

# Christ calls his disciples...

Capernaum was famous as a crossroads for many people, particularly pagans. It was open to the sea and a starting point for many destinations. Following the arrest of St. John the Baptist, it was there that Jesus continued his mission of spreading the Good News. His delivery was different from St. John's but the message was the same. In a land cloaked in darkness, Christ would be the light, though it would take some time to achieve its brilliance. We would first see Christ as a light of simple goodness, of sympathy with those in the shadows, and of attention to others in their pain as well as their joys. He would be a modest light, initially barely apparent, but that emerged as intense and strong.



One important thing to remember is that the proclamation of the Gospel must resonate in the hearts and minds of those who recognize the Good News. It was necessary to ensure Christ's proclamation would reach followers and enable them to believe in the future. Jesus chose and called his first disciples, those who would share this task with him, those who would cherish his memory, and extend and spread his Word. Though Christ's light is present, the shadows have never ceased and continue to challenge its brilliance.

Like the Galilean fishermen who heard Christ's call and left their nets and boats to follow him, Christians today still hear and respond to Christ's call. We follow him, like so many before us and those who will come after us, and continue his mission. We bring the Good News through our daily lives and actions that witness to our faith. Christ challenges us to be daring, to take risks and make choices, and to journey with him through the twists, turns, and crossroads of our lives.

Our world deals with clarity, shadows, and fog. Christians will always take risks, secure in the knowledge that our lives are supported by Christ's Word. We know what Christ did and said and that He will always be with us. We are runners in a relay race who pass the baton of Christ's light to those who will carry it forward. Christ is our Light who lives among us and who encourages us to succeed in our endeavors.

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**MASS INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY 22, 2017**

**Please pray for:**

Lea Guilbeault & Ferruccio Berardo  
John Fitz  
Tina Altavilla  
Patrick Joseph Commerford  
Evaristo Pietrantonio  
Carmela & Antonio Galardo  
Anton Babnik  
Carmela Criminal

**Requested by:**

Family  
Family  
Nick & Family  
Family  
Daughters  
Family  
Koziuna Family  
Cabral Family

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**World Day Of The Sick - Day Of Prayer:** Join SASMAD/Pastoral Home Care Services on Saturday, February 11 at 9am for a morning of prayer, followed by midday mass presided by Archbishop Christian Lépine at Sanctuaire St. Jude (10120 d'Auteuil Ave., Montreal). Morning prayer will include the rosary and Sacrament of the Sick. Fellowship lunch to follow in the church hall (a light soup will be served). All are welcome! Contact Pastoral Home Care Coordinator Cathy Macaulay at 514-925-4354 or [cmacaulay@diocesemontreal.org](mailto:cmacaulay@diocesemontreal.org).

**Sacred Heart's Blue & White Gala** – The Sacred Heart School of Montreal is pleased to invite you to its winter fundraising Gala on February 3, 2017 at the historic Ritz-Carlton Hotel. Emceed by Maya Johnson, CTV News Quebec City Bureau Chief, enjoy a gourmet dinner and dancing in the famed Oval Room. Cocktails with musicians start at 6pm followed by a live auction and great raffle prizes are available all night. Proceeds benefit The Sacred Heart School of Montreal's new auditorium. Tickets are limited and are going fast! More information at: 514-937-2845 or online at [www.sacredheart.qc.ca](http://www.sacredheart.qc.ca)

**Concert Series At St. Joseph's Oratory:** Enjoy "nouvellegénérations.orgue", a concert series dedicated to upcoming young composers, in collaboration with Montréal Nouvelle Musique. Concerts run Sundays at 3:30pm (3800 Queen Mary Rd., Montreal) until February 26. Projection on giant screen available. Free admission; contributions gratefully accepted. Visit [www.saint-joseph.org](http://www.saint-joseph.org) for full program details. Contact 514-733- 8211 or [info@osj.qc.ca](mailto:info@osj.qc.ca).

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If you wish to add you email address to Holy Family's address list, please send it to [jpiazza@live.ca](mailto:jpiazza@live.ca)

**For those wishing to have a mass said for loved one or a friend, please see Sharon Murphy after mass.**

Last Sunday's Collection was \$2255. Thank you!

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CHRISTIAN ONE LINERS .... (thank you Deacon Richard Brisebois!)

God loves everyone, but probably prefers 'fruits of the spirit' over 'religious nuts!'

Forbidden fruits create many jams.

God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.

Don't wait for 6 strong men to take you to church.