

**A word of gratitude
from Fr. Raymond**

It has been my privilege to journey this time of Lent and especially Holy Week with Saint Therese Parish Community as I did 30 years ago [!!!] when I was pastor here for three years. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the numerous parishioners but I will not be doing it by name because I am afraid that I might omit someone's name.

My first big thanks goes to all parishioners who assisted to make every Liturgy special by your service: music and singing ministry; Ministers of the Eucharist; Lectors; junior and senior Altar Servers; decorating ministry; cleaning crew; Catholic Women's League and Knights of Columbus members; and finally but definitely not least, all the parishioners who attended.

During my stay here, I also appreciated the several parishioners who brought food and deserts to the rectory. I am also honoured for the invitations to be able to visit your homes for a meal and loved to meet and greet your families at your homes.

I would like to thank our Parish Office Administrator for all her assistance in the day to day administration of the parish office and financial matters. Thanks also for who took care of the rectory during my stay with you

I am certain that I would be expressing the sentiments of everyone at St. Therese Parish when I say that we are looking forward to Fr. Michael's recovery and return. He has experienced some very drastic health problems. However he has done great strides of improvement and he looks forward to returning to his assignment as pastor. We wish him well and let us all keep him in our prayer as he recuperates.

Once again I thank you as I ask that you keep me in your prayers as I continue to serve our parishes in need during my retirement. I assure you all that you and your loved ones will be remembered in my prayers during the celebration of daily Mass.

Fr. Raymond

2026 Sacrament Celebrations

Sacrament of First Holy Communion

The St. Therese Parish Community is thankfully invited to join the families, relatives and friends for the celebration of **First Holy Communion** of our young parishioners on **Sunday, 26th April 2026** at the **9:00 am Mass**. *Please remember our young parishioners in your prayers over the next several weeks!*

**Sacrament of Confirmation
at St. Therese Parish**

On Sunday, 12th April 2026 at the 9:00 am Mass, our Parish community welcomed our Diocesan Pastor, Most Rev. Gerard P. Bergie, Bishop of St. Catharines, who celebrated the **Sacrament of Confirmation** for some of our young parishioners:

William McCormack Dakota Patrese Murtaugh
Ivy Rose Pruyn Hayden Enrico Sammut
Jax Cornelis Sneek Stephanie White

We congratulate the Candidates, their sponsors and families. Please keep our young parishioners in your prayers.



Welland-Port Colborne Pro-Life

Join us on Saturday, 2nd May for an evening of fellowship and faith at the **Welland-Port Colborne Pro-Life Annual General Meeting & Dinner** this May. Together, we will reflect on the sacredness of life. It is being held at St. Mary's Church (90 Griffith St., Welland). Doors open at 6:00 PM. For tickets call 905-735-3666 or email: rocca_josie@hotmail.com

Bishop's Annual Appeal

For the first time, our Diocese is launching the Bishop's Annual Appeal: Hearts on Fire. Through this appeal, our Diocese is seeking to strengthen vital ministries, especially in youth and young adult outreach, and in evangelization and faith formation for people of every age and stage of life.

***Faster Flower Donations to
remember those we love***

*May their souls and souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

Thank you to everyone who made a donation in memory of their loved ones towards the Easter Flowers that decorated our church.

Holy Hour to Pray for Vocations

Fourth Sunday of Easter is known as Good Shepherd Sunday. It is also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. On **Sunday, 26th April 2026, at 3:00 PM**, at the Cathedral (3 Lyman Street, St. Catharines), join with your diocesan family, under the leadership of Bishop Bergie, to pray for vocations to the priesthood, especially from and for our diocese, for vocations to the diaconate and for vocations to religious life. May the Lord touch the hearts of many young men and women to consecrate themselves completely and exclusively to Christ and the service of His holy people. May the Lord bless all married and single persons in their vocations.

CWL NEWS

* Thank you to everyone who supported our Easter Basket Raffle. The winners are:

- **Dorothy Murtaugh**
- **Frank & Paula Sneek**
- **Josie Kelly**

** We still have tomato sauce for sale. A one Litre container is \$9. Please speak to Mary or Alba

*** Apple Pies will available at the Youth Group Bake Sale and Coffee Social on 3rd May. If you would prefer an unbaked (frozen) pie call Mary at 289-668-9269.

**** Our next CWL meeting will be on Tuesday, May 12 beginning with Mass at 5:30 PM followed by a pot luck supper. Spouses/guests are welcome to attend. Induction of new members, awards and a brief business meeting will follow.

***** Knitting Club – Are you interested in getting together with other people who enjoy knitting or crocheting? Would you like to learn how to knit or crochet? Do you have yarn or knitting needles collecting dust? Give Mary a call at 289-668-9269.

Coffee Social

The next Coffee Social will be held on 3rd May after the 9:00 AM Mass. Our Youth Group will also be hosting a baked sale at this time.

**Mass Intentions
for the Week**

April 18	Saturday	4:00 pm
For the needs of all Parishioners		
April 19	3rd Sunday of Easter	9:00 am
† Emily Brown		
April 20	Monday	NO Mass
April 21	Tuesday	6:30 pm
† Tom Leon		
April 22	Wednesday	8:00 am
Int of George & Margaret Hodgkinson		
April 23	Thursday	8:00 am
† Macoritto family		
April 24	Friday	9:30 am
† Giovanni Ottaviano		
April 25	Saturday	4:00 pm
† Italo Chiavetti		
April 26	4th Sunday of Easter	9:00 am
For the needs of all Parishioners		
April 27	Monday	NO Mass
April 28	Tuesday	6:30 pm
† Giuseppina Pambianco		
April 29	Wednesday	8:00 am
† Miani family		
April 30	Thursday	8:00 am
† Paolo & Virginia Cirone		
May 1	Friday	9:30 am
† Rosalinda C		
May 2	Saturday	4:00 pm
† Janet Batchelor		
May 3	5th Sunday of Easter	9:00 am
For the needs of all Parishioners		

Hearts on Fire

Catholic Conference for Youth and Adults

Join us on Saturday, 9th May from 8:30 AM - 3:15 PM, at Blessed Trinity High School (145 Livingstone Ave, Grimsby, ON), featuring CHRIS BRAY. Get ready for an inspiring **in-person** experience at the **Hearts on Fire** conference. Be refreshed through uplifting worship music, engaging talks, Eucharistic nourishment—come be transformed in Christ!! Tickets on Eventbrite

