

Saint James Catholic Women's League

January 2019

Next meeting

January 19,

10.00 am

A Happy New Year to all our members,
and we hope you all had a blessed
Christmas.



Upcoming Events

- Jan.19 - CWL General Meeting
- Jan 21 - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
St. Ann's 12.15
- Jan 24 - Convention Planning Meeting
St. Ann's 7.00pm
- Jan 24 - Discovery series continues.
- Feb 16 - CWL General Meeting
- Mar 6 - Ash Wednesday
- Mar 16 - CWL General Meeting
- Apr 21 - Easter Sunday
- April 24- 27 Diocesan Convention
- May 5 - First Holy Communion.

Memberships

January is membership month.
Membership fee is \$40.00. It
can be paid at the next meeting
or put in the collection basket.
We will have a designated Membership
Sunday when questions are answered
and memberships are taken.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

"Justice and only justice you shall pursue" Deut 16:18-20

- Mon. Jan 21 - St. Ann's Catholic Church
- Tues. Jan 22 - Peace Lutheran Church 2029, Ware St.
- Wed. Jan 23 - Mt. Lehman United Church
4 - 6256, Mt. Lehman Rd.
- Thur. Jan 24 - St. Matthew Anglican Church
2010, Guildford Dr.
- Fri. Jan 25 - Emmanuel Mennonite Church,
3471, Clearbrook Rd.

All services begin at 12.15, followed by lunch.
Offerings will go to the Abbotsford Food Bank and
MCC Indonesian Disaster Relief.

**St. James CWL has been asked to provide desert
for the 21st. We will be asking for help with this.**

Spiritual

LEAGUE PRAYER

We humbly pray You, O God our Father,
to bless The Catholic Women's League of
Canada.

Bless our beloved country, our homes
and families.

Send Your Holy Spirit upon us to give
light to our minds

and strength to our wills

that we may know and fulfil

Your great law of charity.

Teach us to share with others at home
and abroad the good things

You have given us.

This we ask through our Lord Jesus

Christ and the intercession of our

patroness, Our Lady of Good Counsel.

-Amen-

Convention 2019

This will take place April 24th – 27th at St. Ann's Parish.

St. James will be responsible for Hospitality and Hostessing. Each council is asked to donate a gift basket. Ideas are welcome. Together with St. Joseph's, Mission we will provide breakfast and snacks for Friday 26th.

The next planning meeting will take place on Thursday January 24, at St. Ann's - 7.00pm.

Christmas Bake Sale

This was a great success. Thank you all for your contributions.

Bursaries

Watch for upcoming Information on Bursaries.

Resolutions:

A delegation from our National Council went to Parliament Hill to present the Canada Summer Jobs resolution, which calls on the government to remove the attestation for all future Canada Summer Jobs programs. The response they received was: "its going to be looked at and its going to be different next year!" We look forward to positive action.

You can read further at www.cwl.ca

Legislation

CCRL is to intervene in the appeal of the Ontario Div. Court decision on the case which concerns the conscience and religious rights of Ontario doctors who refuse to participate in morally objectionable procedures such as Euthanasia or Abortion.

Ccr1.ca

OLGC – Domestic Abuse Service

Please consider volunteering or donating to Thrifters Paradise, 20566 56th Ave, Langley Tues -Sat.

<http://domesticabuseservices.ca/>

Final Note:

St. James CWL page is on the St. James Parish

Website.

<http://stjames.rcav.org/cwl/>

A Prayer for the New Year

I found this prayer in a book "Opening And Closing Prayers for the Liturgical Year." (Lorraine L. Kilmartin)
It speaks to one's thoughts as we begin another year.

God, you continually call us to start over, to begin anew. We thank you for placing deep in our hearts the desire to be better than we are. Sometimes, when we reflect on our shortcomings and sins, we don't like ourselves. We thank you for the gift of your Son, who forgives us and shows us what it is to be a loving and faithful person. Help us to grow in the virtues that we lack. Show us how to become more honest, more considerate, and less ruled by our impulses.

Don't let us become discouraged, God. At times we may want to throw out the old self and invent a new self. Let us be assured of your love for us. Lead us gently by the hand as we take small steps toward becoming the self you are calling us to be. In name of Jesus, your Son. Amen.