

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 1, 2026 — Year A



Sat. Jan 31	4:00PM †Italo Chiavetti by Mafalda Chiavetti
Sun. Feb 1	9:00AM For the People
Mon. Feb 2	No Scheduled Mass
Tue. Feb 3	No Scheduled Mass
Wed. Feb 4	No Scheduled Mass
Thu. Feb 5	No Scheduled Mass
Fri. Feb 6	No Scheduled Mass
Sat. Feb 7	4:00PM †Alfonzo & Mary Foresi by daughter, Amelia Foresi
Sun. Feb 8	9:00AM For the People
Mon. Feb 9	No Scheduled Mass
Tue. Feb 10	No Scheduled Mass
Wed. Feb 11	No Scheduled Mass
Thu. Feb 12	No Scheduled Mass
Fri. Feb 13	No Scheduled Mass
Sat. Feb 14	4:00PM †Henry Nan by Mary Nan
Sun. Feb 15	9:00AM For the People

FROM THE BISHOP'S DESK

I visited Father Michael Basque today and wish to share with you a brief update. Father Michael is still in the hospital undergoing continuing tests. They have yet to determine a definitive diagnosis. Father Michael is in good spirits and is being a very 'patient' patient. Please continue to pray for him and visit if you have some time as he expects to be in the Welland Hospital for at least another week. Weekend Masses will continued to be celebrated and all weekday Masses are cancelled until further notice. Mass intentions that were scheduled for weekdays in January and February have been given to the Chancery office.

STUDENTS FOR LIFE

Students for Life is a pro-life club starting at Niagara College (Niagara-on-the-Lake campus). This club is dedicated to upholding the value of all human life. We will meet several times a month to discuss pro-life topics, take part in fun activities, and educate others on this cause! If you are interested in joining or have questions, please register [here](#) or email studentsforlife1@gmail.com.

WORLD DAY OF CONSECRATED LIFE

February 2

The purpose of the day is "to help the entire Church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelical counsels" as well as "to be a suitable occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervour which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord" (Saint John Paul II, 1997).

OVERNIGHT WINTER RETREAT

High School Youth are invited to the Diocese of St. Catharines' First Annual Overnight Retreat starting at 6:30pm on February 12, 2026 and ending at 2:00pm on February 13, 2026. The retreat will take place at Jericho House (10845 Rathfon Road, Port Colborne ON). The cost of the retreat is \$100.00. Please register at <https://form.jotform.com/260156619738061>. For more information, contact Francesco Capisciolto, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, 905-684-0154, Ext.204 or youth@saintcd.com.

OFFICE HOURS

The office will be open on Tuesday, February 3rd and Tuesday, February 10th from 8:30AM—12:30PM. only. Regular office will resume on Thursday, February 12th at 12:30PM.

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.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

Bishop Bergie will be celebrating a Mass of Thanksgiving at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Alexandria (3 Lyman Street, Saint Catharines) on World Marriage Day (Sunday, February 8, 2026) starting at 3:00 PM. The Mass will honour all married couples but especially those celebrating significant anniversaries.

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD—February 2

In honor of the divine mystery that we celebrate today, let us all hasten to meet Christ. Everyone should be eager to join the procession and to carry a light. Our lighted candles are a sign of the divine splendor of the one who comes to expel the dark shadows of evil and to make the whole universe radiant with the brilliance of his eternal light. Our candles also show how bright our souls should be when we go to meet Christ. The Mother of God, the most pure Virgin, carried the true light in her arms and brought him to those who lay in darkness. We too should carry a light for all to see and reflect the radiance of the true light as we hasten to meet him. The light has come and has shone upon a world enveloped in shadows; the Dayspring from on high has visited us and given light to those who lived in darkness. This, then, is our feast and we join in procession with lighted candles to reveal the light that has shone upon us and the glory that is yet to come to us through him. So let us hasten all together to meet our God. The true light has come, the light that enlightens everyone who is born into this world. Let all of us, my brothers and sisters, be enlightened and made radiant by this light. Let all of us share in its splendor and be so filled with it that no one remains in the darkness. Let us be shining ourselves as we go together to meet and to receive with the aged Simeon the light whose brilliance is eternal. Rejoicing with Simeon, let us sing a hymn of thanksgiving to God, the Father of the light, who sent the true light to dispel the darkness and to give us all a share in his splendor. (St. Sophronius)

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF RELIGIOUS PROFESSION

Sister Caroline Sneek, SCGR invites all parishioners of St. Therese Church to St. Mary's Church, (90 Griffith St., Welland) on Saturday, February 14th for Mass at 10:00AM in honour of her 40th anniversary of Religious Profession. Please come and celebrate this joyous occasion. May God grant you grace and strength to continue the good work for God's glory and the salvation of souls.

'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@saintcd.com for more information.

TAX RECEIPTS

Tax receipts for 2025 will be available after February 10, 2026. They will be in alphabetical order for your convenience.

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. Cost is. \$5.

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.

CWL MEETING

The next CWL meeting will be held on February 3 at 1:00PM. An election for a new Executive will be done during this meeting. 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.

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

WEEKLY COLLECTION

January 17/18	Sunday Offering	\$ 1,580.00
	Repairs	\$ 45.00
E-transfer: celineincarmel@gmail.com		