support form that is included in the registration package.

JK: Children must be 4 years old by Dec. 31, 2021 (born in 2017)

SK: Children must be 5 years old by Dec. 31, 2021 (born in 2016)

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For information, contact the Admissions Department:



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STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Loving God, I come to you in thanksgiving
knowing that all that I am and all that I have is a gift from you.

In faith and love, help me to do your will.

I am listening, Lord God.

Speak your words into the depth of my soul,
that I may hear you clearly.

I offer to you this day all the facets of my life,
whether it be at home, at work, or at school –
to be patient, to be merciful, to be generous, to be holy.

Give me the wisdom and insight
to understand your will for me
and the fervor to fulfill my good intentions.
I offer my gifts of time, talent, and possessions to you
as a true act of faith,

to reflect my love for you and my neighbour.

Help me to reach out to others as you, my God,

Have reached out to me.

Amen.

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