



OUR LADY OF THE SCAPULAR CHURCH

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Office Hours: Monday to Friday from 9:00am to 3:00pm

We are closed from 12:00pm to 1:00pm for lunch.

Pastoral Team

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Sacraments

Baptism: Baptisms are celebrated in our Parish on the first and third Sundays of the month at 12:30pm. Parents should contact the parish office at least two months before the desired date of baptism. An interview with a member of the pastoral staff and a Baptismal preparation class is required.

Confession: The Sacrament of Confession is celebrated every Tuesday and Thursday before Mass, and every Saturday from 9:30am to 10:30am and 3:30pm to 4:30pm. You are also welcome to book an appointment with one of the priests by contacting the parish office.

Marriage: Weddings are celebrated in our Parish on any day except Sundays, Christmas, New Year's Day or during the Easter Triduum. Couples wishing to be married here should contact the parish office about one year before the desired date. Wedding dates will not be set until after the first interview with a Priest. Participation in a marriage preparation program is required.

Sacrament of the Sick: Parishioners are invited to receive the Sacrament of the Sick during a serious or chronic illness or before surgery. To arrange a time to receive the Sacrament, please contact the parish office.

Hospital Ministry: A Chaplaincy service is available to Catholics at the Niagara General Hospital.

Homebound: Communion is brought to the homebound on the First Friday of every month. Parishioners are invited to call the parish office if they wish to receive Communion at this time or to arrange a pastoral visit by a priest or parishioner.

Catholic Schools

Mary Ward Elementary School.....905-354-9221

Notre Dame Elementary School.....905-358-3861

St. Gabriel Elementary School.....905-354-5422

St. John Henry Newman.....905-354-9033

St. Vincent De Paul.....905-356-7505

St. Paul High School.....905-356-4313

*For the Lost souls, that they may find
the Sacred Heart of Jesus through the
Immaculate Heart of Mary*

DAILY MASSES

Monday: 9:00am

Tuesday: 7:00pm

Wednesday: 9:00am

Thursday: 7:00pm

Friday: 9:00am

Saturday: 9:00am

LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm*

Sunday: 8:00am; 9:30am & 11:00am

*This Mass is live streamed

CONFESSION TIMES

Tuesday & Thursday

6:15pm to 6:45pm

Saturday

9:30am to 10:30am

And 3:30pm to 4:30pm

You may book a private confession by calling the office.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Our Parish is blessed to have Adoration of Jesus in the Eucharist 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

To become a committed adorer please email fr.daniel@scapular.ca

For access after-hours please contact the office.

MASS INTENTIONS: Parishioners are welcome to request Masses to be celebrated for their intentions at the Parish. Up to two intentions can be offered at each Mass. The offering for a Mass Intention is \$10 and they can be accepted for any date up to one year from the date of the request and must be paid for at time of booking. No intentions are offered in perpetuity or via telephone. Please come in person to request them or drop off in our mailbox, collection plate, or mail them in. You can also send us an e-mail money e-transfer (electronic money transfer) through your online banking or mobile app by using the e-mail etransfers@scapular.ca along with a note on who/what the offering is for. Thank you!

June 25, 2023 - Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FAITH FORMATION: **THE DOCUMENTS OF VATICAN II**

79. (cont'd). Reserved blessings shall be very few; reservations shall be in favour of bishops or ordinaries.

Let provision be made that some sacramentals, at least in special circumstances and at the discretion of the ordinary, may be administered by qualified lay persons.

80. The rite for the consecration of virgins at present found in the Roman Pontifical is to be revised.

Moreover, a rite of religious profession and renewal of vows shall be drawn up in order to achieve greater unity, sobriety, and dignity. Apart from exceptions in particular law, this rite should be adopted by those who make their profession or renewal of vows within the Mass.

Religious profession should preferably be made within the Mass.

81. The rite for the burial of the dead should express more clearly the paschal character of Christian death, and should correspond more closely to the circumstances and traditions found in various regions. This holds good also for the liturgical colour to be used.

82. The rite for the burial of infants is to be revised, and a special Mass for the occasion should be provided.

CHAPTER IV **THE DIVINE OFFICE**

83. Christ Jesus, high priest of the new and eternal covenant, taking human nature, introduced into this earthly exile that hymn which is sung throughout all ages in the halls of heaven. He joins the entire community of mankind to Himself, associating it with His own singing of this canticle of divine praise.

For he continues His priestly work through the agency of His Church, which is ceaselessly engaged in praising the Lord and interceding for the salvation of the whole world. She does this, not only by celebrating the eucharist, but also in other ways, especially by praying the divine office.

84. By tradition going back to early Christian times, the divine office is devised so that the whole course of the day and night is made holy by the praises of God. Therefore, when this wonderful song of praise is rightly performed by priests and others who are deputed for this purpose by the Church's ordinance, or by the faithful praying together with the priest in the approved form, then it is truly the voice of the bride addressed to her bridegroom; It is the very prayer which Christ Himself, together with His body, addresses to the Father.

**-Dogmatic Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy,
December 4, 1963**

FROM THE LIONS' DEN

Whom to Fear

"I die his majesty's good servant, but God's first."

St. Thomas More

My dear family in Christ,

This past Thursday we honoured the lives and deaths of two great English saints, Thomas More and John Fisher. More was a father of four and served as Chancellor in the King's court, and Fisher was appointed Bishop of Rochester. Both saints were beheaded in 1535 by order of King Henry VIII, whom they resisted in the matter of his divorce and rebellion against the Pope; Fisher on June 22, and More on July 6. Particularly praiseworthy is the fact that they not only faced persecution, but they did so pretty much alone - even among their own family members and peers. These two great Saints are not simply worthy of our memorials and veneration, but they profit us by their example - particularly for the courageous manner in which they lived out this Sunday's Gospel.

After preaching His Sermon on the Mount, and after many great signs and wonders, Jesus summons His Apostles and sends them out (as we read last Sunday). As He sends them out, He solemnly warns them that they will face opposition and persecution. He encourages them and offers them comfort, but ultimately reveals to them the consequences of failures in fidelity: *"...but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in Heaven."* (Matthew 10:33)

Hard as it may be to put ourselves in the shoes(/sandals?) of the Apostles, Saint Thomas More, or Saint John Fisher, it would be a grave mistake to exempt ourselves from the great commission and warning of Jesus. We might not explicitly face guillotines or tyrant kings, but we do live in a world whose loudest and most powerful voices grow increasingly hostile to some rather fundamental teachings of Jesus Christ and His Church (especially those concerning the sanctity of Marriage and the dignity of human life).

The courageous acts for which we venerate these great Saints and Martyrs did not happen by accident. They may have given their lives on a particular day, but that was only possible because they had made a habit of giving every day to Jesus - refusing to compromise on the truth, and prioritizing fidelity to Christ above popularity and comfort. May we honour their memory by imitating their example in matters great and small, and may we do so out of love for Jesus and the world He died to save.

God love you,

Father Daniel

JUNE: THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

COFFEE SUNDAY – Coffee Sunday is now every weekend after the 9:30am Mass in the Parish Hall. To volunteer or contribute baked goods, please contact the office.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE: For the abolition of torture: We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

PRAYERS FOR ANGELINA GRECO: Angelina Greco is a Grade Ten student at St. Paul High School who has developed a serious medical condition. She will be having surgery on Monday, June 26. We ask you to pray for her and her family at this difficult time and remember her intention at Mass. May Christ the Good Shepherd continue to guide them through these challenging times.



FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC HEALING ADORATION: AWAKEN THE SPIRIT WITHIN YOU invites you to attend the First Friday Eucharistic Healing Adoration on July 7th at 7:00PM. Please see Flocknote/Facebook and Parish bulletin board for full details.

PRAYER FOR OUR PRIESTS: Lord Jesus Christ, You love Your church and those called to share Your priesthood. With our love and prayers, we join You in asking our Heavenly Father to continue to pour out His gifts of holiness, compassion and ardent zeal on your priests everywhere. Inspire each of them to offer his life as an "Ambassador of Christ," bringing reconciliation and healing to the world. Mary, Mother of all priests, inspire us to live in peace and joy and pray this prayer with us. Amen.

Sunday June 25	Rev. Cesar Derit
Monday June 26	Rev. William Drousis
Tuesday June 27	Rev. Brendan Doherty
Wednesday June 28	Rev. Vincent D'Souza
Thursday June 29	Rev. Philip English
Friday June 30	Rev. Raymond Fenech Gonzi

HOLY NAME BBQ - SAVE THE DATE: To celebrate our parish feast day (Our Lady of Mount Carmel), the Holy Name Society invites all parishioners to attend our parish BBQ after the 11 AM Mass on Sunday July 16. More details to follow.

LEGION OF MARY: Holds its weekly meeting in the Parish Hall every Monday starting at 5:00pm. All members are urged to attend.

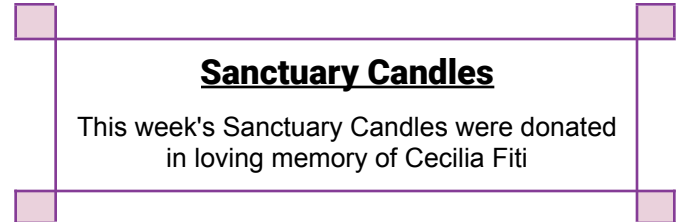
NIAGARA LIFE CENTRE - CHANGE IS GOOD CAMPAIGN: As we continue to collect containers safely back to the centre, we want to thank you for your contributions. We are grateful to God as He continues to use our ministry for His glory and purpose. Every day we strive to be the hands of Jesus offering hope and help to anyone who walks through our doors, and to be a light for hurting families and individuals in the greater Niagara community since 1985. Please bring your coin canister to the church or 65 Lakeshore Road in St. Catharines if you have not already done so. We can be reached at 905-934-0021. To God be Glory! THANK YOU!

GARDEN BLESSING: Come out for a garden blessing on Tuesday June 27, 2023 at 6PM to the Project Share Community Garden behind the west parking lot. Pray for a healthy growing season for your home garden, the Project Share garden, and for all farmers.

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES: We thank those priests who have served our parish over the past decade, celebrating their ordination anniversaries in June:

Fr. Rico Passero	June 11
Fr. Paul MacNeil	June 12
Fr. Mitch Kasza	June 24
Fr. Brian Bevan	June 26

SANCTUARY CANDLE DONATIONS: We would like to extend an invitation to our parishioners to donate towards our Sanctuary Candles for your memorial donations. This \$20 donation would cover the cost of the Sanctuary candles in the Chapel and on the Church altar weekly. You will find the specific envelopes to use in the Narthex on the clear stand. Please fill in the information with your donation and put it in the collection or drop it off at the office. Thank you for helping reduce our cost on these items!



SACRED HEART PRIVATE SCHOOL: Sacred Heart Private School in Welland is a newly established elementary school run by the Sisters of the Sacred Heart since 2021. Current enrollment is twenty one students in Grades 1- 8. The Sisters are now accepting applications for enrollment for the 2023/2024 school year for students Grades 1 through 8. Contact the Sisters of the Sacred Heart at sacredheartprivateschool22@gmail.com for more information and to arrange for a tour and interview.

INTRODUCTION TO CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER WORKSHOP: Come and learn to pray in silence in the tradition of St. John of the Cross and Father Thomas Keating at the Monastery of Mount Carmel in Niagara Falls on Saturday July 29 from 9:30am to 3:00pm. Registration fee of \$55 includes lunch. See Flocknote for details.

HEALING AFTER ABORTION: The Sisters of Life are hosting a Day of Prayer and Healing for women seeking healing after abortion on Saturday, July 15, 2023 from 9:00AM to 5:00PM. This day is an opportunity to experience the loving mercy of God and the joy of healing in Christ, in a confidential and sacred space. It will include a witness of mercy, a Scripture reflection, personal prayer, opportunity for Sacramental Confession, and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. There is no fee for the day, lunch will be provided. For location, please contact The Sisters of Life for more information 416-463-2722 or email toronto@sistersoflife.org and online <http://www.sistersoflife.org/>

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS: Low Gluten Hosts (the amount of gluten is less than 20 ppm) are available to anyone who suffers from Celiac Disease and requires one to receive the Eucharist. For those whose allergy is extremely serious, they can receive the Precious Blood from a separate chalice. Please let the Priest know before Mass to receive a Low Gluten Host or the Precious Blood.

PERSONALIZED TUMBLER FUNDRAISER: Our Lady of the Scapular is selling 20oz Travel Mugs (Tumblers) are great for both hot and cold beverages featuring our parish logo and a short scripture of choice! Orders will take place through our office, & tumblers will be ready in ~7 days.

MASS INTENTIONS

June 24 - 30, 2023 († deceased)

Saturday, June 24, 2023	9:00 a.m.	† Ida Zappitelli
	9:00 a.m.	Oluebube Okafor (Special Intention)
	5:00 p.m.	† Orlando Russo
	5:00 p.m.	† Terry Monaghan
Sunday, June 25, 2023	8:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	9:30 a.m.	† Holy Souls in Purgatory
	9:30 a.m.	† Italia Pozzobon
	9:30 a.m.	† Bruno DeLazzer
	11:00 a.m.	† Ernie & Mary Grant
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Monday, June 26, 2023	9:00 a.m.	† Angela Kukovica
	9:00 a.m.	Rita Vacca (Special Intention)
Tuesday, June 27, 2023	7:00 p.m.	† Grace & Luigi Pansino
	7:00 p.m.	† Nicola Villella
Wednesday, June 28, 2023	9:00 a.m.	† Rosina Marone
	9:00 a.m.	† Angelo Cassandro Sr.
Thursday, June 29, 2023	7:00 p.m.	† Angelo Fiorucci
	7:00 p.m.	† Carmella Petrella
Friday, June 30, 2023	9:00 a.m.	† Giulian Cassandro
	9:00 a.m.	† Alberto Cassandro

WEEKLY OFFERTORY June 18, 2023 Collection

Offertory: \$5093.00

Building Fund: \$370.00

Pope's Pastoral Works: \$20.00

MONTHLY INCOME STATEMENT May 2023

Total Revenue: \$ 43054.06

Total Expenses: \$ 48334.75

Net Deficit: \$ (-5280.69)

For transparency, each month we will provide Income Statements such as the one above, and a full breakdown will be provided semi-annually.

Thank you for faithfully and generously providing for the spiritual and material needs of our parish community. If you are interested in signing up for Automatic Giving, please contact Valerie at: business@scapular.ca

DID YOU KNOW? We have an easy and quick way to give an Offertory to the Church! Simply send us an e-mail money transfer through your online banking or mobile app by using the e-mail: etransfers@scapular.ca

ST. ALFRED PARISH SUMMER FESTIVAL: Fundraiser at ST ALFRED Parish, 272 Vine Street, St Catharines. Sunday July 23rd from 2-5 pm. Entertainment, Fun, Fellowship. Tickets \$15 includes delicious Beef on a Bun, coleslaw and a beverage. All proceeds go for Joseph Saranchuk family. For tickets and more information contact Gerarda 289-687-6472 as a limited number of tickets are available.

THE VINEYARD: The Vineyard, our diocesan newspaper is now digital. If you would like a free online subscription, send an e-mail to vineyard@saintcd.com.

MASS INTENTION or MEMORIAL MASS? We have received questions as to what is the difference between a **Mass Intention** and a **Memorial Mass**. We hope that this message below will clarify this for our parishioners.

MASS INTENTION	MEMORIAL MASS
A MASS INTENTION offering is \$10 and is offered at a regularly scheduled mass in honour of your loved one. (See <i>left for this week's Mass Intentions</i>). The name of your loved one will be mentioned at mass but there is no special planning provided for this.	A MEMORIAL MASS is \$250 and MUST be booked directly with the priest as our secretary does not book them. The priest will meet with you to plan the special mass in honour of your loved one. This will be done on a date chosen during your meeting with the priest.

MASS INTENTION POLICY UPDATE: *Effective today we will no longer book Mass Intentions over the phone - they must be in person or dropped off in our mailbox, collection plate, or mailed in with the \$10 offering. All Mass Intentions must be paid for at time of booking and not given to the priest on the day of the Mass. You may also send in your request via e-mail providing that it is followed up with an e-transfer (EMT) to e-mail: etransfers@scapular.ca (please indicate in your e-transfer in the notes what the payment is for).*

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: Our parish Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul thanks you for your ongoing financial support which allows us to help those in need. One way that we offer assistance is by providing a food voucher to those in an emergency situation. We have found that some of our clients are really struggling with food insecurity and we would like to also be able to offer them food when they are in need. At this time, we are asking for specific food items to help with this cause. On **THIS WEEKEND**, June 24 and 25, there will be bins located at all entrances of the church where parishioners who are able to contribute, and wish to do so, may drop off cereal, peanut butter, pasta sauce, pasta and canned fruit. We thank you for your consideration of this worthy cause.

ST. ANN MONTHLY PASTA DINNER: On Thursday July 6, 2023 starting at 4:30PM St. Ann Parish Hall at 5740 Buchanan Avenue in Niagara Falls is holding an all-you-can-eat Pasta with Meatballs dinner with salad, dessert and coffee for \$12.00 (adults) and \$6.00 (children up to 10yrs). Takeout available – please bring your own container.

25TH ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY - FR. KESSETE HAMMAD: On Wednesday, July 19, 2023 Fr. Kessete (of St. Ann Church) celebrates his 25th Jubilee Anniversary of Ordination to the priesthood. On Sunday, July 23rd we will joyfully commemorate this momentous event with the celebration of the Holy Mass at 11:30am at St. Ann followed by a reception at 1:00pm in the Parish Hall. The address of St. Ann Church is 5740 Buchanan Ave. Niagara Falls. Tickets are \$30 per person or a table of 8 is \$200. Tickets include: a family style served meal of Antipasto, Cavatelli, Meatballs, Sausage, Chicken Cutlet, Potatoes, Vegetables & Salad, Coffee/Tea and a Dessert Table. Please call St. Ann's Parish Office for tickets at 905-358-9333 on weekdays from 9am-12pm.