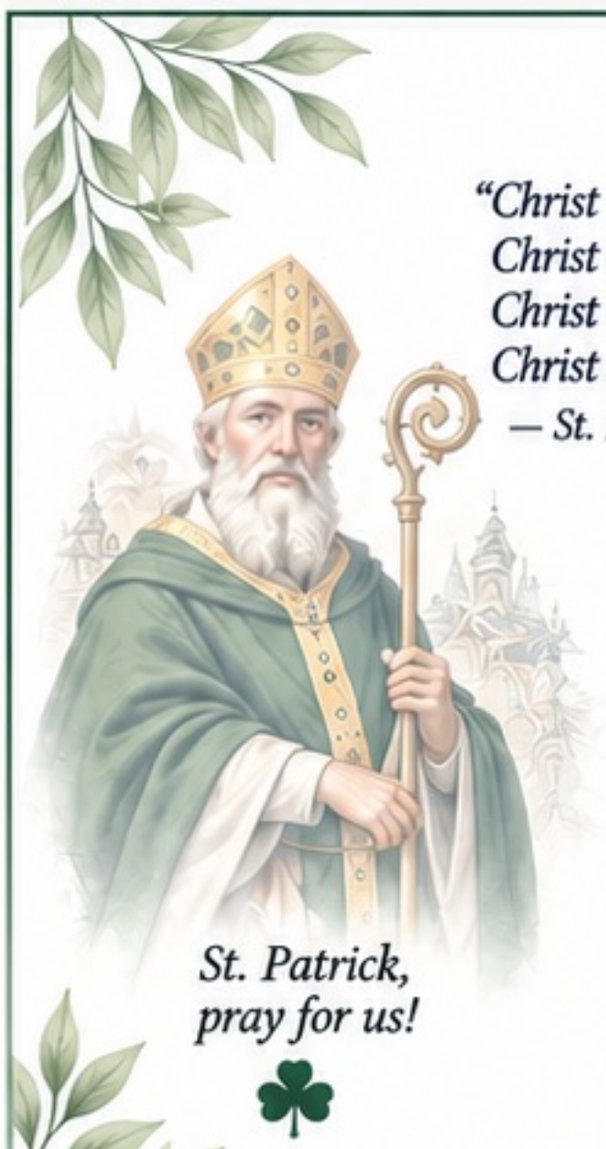


*"Christ with me,*
*Christ before me,*
*Christ behind me,*
*Christ in me."*
*— St. Patrick*

*St. Patrick,*
*pray for us!*



# St. Patrick

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

## ST. CATHARINES

31 Chestnut Street East, St. Catharines, Ontario L2T 1G8

*One Generation to Another*

*Passing on the Light of Faith*




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### SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 5:00 PM & Sunday 10:00 AM

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday
11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

### DAILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Holy Mass: Monday – Saturday, 9:00 AM

### PASTORAL TEAM

**Parish Administrator:** Rev. Fr. Aji Varghese
**Deacon:** Rev. Frank Durbiano
**In Residence:** Rev. Fr. Andy Goodwin

### STAY AND PRAY

Eucharistic Adoration, Benediction,
Thanksgiving Prayers & Daily Devotions
Following Morning Mass
(9:30 AM – 10:00 AM)

### MUSIC MINISTRY

Katryna Sacco (Sunday)
Yolanda & Edward (Saturday)

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday to Friday 8:15 AM – 8:45 AM
Saturday 4:00 PM – 4:30 PM & upon request

### PARISH GROUPS

Catholic Women's League – President: Mrs Donnell Lucien
St. Vincent de Paul Society – President: Mrs Patricia Bartley

### SACRAMENTS

Baptism, 1st Communion, Confirmation,
Marriage, and Anointing of the Sick are
arranged through the Parish Office.

### ST. THERESA CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Principal: Dan Trainor
58 Seymour Avenue, St. Catharines, ON L2P 1A7
Phone: 905 682 0244
*Learning Together • Growing in Faith • Walking with Christ*

### HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

Please get in touch with the Parish Office if you or a loved one is seriously ill, hospitalised, or confined to home. Pastoral visits, Holy Communion, and the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick can be arranged.

### RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)
Interested in exploring the Catholic faith
or completing your sacraments?
Contact the Parish Office.

### CATHOLIC FUNERAL RITE

When a death occurs in your family, please call the Parish Office and we will assist you in making the necessary liturgical arrangements.

### PASTORAL SUPPORT

For confessions, spiritual guidance, healing prayers or a personal meeting, Fr. Aji is available.
Please email: **avarghese@saintcd.com**

*Believing • Belonging • Becoming*

*For all things are possible with God (Mk 10:27)*

# TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**SEPTEMBER 12/13, 2026 • YEAR A**

## PASTOR'S CORNER

**Dear Parish Family,**

This weekend the Church gives us Sirach 27:30-28:7, Romans 14:7-9, and Matthew 18:21-35. Sirach warns that resentment closes the heart; Saint Paul reminds us that we belong to the Lord; and Jesus calls us to a forgiveness that refuses to keep score.

Mercy is the strength to place another person's debt into God's hands and begin again. Jesus wants us to work for his Kingdom through a parish that forgives, welcomes, prays, and serves. The forgiveness we receive must become the forgiveness we share.

Forgiveness does not ignore a wound or excuse injustice. It refuses to let anger control the future. When we place hurt before the Lord, he gives us courage to seek peace, speak truth with charity, and leave judgment in his hands. A merciful parish is a home where people can begin again.

This week we begin our school Holy Masses with **St. Theresa Catholic Elementary School**. It is a grace-filled experience to see the children, teachers, staff, and families gathered with our parish. I am grateful for the school's partnership, and I ask you to pray for this academic year and every child entrusted to our care.

Our children also learn faith through adults who pray, forgive, serve, and take part in Church life. May every student know that St. Patrick Parish is their home, Jesus loves them, and their gifts are needed.

Thank you for the generosity you continue to show St. Patrick Parish. Your prayer, presence, service, and financial support help us serve Christ's mission. Every sincere offering of time, talent, or treasure becomes part of the work of his Kingdom.

The Eucharist is where we encounter God's mercy. Before the Blessed Sacrament, Christ draws us close, heals what is wounded, and pours out the grace of the Holy Spirit. At Holy Mass, ask with faith for the **gifts, fruits, and extraordinary graces of the Holy Spirit**. Ask consistently, with humility and perseverance; God never ignores a heart that seeks him.

**This week, I invite every parishioner to put the Word into practice:**

**Release one resentment.** Name it before God and ask for the freedom to forgive.

**Receive mercy.** Prepare carefully for Holy Mass and, when needed, seek the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**Become mercy.** Call someone who is lonely, encourage a child, welcome a newcomer, or quietly help a family in need.

**Pray at Holy Mass:** "Holy Spirit, give me the gifts and fruits I need to build Christ's Kingdom today."

As we approach the altar, let us surrender resentment, receive mercy, and ask for the grace to become merciful. May the Eucharistic Lord make St. Patrick Parish a living sign of forgiveness, gratitude, and hope.

**St. Patrick, pray for us.**
**Rev. Fr. Aji Varghese**
Parish Administrator

## HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

September 14-20, 2026

*Let us prayerfully remember these intentions as we gather around the Lord's altar.*

**Monday, Sept. 14 - 9:00 a.m.**
**Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**
For the Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Tuesday, Sept. 15 - 9:00 a.m.**
**Our Lady of Sorrows**
For the Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Wednesday, Sept. 16 - 9:00 a.m.**
**Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs**
Dave Gouthro - RIP, third anniversary of death
*Requested by Melody Gouthro*

**Wednesday, Sept. 16 - 10:15 a.m.**
**St. Theresa School Welcome Home Holy Mass**
For the children, families, teachers, and staff of St. Theresa Catholic Elementary School

**Thursday, Sept. 17 - 9:00 a.m.**
**St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church**
For the Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Friday, Sept. 18 - 9:00 a.m.**
For the Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Saturday, Sept. 19 - 9:00 a.m.**
**St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr**
For the Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Saturday, Sept. 19 - 5:00 p.m.**
For the sick, the needy, and those who have asked for our prayers

**Sunday, Sept. 20 - 10:00 a.m.**
**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
For the parish community

## HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

To request a Holy Mass intention for a loved one, living or deceased, please call any time or visit the Parish Office. **Intentions may be booked up to one year in advance with CASH or CHEQUE ONLY.**

## SANCTUARY CANDLE OFFERING

Parishioners are invited to offer the Sanctuary Candle, which burns beside the Blessed Sacrament, for one week in memory of a loved one or for a special intention.

The offering is $20 per candle and will help cover the cost of our sanctuary candles. More importantly, it provides a meaningful opportunity to remember your loved ones and special intentions before the Lord throughout the week.

To reserve a Sanctuary Candle, please contact the parish office.

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory figures will be updated next week.

**E-TRANSFER**
**emt.stpatrick.stc@saintcd.com**

You may use this address for parish donations, Holy Mass intentions, and Sanctuary Candle offerings.

# PARISH LIFE & MISSION

**ST. PATRICK ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

## WELCOME HOME

**INAUGURAL ACADEMIC-YEAR HOLY MASS**

**ST. THERESA CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**Wednesday, September 16 • 10:15 a.m.**

We joyfully welcome the children, teachers, staff, and families as our school community begins the year around the Lord's altar. Kindly remember all our children and the entire St. Theresa community in your prayers.

## OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

**October 1-31 • Excluding Saturdays and Sundays**
**2:00-3:00 p.m.**
Before the Blessed Sacrament

During October, except on Saturdays and Sundays, we will gather for a special hour of the Rosary in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Please join us whenever you are available as we entrust our parish, families, children, and the needs of the world to Our Lady's intercession.

## LIGHT FROM LIGHT

**THE DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLAN**

Setting Hearts on Fire with God's Love

Bishop Gerard Bergie's vision calls the Diocese of St. Catharines to welcome **2,000 souls to Christ by the Great Jubilee of 2033**. This is not only a number; it is an invitation to become a missionary Church that prays, invites, accompanies, and witnesses to the love of Jesus.

St. Patrick Parish will align with this mission through deeper prayer, more Eucharistic adoration, faithful participation in Holy Mass, personal invitation, and loving service. Renewal begins when each of us spends time before the Eucharistic Lord and then carries his mercy into our homes and neighbourhoods.

*Read the diocesan plan and updates at*
***www.saintcd.com/diocesan-pastoral-plan.***

## 30 DAYS OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

We have now completed 30 days of Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction after our weekday Holy Masses. Thank you to everyone who has joined this ministry and prayed for healing, families, and the needs of our parish.

Participants have experienced many graces through Holy Mass and Adoration - a beautiful sign that God continues to bless St. Patrick Parish in many ways. Please continue to join us after weekday morning Holy Mass.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Help Our Parish Grow**

Our parish grows when we share our time, talents, faith, and prayers. Volunteers are needed to serve at the altar, help clean the church, tidy the pews each week, and care for our parish grounds. If you can help in any way, please contact the Parish Office.

**Serve at the Lord's Altar**

Children, youth, and adults are warmly invited. Training is provided.

**Join Our Parish Choir**

Saturday 5:00 p.m.: Ted & Yolanda - teabart50@hotmail.com
Sunday 10:00 a.m.: Katryna Sacco - katryna.s@gmail.com

## BUILDING OUR PARISH TOGETHER

**Support Our Parish**

Our parish can move forward only through your presence, prayers, service, and generous support. Your assistance is also needed with the many small works and maintenance needs around our church. Every contribution of time, talent, or financial support makes a difference.

**New Parish E-Transfer Address**
**emt.stpatrick.stc@saintcd.com**

You may use this address for parish donations, Holy Mass intentions, and Sanctuary Candle offerings. Please include your name and the purpose of your offering.

## PARISH & DIOCESAN NOTICES

**Holy Mass of Penance and Healing**
Monday, September 14, 7:00 p.m., Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria, 3 Lyman Street. Please join the diocese in prayer for mercy, healing, and holiness.

**Carmelite Sisters' Thanksgiving Holy Mass**
Thursday, October 1, 2:00 p.m., at the Cathedral, followed by a reception, giving thanks for 106 years of prayer and service.

**Marriage Encounter Weekend #19**
November 14-15, St. Ann Church Hall, 5740 Buchanan Avenue, Niagara Falls. Information: www.bldstcatharines.org.

**Annual Niagara Regional Life Chain 2026**
Sunday, October 4, 2:30-3:30 p.m., at St. Denis Church (Lake/Carlton). Please arrive by 2:15 p.m. to register and receive a sign. We will prayerfully witness to the sanctity of every human life, born and unborn. Information: anapiller6@gmail.com.

**Bishop's Fundraising Gala**
Friday, November 27, 5:30-11:00 p.m., Niagara Falls Convention Centre. Celebrate Bishop Bergie's vision for dynamic parishes while supporting lay faith formation and seminarian education. Semi-formal; tickets $250 ($75 tax-deductible gift). Visit saintcd.com/gala-2026.

# WELCOME TO ST. PATRICK PARISH

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## PARISH REGISTRATION & INFORMATION UPDATE FORM

*Please complete this form and place it in the collection basket or return it to the Parish Office.*

**[ ] New Parishioner [ ] Change of Address [ ] Moving**

**Name:** _____ **Phone:** _____

**Email:** _____

**Address:** _____

**Father's name:** _____ **Mother's name:** _____

**Children - names and ages:** _____

_____

[ ] I would like to receive offertory envelopes. **Preferred envelope name:** _____

## PRAYER FOR THE EVANGELISATION OF OUR PARISH

*Heavenly Father,*

*Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon St. Patrick Roman Catholic Church. Fill our hearts with love for Christ and a passion to share the Gospel.*

*Make our parish a place where all are welcomed, faith is nurtured, hope is renewed, and lives are transformed through the Holy Eucharist and the power of Your Word.*

*Give us the courage to invite, the wisdom to teach, the compassion to serve, and the joy to witness to Your love.*

*May our parish truly become a community of Believing, Belonging, and Becoming, bringing others to know, love, and follow Jesus Christ.*

*Through the intercession of St. Patrick and the Blessed Virgin Mary, guide us always in Your mission.*
*We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## *Advertise Here and Help Build Our Parish Community*








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