



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.

Confessions: 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.

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.

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

Mass Intention Policy

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. Mass intentions will be accepted for any date up to one year from the date the request is made. No intentions are offered in perpetuity (you must come each year to request them). The offering for a Mass Intention is \$10.

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

6th Sunday of Easter ~ May 14, 2023 ~ Mother's Day

VATICAN II

51. The treasures of the bible are to be opened up more lavishly, so that richer fare may be provided for the faithful at the table of God's word. In this way a more representative portion of the holy scriptures will be read to the people during a prescribed number of years.

52. By means of the homily the mysteries of the faith and the guiding principles of the Christian life are expounded from the sacred text, during the course of the liturgical year; the homily, therefore, is to be highly esteemed as part of the liturgy itself; in fact, at those Masses which are celebrated with the assistance of the people on Sundays and feasts of obligation, it should not be omitted except for a serious reason.

53. Especially on Sundays and feasts of obligation there is to be restored, after the Gospel and the homily, "the common prayer" or "the prayer of the faithful." By this prayer, in which the people are to take part, intercession will be made for holy Church, for the civil authorities, for those oppressed by various needs, for all mankind, and for the salvation of the entire world.

54. In Masses which are celebrated with the people, a suitable place may be allotted to their mother tongue. This is to apply in the first place to the readings and "the common prayer," but also, as local conditions may warrant, to those parts which pertain to the people, according to the norm laid down in Art. 36 of this Constitution.

Nevertheless, steps should be taken so that the faithful may also be able to say or to sing together in Latin those parts of the Ordinary of the Mass which pertain to them.

And wherever a more extended use of the mother tongue within the Mass appears desirable, the regulation laid down in Art. 40 of this Constitution is to be observed.

55. That more perfect form of participation in the Mass whereby the faithful, after the priest's communion, receive the Lord's body from the same sacrifice, is strongly commended.

The dogmatic principles which were laid down by the Council of Trent remaining intact [40], communion under both kinds may be granted when the bishops think fit, not only to clerics and religious, but also to the laity, in cases to be determined by the Apostolic See, as, for instance, to the newly ordained in the Mass of their sacred ordination, to the newly professed in the Mass of their religious profession, and to the newly baptized in the Mass which follows their baptism.

- The Dogmatic Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy

FROM THE LIONS' DEN

"I Will Not Leave You Orphaned"

Dear Family in Christ,

On this 6th Sunday of Easter, the Church gives us the next installment of the Farewell Discourse from John's Gospel. Last Sunday, Jesus addressed the disciples' troubled hearts. This Sunday, Jesus makes them another comforting promise: *I will not leave you orphaned*. How comforting must this have been to those disciples who feared being abandoned- and how comforting it ought to be for us.

There are going to be times in our lives when we wonder if God has abandoned us. When things just aren't going our way, if our lives don't turn out the way we had hoped, or we experience significant suffering, our faith in this promise of Jesus is tested. It can be easy to panic, and to forget His promise.

The Gospel this Sunday reminds us of that promise. No matter what we go through, Jesus will not abandon us; He will not leave us orphaned. One of the greatest signs of His steadfast love is the gift of motherhood. This Mothers' Day, let us thank God for His gift of our own mothers, and for the women in our lives who have shown us motherly love. Let us pray for all mothers, that they would reflect the tender, nurturing love of God in the way only a mother can.

Whether this has been our experience of motherhood or not, we can all turn to our Blessed Mother, Mary, whom we honour especially during this month of May.

God Love You,

Father Daniel

PS- Mom, if you're reading this, Happy Mother's Day. Thank you for everything, and I love you.

PPS- Here's a beautiful Psalm to pray when things get tough:

PSALM 131

(Childlike Trust in God)

O Lord, my heart is not proud,

Nor haughty my eyes

I have not gone after things too great,

nor marvels beyond me.

Truly I have set my soul in silence and peace.

As a child has rest in its mother's arms,

even so my soul.

O Israel hope in the Lord, both now and forever.

MAY: THE MONTH OF OUR LADY

OUTDOOR ROSARY: All are invited this Saturday, May 13th at Noon, by the grotto outside the church in honour of the anniversary of Mary's first apparition to the children at Fatima in 1917. We will pray the Rosary in unison with others across Canada (<https://canadaneedsourlady.org/>) and for God's generous and merciful intercession for all our many needs. Thank you and God bless you!

THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY wishes you a Blessed Eastertide and invites you to participate in the public recitation of the Holy Rosary prior to the remaining 8 am Sunday Masses during the month of May. The Rosary will begin at 7:30 am. Our next meeting will be held on Sunday May 21 from 9-10 am in the Ferrando Room of the parish hall. We will be electing our new Executive team for the next two years. All men of the parish are invited to participate and to deepen and grow in holiness and knowledge of the Catholic faith together! Refreshments will be available and new members are always welcome. Thank you for your interest and support! For more information, please contact Dave at davlynorr@gmail.com.

COFFEE SUNDAY will take place next Sunday, May 21, following the Sunday Masses at 9:30 and 11:00 AM. This month's event is sponsored by our prayer group 'Awaken the Spirit Within You'. Please join us for coffee, treats and fellowship.

AWAKEN THE SPIRIT WITHIN YOU meets every Monday and Thursday. Our next Eucharistic Healing Adoration is on Friday June 2nd. Please see Flocknote for full details.

FINAL MASSES FOR FIRST COMMUNION will take place this Sunday (May 13/14) at the 5:00 PM (Saturday evening) and 9:30 and 11:00 AM Masses. Please pray for our first communicants and their families as they receive Jesus in the Eucharist.

ANNUAL OUR LADY OF SCAPULAR MOTHER MARY'S PROCESSION: Tuesday May 30, 2023 @5:45pm Mass follows @ 7:00pm. Everyone is Welcome, especially children: "Let the children come to me" Bring flowers from your gardens, bring personal statues to be blessed. In coordination with all OLOS church ministries, our six schools, other parishes, and charismatic groups.

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.

Sun, May 14: Rev. Miroslaw Olszewski
Mon, May 15: Rev. Rico Passero
Tues, May 16: Rev. Mathew Pendanathu
Wed, May 17: Rev. Msgr. Dominic Pizzacalla
Thurs, May 18: Rev. Gerard Power
Fri, May 19: Rev. Jinto Puthiyidathuchalil
Sat, May 20: Rev. Richard Renshaw

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: Our parish Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul thanks you for your ongoing support. When a loved one dies, you may wish to consider our group for memorial donations, in honour of the deceased. The money is used to help local families in need. Thank you for your consideration.

TUMBLER FUNDRAISER: Our Lady of the Scapular is selling 20oz Travel Mugs (Tumblers) which are great for both hot and cold beverages. They feature our parish logo and a short scripture of choice opposite the logo. Orders will take place through our office, and tumblers will be ready in ~7 days. Please email Christina at reception@scapular.ca Examples of the cups are in the parish office.

NIAGARA LIFE CENTRE: Happy Mother's Day!

CONFESSIONS AT ST. DENIS: The Sacrament of Confession is celebrated at St. Denis Parish (230 Lake Street, St. Catharines) every Monday through Friday from 8:00 to 9:00 PM. Everyone is welcome.

THE VINEYARD: Our diocesan newspaper has gone digital. If you would like a free online subscription, send an e-mail to vineyard@saintcd.com.

IMPORTANT: DIOCEAN PRIESTS RETREAT

From June 5-9 all the Priests within the Diocese will be attending a retreat. We will have Mass on Monday June 5th, however there will be NO MASS on June 6th, June 7th, and June 8th. There will be a 7:00pm Mass on Friday, June 9th, 2023.

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence.

1 Peter 3:15-16

MASS INTENTIONS

† = Deceased

Week of May 14

Saturday, May 13	9:00 a.m.	† Renato & Lucia Andreola † Teresita Sagala Galvez
	5:00 p.m.	† Pasquale Vittorio † Peter Baguley
Sunday, May 14	8:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	9:30 a.m.	† Deceased of the Reich Family † Rocco & Concetta Maiolo
	11:00 a.m.	† Michele Arcangelo Marcon & Carolina Teresa Marcon † Isacco Marcon
Monday, May 15	9:00 a.m.	† Angela Kukovica † Augustino Stranges
Tuesday, May 16	7:00 p.m.	† Moira & Rick Dale † Rose & Jim Anstey
Wednesday, May 17	9:00 a.m.	† Emmanuele Giancola † Danilo Sorromero
Thursday, May 18	7:00 p.m.	† Nico Pingol Borges † Anna Bozza
Friday, May 19	9:00 a.m.	† Holy Souls in Purgatory † Pauline Nolan
Saturday, May 20	9:00 a.m.	† Addolonata Damiano † Assunta DeGuida
	5:00 p.m.	† Iole Scremin & Family † Al Nart
Sunday, May 21	8:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	9:30 a.m.	Fr. Daniel Corso (In thanksgiving) In thanksgiving to Maria Santissima del Tindari Shrine
	11:00 a.m.	† Vittorio Marcon & Ernesta Basso † Ciara Marcon Fr. Daniel Corso (Anniversary of Ordination)

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

May 7th, 2023

Collection: **\$6239.00**

Building Fund: **\$692.00**

Pope's Pastoral Work: **\$45.00**

Easter: **\$5.00**

Good Friday: **\$10.00**

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

Special Collection May 21:

On Sunday, May 21 we will hold our next special collection. This collection will support the Pope's Pastoral Works. Canadian Catholics are asked to give generously to this papal collection, which is passed on to the Holy Father for his use among those stricken by natural disasters. Canada has been consistent in giving such funds to the Holy See, enabling the Pope to be even more generous in times of disaster.

FINANCIAL SITUATION

As I have previously mentioned, the financial situation of the parish is somewhat tenuous. Our income in the first four months of 2023 has increased but because of inflation so has our expenses. The departure of Manon Bilodeau, our former Pastoral Assistant, and the decision not to hire a replacement, will reduce our expenses in the future. We are also not renewing the Parish subscriptions to the Word on Fire and Formed services which save us about \$6,000. However, we have just learned our annual insurance premiums will increase by 30 per cent (about \$2,700) as of June 30. In addition, we need to replace the lights in the Parish Hall soon (estimated cost of \$8,000). We are planning to install LED lights which will reduce our hydro bill. Once again, I am asking members of the Parish to increase their weekly contributions. We are also planning a fundraising event (a Trivia Night) for early September to help raise funds for the Parish Hall lights. More details will follow. I would like to thank the Parish Finance Council for their support and guidance in dealing with this situation. I will be available after Mass and other times to answer any questions or hear any comments about Parish finances. Please share your ideas and help us give our Parish the resources it needs to become a more vibrant community.

Fr. Michael Basque