

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 15, 2026 — Year A



Sat. Feb 14	4:00PM †Henry Nan by Mary Nan
Sun. Feb 15	9:00AM For the People
Mon. Feb 16	No Scheduled Mass
Tue. Feb 17	No Scheduled Mass
Wed. Feb 18	9:30AM Intention of George & Margaret Hodgkinson by family
	6:30PM †Joe Quinn by Dan Quinn
Thu. Feb 19	No Scheduled Mass
Fri. Feb 20	No Scheduled Mass
Sat. Feb 21	4:00PM †Argilio Lametti by wife Merina & family
Sun. Feb 22	9:00AM For the People
Mon. Feb 23	No Scheduled Mass
Tue. Feb 24	6:30PM †Melanie van Kampen
Wed. Feb 25	8:00AM †Father Ermino
Thu. Feb 26	8:00AM †Henry Nan
Fri. Feb 27	6:00PM Stations of the Cross
	†Marino, Palmina & Yvette Polverari by Joe
Sat Feb 28	4:00PM For the People
Sun. Mar 1	9:00AM †Shirley Byers by Josef & Mary van Ruyven

COUNTDOWN TO LENT.

We begin the Holy Season of Lent on February 18 with the distribution of ashes. Simply put, it is a reminder we sometimes forget that without God we are nothing. Prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and penance are the themes that prepare us for the great Day of the Lord’s Resurrection from the dead...Easter Sunday.

“Without God, all that remains of man’s greatness is that little pile of dust, in a dish, at one side of the altar, on Ash Wednesday...The Church marks us with ashes on our forehead...”

(J. Leclercq)

ASH WEDNESDAY

Mass will be celebrated on Ash Wednesday (February 18th) at 9:30AM and 6:30PM. For Catholics between the ages of 14 and 59, it is a day of **abstinence** (no eating meat) and **fasting** (no eating or reduced portions at meals).

Can.1251 Abstinence from meat or from some other food as determined by the Episcopal Conference, is to be observed on all Fridays, unless a solemnity should fall on a Friday. Abstinence and fasting are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Can.1252 The law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year. The law of fasting binds those who have attained their majority (age 18 – C.97), until the beginning of their sixtieth year. Pastors of souls and parents are to ensure that even those who by reason of their age are not bound by law of fasting and abstinence, are taught the true meaning of penance.

WELCOME FATHER RAYMOND

The parishioners of St. Therese warmly welcomes Father Raymond Fenech Gonzi to our parish as Father Michael continues his recovery. Weekday masses will resume on Tuesday, February 24.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday evening during Lent starting at 6:00PM followed with Mass at 6:30PM beginning Friday, February 27.

LENTEN JOURNALS

A Lenten Journal, containing reflections on the Gospel readings used during this liturgical season, is available at the back of the Church on the weekends of February 7-8 and February 14-15. The suggested donation is \$5. The reflections are written by local clergy and laypeople and intended to help the faithful to gain new insights into these passages and deepen their spiritual life.

TAX RECEIPTS

Tax receipts for 2025 are available after all Masses. They will be in alphabetical order for your convenience.

CONFESSION

The Sacrament of Confession is offered at St. Denis Parish (230 Lake Street, St. Catharines) every Monday to Friday and St. Andrew the Apostle Parish (4 St. Andrews Ave., Welland) every Tuesday. Confession times are from 8:00 until 9:00 PM.

‘PRO-LIFE 101’TEEN NIGHT

The Diocese of St. Catharines in partnership with Choose Life Niagara invite teens to join us for a ‘Pro-Life 101’evening with Katie Somers on Sunday, February 22 from 6:00—9:00PM at St. Alexander Church in Fonthill. We will learn facts and apologetics on abortion, play games and spend time socializing with other pro-life youth! The evening will begin at 6:00PM with Holy Mass followed by the rest of the program at 7:00PM. Please email info@chooselife.ca or youth@sainted.com for more information.

POPE’S PRAYER INTENTION—FEBRUARY

For children with incurable diseases

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCKAE SUPPER

Knights of Columbus #3732 will be having a Pancake Supper at St. Therese Parish Hall on Tuesday, February 17th from 4:30—6:00PM. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. We encourage you to purchase your tickets ahead of time from Joe van Ruyven at 289-969-9369.

SUNDAY MASS

St. Andrew the Apostle Parish (4 St. Andrews Ave., Welland) is offering Mass on Sunday evenings at 8:15PM.

CHOOSE LIFE NIAGARA

Choose Life Niagara will be holding its annual dinner on Saturday, March 7, 5:00PM at Club Roma in St.Catharines. Abortion survivor Lauren Eden will share her powerful story of discovering the truth of her survival, finding healing, and learning that God's purposes are never thwarted by human plans. Join us for dinner, fellowship and an inspiring guest speaker. To purchase tickets (Adults \$60, Students \$30) please visit ChooseLife.ca/Events. **Registration closes after February 26.** Feel free to call us at 905-684-7505 if you have any questions or need assistance purchasing tickets.

FROM THE BISHOP’S DESK

Father Michael Basque is still in the Welland Hospital; however, he hopes to be going to a rehab facility very soon to continue the healing process. He is in good spirits and I ask that you continue to pray for him.

“Let us set out with trust on our Lenten journey, sustained by fervent prayer, penance and concern for those in need. In particular, may this Lent be a time of ever greater concern for the needs of children, in our own families and in society as a whole: for they are the future of humanity.”

St. John Paul II, [2004 Lenten Message](#)

CWL FUNDRAISER

St. Therese of Lisieux CWL still has Tomato Sauce for sale. Please contact Mary Nan at 905-834-9520 or Alba Farkas at 905-835-5337. Cost is \$9

SOUP SUNDAY

St. Therese of Lisieux Parish CWL will be holding its annual Soup Sunday in the Parish Hall after the Masses on the weekend of March 7-8. Take out is available. Cost is \$5 for either eat-in or take-out.

APPLE PIE SALE

St. Therese of Lisieux Parish Catholic Women’s League is having an Apple Pie Sale. Cost is \$ 13 each or 2 for \$25. Pies can be ordered starting this weekend and picked up on the weekend of March 28-29 after the 4:00 PM Mass (Saturday evening) and 9:00 AM Mass (Sunday morning). To order a pie call Mary Nan at 905-834-9520 or Alba Farkas at 905-835-5337. Please order early so you won’t be disappointed.

CWL MEETING

The next CWL meeting will be held on March 3 at 1:00PM. A vote will be taken on amendments made to the constitution & bylaws. A quorum is needed to pass any changes. Please plan to attend.

CWL 68th ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS (CONVENTION)

The 68th Annual Meeting of Members (AMM) of the St. Catharines Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women’s League of Canada will be held at the St. John the Theologian Ukrainian Catholic Church, 91 Lakeshore Rd., St. Catharines ON, L2N 2T6 on **Tuesday, April 21, 2026.**

What a delight it will be to gather once again in faith and fellowship to participate in the Mass, conduct CWL business, and listen the to guest speakers: in the morning, Joanne Heritz, PhD., and in the afternoon, His Excellency, Bishop Bergie.

Kindly note that the hard deadline for the Registration will be Wednesday, April 1, 2026

We look forward to seeing members from each of the Councils at the AMM/Convention. Our Lady of Good Counsel, Pray for Us. Please contact Mary Nan at 905-834-9520 to register.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year, our parish is hosting the World Day of Prayer. It will take place on Friday, March 6 beginning at 2:00PM. Please see the poster for more information

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Jan31/Feb 1	Sunday Offering	\$ 1,477.00
	Repairs	\$ 480.00
February 7/8	Sunday Offering	\$ 1,888.00