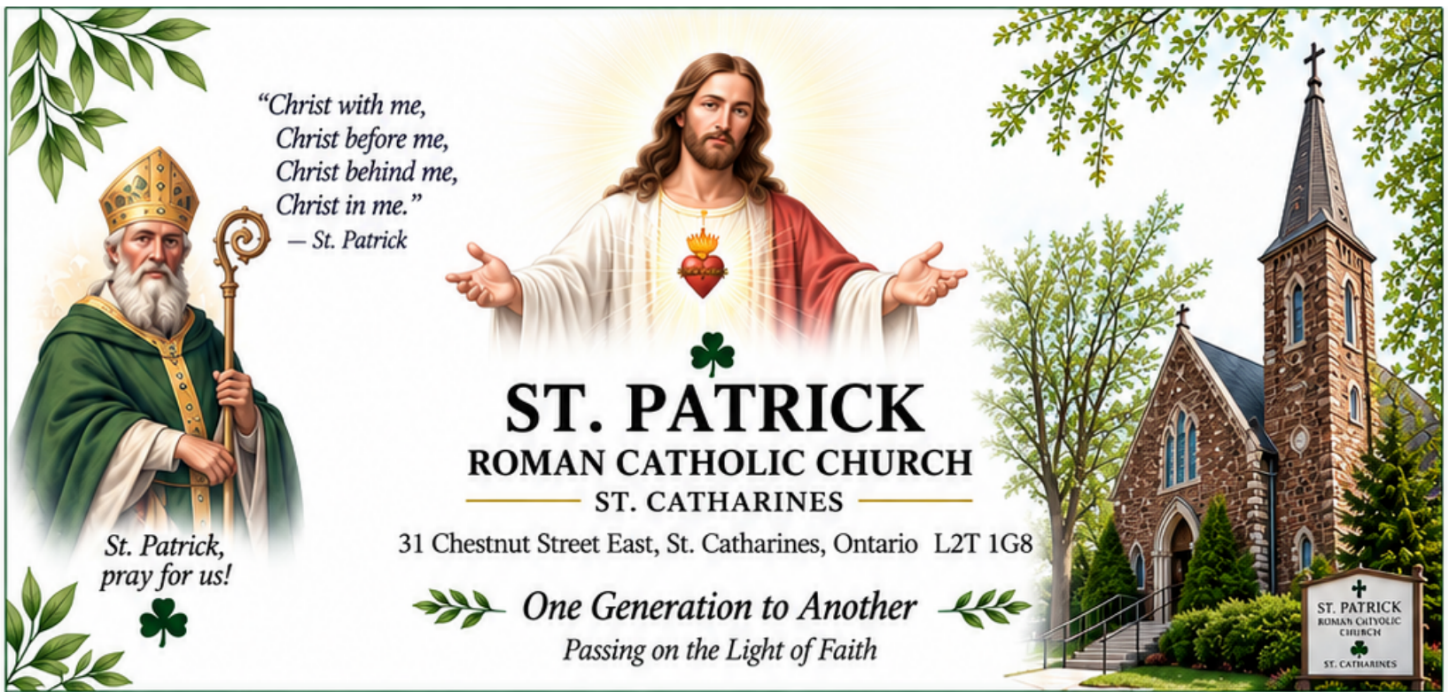



# THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**November 14/15, 2026**

A parish united in prayer, thanksgiving and service

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## Pastor's Corner

Dear Parish Family,

As we approach the holy season of Advent, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all our parishioners for your continued prayers, encouragement, generosity, and support. It is wonderful to see our parish community growing together in faith, prayer, and service.

**A special word of thanks to everyone who helped with the painting, cleaning, and restoration of Our Lady's Grotto.** Your dedication and hard work have made this sacred place more beautiful and welcoming. As winter is approaching, we will continue beautifying the grotto and its surrounding garden next year, with the generous help of our volunteers. I also sincerely thank the ladies who prepared and served refreshments during last weekend's coffee socials following the Grotto Blessing.

I am particularly grateful to two of our parishioners who have generously offered their time and talents to serve our parish. **Maria Fernanda Cruz Lozano** has volunteered to help with gardening and the ongoing care of our parish property. I am deeply grateful for her willingness to undertake this work voluntarily and for her generous spirit of service. **Giomar Alejandra Alzate** has also offered to assist with our Saturday evening music ministry. I sincerely thank both of them for their kindness and commitment to our parish community.

**I would also like to thank the Knights of Columbus of St. Catharines** for visiting our parish last weekend and for their generous donation of **$500**. We are grateful for their generosity, fellowship, and continued commitment to serving the Church.

Our parish offers many opportunities for prayer and spiritual growth. We celebrate **Holy Mass every day, followed by Eucharistic Adoration, and we also have afternoon Adoration from 2:00 to 3:00 PM.** I am encouraged to see parishioners participating faithfully in these moments of prayer. I warmly invite everyone to make use of these opportunities to spend time with the Lord. We need much prayer as we continue building up God's Kingdom in our parish and community.

**This Sunday, we observe the World Day of the Poor.** Poverty takes many forms - not only material hardship, but also loneliness, sickness, abandonment, and spiritual suffering. Let us remember those who are struggling, pray for them, and offer whatever help we can. Even a small act of kindness can make a meaningful difference in someone's life.

As Advent approaches, let us prepare our hearts to welcome Christ with renewed faith, hope, and love. May this coming season be an opportunity for each of us to grow closer to the Lord and to one another.

Thank you once again for your love for St. Patrick Parish and for everything you do to support our parish family.

**May God bless you all 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 at 8:30 AM; Saturday evening at 4:30 PM, before Holy Mass.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** 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 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.

### Sacraments

**Baptism:** Please contact the Parish Office.
**Sacrament of Marriage:** By appointment. Please contact the Parish Office to meet with the priest. **At least six months' advance notice is required.**

# PARISH LIFE & MISSION

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## Holy Mass | November 16-22

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16 • 9:00 AM**

Iwaeye Agnes Ozane-Uzzi.
*Requested by Tessy Usuanlele.*

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17 • 9:00 AM**

1. Alicia Sebastian (RIP).
2. Deceased members of the Obazee, Usuanlele & Oke families (RIP).

*St. Elizabeth of Hungary*

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18 • 9:00 AM**

1. Christine Di Martinis (RIP).
2. Deceased members of the Aisien, Aghendo and Oghide families (RIP).

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19 • 9:00 AM**

1. For the intentions of Fr. Andy Goodwin.
2. Esther Ehiozee Edomioya (RIP).

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20 • 9:00 AM**

1. Maria Stella D. *Requested by Franca.*
2. Special intentions for Tessy Usuanlele (living).

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21 • 9:00 AM**

Vadim Medish (RIP).
*Requested by Rona Raymondo.*

*Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

**SATURDAY VIGIL, NOVEMBER 21 • 5:00 PM**
For all volunteers of our parish community.
**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22 • 10:00 AM**

Pro Populo - For the people of the parish.

*Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

## Holy Mass Intentions – E-Transfer Now Available

Parishioners may now request Holy Mass intentions and make offerings by cash, cheque, or e-transfer.
**E-transfer: emt.stpatrick.stc@saintcd.com.**
When sending an e-transfer, please include your name, the Mass intention, and your preferred date in the message field.

## Healing Mass • November 21

Next Saturday, **November 21, at 9:00 AM**, we will celebrate a **Healing Holy Mass**. The **Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** will be offered. Please join us in prayer.

## Sunday Missals • 2026-2027

Sunday Missals for the new liturgical year, beginning **November 29, 2026**, are available in the **wing side of the church**.
**Donation: $5 each.**

## 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!

## 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 • Thank You

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus of St. Catharines for visiting our parish last weekend and for your generous **$500 donation**. We are grateful for your fellowship and service to the Church.

### 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!"**

### Sacramental Registration

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

## November • Month of the Holy Souls

Please take an envelope marked **"All Souls Day Remembrance"** from the church doors. Write the names of your deceased loved ones and place the envelope in the basket or return it to the Parish Office. **We will pray for your loved ones every day at Holy Mass.**

## Grotto & Coffee Social • Thank You

Thank you to everyone who restored Our Lady's Grotto and helped with the coffee socials. Garden beautification will continue **next year**. We are grateful for your generous service.

## 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.

# 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.

## Deo Gratias Collection • Thank You

Our parish has collected **$441.60** for the *Deo Gratias* special collection. Thank you for your prayerful generosity! The St. Catharines Clergy Aid Society provides monthly benefits and health insurance to retired priests beginning at age 75, helping with basic needs such as food, housing and transportation. If you have not yet returned your envelope, you may still do so at Holy Mass or through the Parish Office.
**This special collection is separate from the offertory totals below.**

## OFFERTORY & PARISH GIVING

**November 1:** $2,526.40 offertory + $162.58 loose = **$2,688.98**
**November 8:** $1,473.00 offertory + $60.00 building fund = **$1,533.00**
**COMBINED TOTAL: $4,221.98**

Includes the $500 Knights donation. Deo Gratias is separate.
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## PARISH REGISTRATION & INFORMATION UPDATE

☐ New parishioner ☐ Returning parishioner ☐ Information update

Offertory envelopes required: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Return to the Parish Office or collection basket. Please print clearly.

Family name: _____ Marital status: _____

Adult 1: _____ Adult 2: _____

Address: _____ Phone / email: _____

Children (names & ages): _____