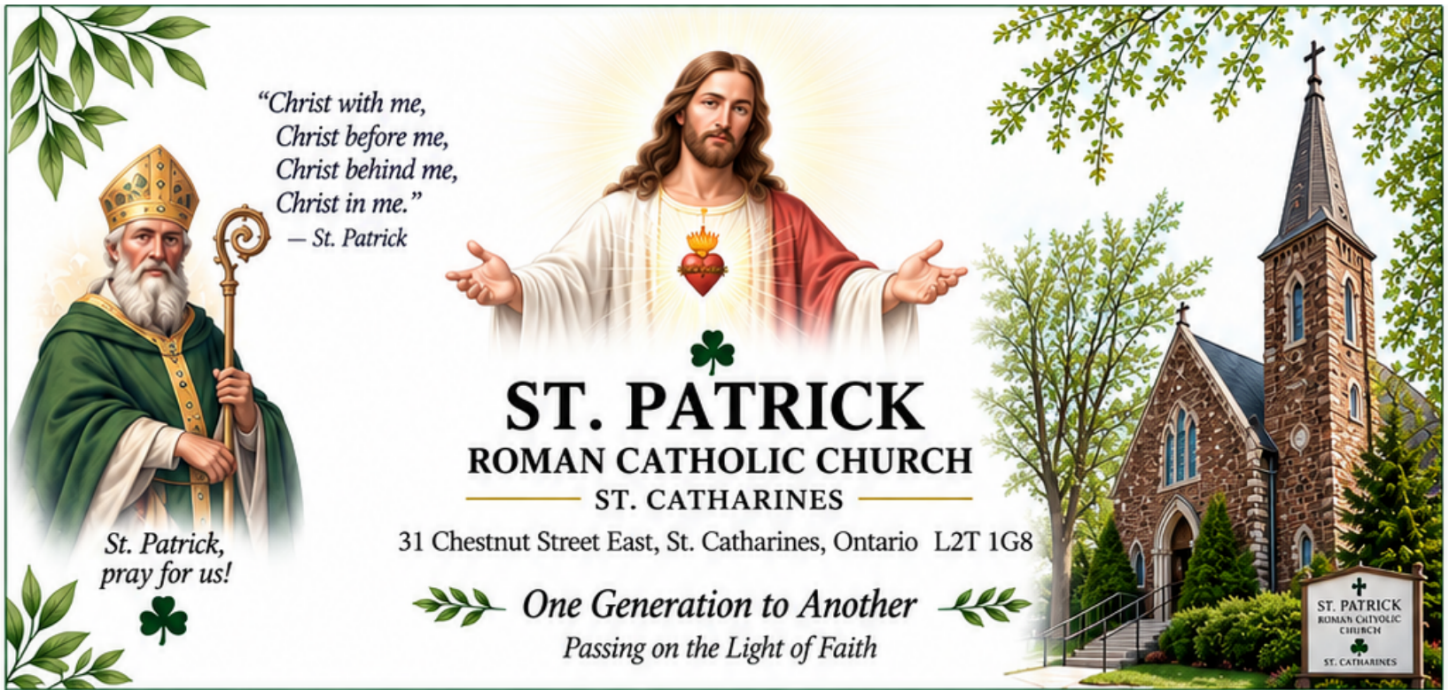

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 7/8, 2026

A parish united in prayer, thanksgiving and service

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Pastor's Corner

Dear Parish Family,

As we celebrate the Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time, let us renew our trust in the Lord. Through prayer, charity and faithful service, may we grow as a family rooted in Christ.

This weekend, we joyfully welcome Our Lady's newly painted statue back to the grotto. We thank Nick, Mike, Ava, Austin, Farrah and Appollonia, and everyone who worked so hard on the painting and clean-up. We are grateful for your service to the Church and for all you have done for the glory of God.

I also sincerely thank a generous well-wisher of St. Patrick Parish who donated two candle stands for Our Lady of Fatima and two flower pots for Our Lady's grotto. These thoughtful gifts add beauty to this special place of prayer. May God bless our benefactor.

Please join our procession after the Saturday Vigil or Sunday Holy Mass. Together, we will give thanks, honour Our Blessed Mother and sing the Salve Regina. A coffee social will follow each celebration in the church basement.

Throughout November, we pray especially for the Holy Souls. Eucharistic Adoration continues daily from 2:00 to 3:00 PM. We also begin praying the Rosary every day at 8:30 AM and before the Saturday Vigil at 4:30 PM. Please join us as we entrust our loved ones to God's mercy.

Our Finance Council gathered for its first meeting on Friday, November 6, at 6:30 PM. Further details will follow. Thank you for your prayers and support as we prepare for our parish consecration to Christ the King.

May God bless you abundantly.
Fr. Aji Varghese
Parish Administrator

Holy Mass & Pastoral Care

Monday-Saturday: 9:00 AM
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 10:00 AM

DAILY ROSARY
Every day: 8:30 AM
Saturday evening: 4:30 PM, before Holy Mass.

Eucharistic Adoration continues
Every day: 2:00-3:00 PM.
This month, we pray for the Holy Souls.

Stay & Pray: Adoration, Benediction and devotions after morning Mass, 9:30-10:00 AM.

Confession: Monday-Friday, 8:15-8:45 AM; Saturday, 4:00-4:30 PM; or upon request.

Parish Office: Monday-Thursday, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM.

Pastoral team
Fr. Aji Varghese (Administrator)
Deacon Frank Durbiano
Fr. Andy Goodwin (in residence)
Pastoral support: avarghese@saintcd.com

For sacraments, RCIA, home visits, Anointing of the Sick and funerals, please contact the Parish Office. If you or a loved one is ill, homebound or in need of spiritual support, please let us know so that we can accompany you in prayer and pastoral care.

Music: Katryna Sacco (Sunday); Yolanda & Edward (Saturday).
CWL: Donell Lucien, President.
St. Vincent de Paul: Patricia Bartley, President.

PARISH LIFE & MISSION

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Holy Mass | November 9-15

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9 • 9:00 AM

For the repose of the soul of Fr. Theophilus Uwaifo.

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10 • 9:00 AM

1. For the Holy Souls in Purgatory.
2. For the repose of the soul of George Idemudia Aisen.

St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11 • 9:00 AM

For the repose of the soul of Grace Ukinebo Aghedo.

St. Martin of Tours • Remembrance Day

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12 • 9:00 AM

1. For the repose of the soul of John Sebastin.
2. For the spiritual and material needs of the Usuanlele children.

St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13 • 9:00 AM

For the intentions of Fr. Aji.

Weekday in Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14 • 9:00 AM

For the deceased members of the Raymond and Pingue families.

Our Lady's Saturday (optional memorial)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14 • 5:00 PM

Pro Populo: For the people of the parish.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15 • 10:00 AM

Pro Populo: For the people of the parish.

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH INFORMATION

Christ the King • Parish Consecration

Please continue using the parish prayer booklet, October 21-November 22. Our Consecration Mass is **Sunday, November 22, at 10:00 AM**, also World Youth Day.

Knights of Columbus • This Weekend

Representatives from St. Catharines will speak after the Masses on **November 7 and 8**. Please meet them to learn about membership and service.

First Reconciliation • November 20

Please pray for the children of St. Theresa School preparing for First Reconciliation at **St. Patrick Church on November 20 at 7:00 PM.**

Legion of Mary • November 14 and 15

A Columban membership drive will follow the Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses. Catholic men and women aged 18 and over are invited to deepen their prayer life and serve through Rosary visits to schools and senior homes, and family visits with the Pilgrim statue of Mary. The Junior Legion welcomes ages 7-17. Members will answer questions after both Masses. **Come and see how you can serve! "To Jesus through Mary!"**

Trunk or Treats for Souls • November 7

Junior Legion of Mary: Rosary at **10:30 AM at St. Patrick's**, with decorated trunks, treats and family prayer. Angela Braun: **905-931-0363**; angelabraun@live.com.

Sacramental Registration

Please contact the Parish Office to register for **First Reconciliation, First Communion or Confirmation.**

Annual Deo Gratias Collection • This Weekend

This weekend, our parish is taking up a special collection for our priests' retirement, ***Deo Gratias***. This collection will support the Clergy Aid Society, which provides a monthly benefit as well as health insurance to priests at age 75. As you may know, the retirement years can be difficult for our retired priests. No longer supported by their parish communities, they rely on minimal CPP benefits and Old Age Security, along with their benefit from the Clergy Aid Society, to pay for basic needs including food, rent and car expenses. Please show your gratitude to those priests who have cared for and ministered to our community by prayerfully reflecting on how you can best help support our priests' retirement with a gift to the ***Deo Gratias*** special collection. You may return your special collection envelope at **Holy Mass or to the Parish Office.**

Grotto Blessing • This Weekend



Saturday, November 7: After the 5:00 PM Vigil Mass, we will go to the grotto in a candle procession, offer prayers of thanksgiving and blessing, and sing the *Salve Regina*.
Sunday, November 8: After the 10:00 AM Mass, we will go in procession, offer a thanksgiving prayer or a mystery of the Rosary, and sing the *Salve Regina*.
A coffee social follows each Mass celebration in the church basement.

PARISH & DIOCESAN NEWS

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Feast of St. Catherine of Alexandria • From the Bishop's Desk

Wednesday, November 25 is the feast day of our patroness, St. Catherine of Alexandria. Since this is a diocesan patronal celebration, it is raised from an optional memorial to a feast. The Ordo states the following regarding the Anniversary of a Principal Patron (Ordo – Pastoral Notes p. 49):
MASS: of the patron (titular) as found in the Roman Missal, gl.; cr.; proper or appropriate preface.
READINGS: three readings chosen from the proper feast or (supplemented from) the appropriate common.
HOURS: of the patron. Office of a Solemnity (begins with Evening Prayer 1).
In parishes throughout the Diocese that normally have a Saturday morning Mass there should be both a Gloria and Creed, and three readings from the Proper of Saints. Since this is a solemnity for our Diocese, you may substitute the Sunday vigil Mass for the Mass of the feast day. A simple statement to parishioners will help to explain why what is printed will be different from what they are hearing at Mass. I encourage all parishes to celebrate this feast with great joy and solemnity. St. Catherine of Alexandria, pray for us.

Diocesan Feast Day Mass • November 25

All parishioners are invited to the Diocesan Feast Day Mass that will be celebrated on Wednesday, November 25, 2026 (Feast of St. Catherine of Alexandria), at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria (3 Lyman Street, St. Catharines), at 7:00pm. Please join the clergy of our diocese in a prayerful celebration for the 68th Anniversary of the Diocese of St. Catharines. A reception will follow.

Employment Opportunity

The Diocese of St. Catharines is looking to hire a full-time Administrative Assistant for the Catholic Marriage Tribunal and Chancery (located at 3400 Merrittville Highway, Thorold). Postsecondary education preferred. The successful candidate should have a good understanding and respect for Catholic doctrine. Requirements include excellent language and organizational ability as well as knowledge of Microsoft Word, Teams, Excel, Windows and digital transcription. Please send resumés to the Tribunal Director, Theresa Casta, JCL, at tribunal@saintcd.com. We thank all candidates for their interest and will contact those selected for an interview.

Light the Way • Bishop's Fundraising Gala



Friday, November 27, 2026 • 5:30-11:00 PM
The Second Annual Bishop's Fundraising Gala
Niagara Falls Convention Centre, 6815 Stanley Avenue, Niagara Falls.
Presented by Vintage Hotels.
Gala information and tickets: **saintcd.com/gala-2026**
The poster also offers registration for early ticket access.

Welland Port Colborne Pro-Life Coffee House



Saturday, November 28, 2026 • 1:00-3:00 PM
St. Mary's Church Hall, 90 Griffith St., Welland. Screening of *Life Worth Living: Averting the Canadian Euthanasia Crisis*, a film by Frank X. Panico and Alex Schadenberg. Q&A with Alex Schadenberg follows. Freewill offering; refreshments available.

CWL • Warmvember Campaign

The CWL of St. Patrick's Parish will be collecting New Coats, hats, Scarfs, mittens and gloves, and Gently Used Coats during the month of November for the Warmvember Campaign, which will be collected and distributed by the St. Vincent De Paul of our parish. Please help to keep others warm. Thank You!

St. Vincent de Paul • Christmas

St. Patrick's Conference hopes to provide 50 Christmas food baskets, a Food Basics voucher, and a Walmart gift card for each child in a family. Each basket costs about $100; donations of any amount are appreciated. Envelopes are in the foyer. Include your name and address for a tax receipt. Return them in the collection or SSVP box.

OFFERTORY & PARISH GIVING

Offertory figures will be updated next week. Thank you for your generosity.
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NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE

Envelopes are available at the church doors.
November 11: Remember those who died in war and pray for peace.
November 15: World Day of the Poor.

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

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[ ] New parishioner [ ] Returning parishioner [ ] Information update Envelopes required: [ ] Yes [ ] No

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Marital status: _____ Children (names & ages): _____