



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

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity ~ June 4, 2023

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

The Other Sacraments and the Sacramentals (cont'd)

63. Because of the use of the mother tongue in the administration of the sacraments and sacramentals can often be of considerable help to the people, this use is to be extended according to the following norms:

a) The vernacular language may be used in administering the sacraments and sacramentals, according to the norm of Art. 36.

b) In harmony with the new edition of the Roman Ritual, particular rituals shall be prepared without delay by the competent territorial ecclesiastical authority mentioned in Art. 22, 2, of this Constitution. These rituals, which are to be adapted, also as regards the language employed, to the needs of the different regions, are to be reviewed by the Apostolic See and then introduced into the regions for which they have been prepared. But in drawing up these rituals or particular collections of rites, the instructions prefixed to the individual rites the Roman Ritual, whether they be pastoral and rubrical or whether they have special social import, shall not be omitted.

64. The catechumenate for adults, comprising several distinct steps, is to be restored and to be taken into use at the discretion of the local ordinary. By this, means the time of the catechumenate, which is intended as a period of suitable instruction, may be sanctified by sacred rites to be celebrated at successive intervals of time.

65. In mission lands it is found that some of the peoples already make use of initiation rites. Elements from these, when capable of being adapted to Christian ritual, may be admitted along with those already found in Christian tradition, according to the norm laid down in Art. 37-40, of this Constitution.

66. Both the rites for the baptism of adults are to be revised: not only the simpler rite, but also the more solemn one, which must take into account the restored catechumenate. A special Mass "for the conferring of baptism" is to be inserted into the Roman Missal.

67. The rite for the baptism of infants is to be revised, and it should be adapted to the circumstance that those to be baptized are, in fact, infants. The roles of parents and godparents, and also their duties, should be brought out more clearly in the rite itself.

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

FROM THE LIONS' DEN

FOUR SIGNS THAT GOD'S LOVE IS THE GREATEST

*"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son,
so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish
but have eternal life."*

John 3:16

Dear Family in Christ,

On this Trinity Sunday, Holy Mother Church invites us to take a closer look at something we may have taken for granted: the Love of God. St. Thomas Aquinas breaks down this passage and points out 4 ways that prove God's Love is the greatest:

1. *'First, from the person of the one loving, because it is God who loves, and immeasurably':* God is 'that than which nothing greater can be conceived'(St. Anselm), and therefore, when He is the one loving, He does so in the greatest way. Further still, God is not simply the greatest lover- He is Love.

2. *'Secondly, from the condition of the one who is loved... man... existing in sin':* God proves His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.' God's great love for us is proved even greater by our utter unworthiness of it.

3. *'Thirdly, from the greatness of His gifts':* God's love is proven by action, by that which He gives. In this case, He gives not merely something, but someone- namely, His Beloved Son, His only begotten, His greatest treasure. There was no gift more precious, nothing more costly, nothing more dear to the Father's heart than His Son, whom He freely gave for the world- for you and for me.

4. *'Fourthly, from the greatness of its fruit, because through Him we have eternal life':* God's love produces within us the greatest outcome possible- not only does it save us from eternal damnation, but because of His love, you and I have eternal life freely offered to us. There is no greater effect than Heaven.

On this Trinity Sunday, may we know beyond all doubt that the Greatest Love in the world is *ours*-not because we deserve it, but out of sheer gift. It is ours to freely accept or reject. Insofar as is possible, may we never take God's great Love for granted again.

God love you,
Father Corso

JUNE: THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

FROM THE BISHOP'S DESK: This month has traditionally been dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Here are the twelve promises made to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque by Jesus for those dedicated to His Sacred Heart.

1. I will give them all the graces necessary for their state of life.
2. I will establish peace in their families.
3. I will console them in all their troubles.
4. They shall find in My Heart an assured refuge during life and especially at the hour of their death.
5. I will pour abundant blessings on all their undertakings.
6. Sinners shall find in My Heart the source of an infinite ocean of mercy.
7. Tepid souls shall become fervent.
8. Fervent souls shall speedily rise to great perfection.
9. I will bless the homes where an image of My Heart shall be exposed and honored.
10. I will give to priests the power of touching the most hardened hearts.
11. Those who propagate this devotion shall have their names written in My Heart, never to be effaced.
12. The all-powerful love of My Heart will grant to all those who shall receive Communion on the First Friday of nine consecutive months the grace of final repentance; they shall not die under my displeasure, nor without receiving their Sacraments; My heart shall be their assured refuge at that last hour.

"Behold this Heart which has loved men so much, and yet men do not want to love Me in return. Through you My divine Heart wishes to spread its love everywhere on earth."

COFFEE SUNDAY – June 4, 2023: Coffee Sunday will officially be happening every weekend after the 9:30am Mass in the Parish Hall. To volunteer or contribute baked goods, please contact the office.

PRAYER FOR OUR PRIESTS:

Sun, June 4: Rev. Michael Wastag
Mon, June 5: Rev. Benjamin Weber
Tues, June 6: Rev. Ron Wiecek
Wed, June 7: Rev. Wieslaw Woloszyn
Thurs, June 8: Rev. Alarey Abella
Fri, June 9: Rev. Michael Andrysiak
Sat, June 10: Rev. Ronald Angervil

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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION - SUNDAY JUNE 4, 2023: For "Education of Seminarians and Clergy (Diocesan Needs)".

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.
***Special thanks to all who have purchased so far!**

JAYLON CRAIG CHARITY ORGANIZATION is hosting a free community BBQ on June 10, 2023 at OLOS from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. Please see church boards for details.

NIAGARA LIFE CENTRE - CHANGE IS GOOD CAMPAIGN - Every week at Niagara Life Centre we are receiving phone calls, or are visited by families and individuals who are looking for help with their struggles. With your support, Niagara Life Centre is able to answer that call for help! We are getting near the end of our campaign, and appreciate your continued support and your efforts in making a difference in the lives of so many! Visit, <https://niagaralifecentre.ca/> and click on DONATE to give online today. **Life-giving change is good!**

SOLO PERSONS ENCOUNTER WEEKEND: The BLD Covenant Community of St. Catharines invites you to a Solo Persons Encounter Weekend! On June 10 & 11, 2023 at St. Ann's Church (5740 Buchanan Avenue, NF). All Mature Singles, Single Parents, Divorcees and Widowers are invited to a weekend encounter with our loving God. Please see parish bulletin boards for more details.

FACES OF ABORTION TOUR STOP IN NIAGARA: This summer, the Canadian Centre for Bio-Ethical Reform is running a national pro-life tour across Canada. Speakers from CCBR will stop in Hamilton for a special evening event on "the faces of abortion." Participants will learn how they can take action to make abortion unthinkable in Canada today! Please join us for this new program on Monday, June 5th @ Immanuel United Reformed Church (2900 Fourth Ave, Jordan Station) at 7pm. For more details and other stop locations visit endthekilling.ca/tour

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, as a way to honour the deceased. The money is used to help those in need in the community. Thank you for thinking about this option of memorialization. Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday June 14, 2023 at 7 pm in the Ferrando Room of the OLOS parish hall. New members are always welcome. Please consider coming out to a meeting and learning more about what our group does. Thank you.

HOLY ROSARY SANCTUARY - Once again, masses will be held at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Sanctuary (21 Queen Street South in Thorold), it begins at 7:00pm with a recitation of the Rosary followed by Mass at 7:30pm.

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!

Sanctuary Candle

This week's Sanctuary Candles were donated
in loving memory of Emmanuel Lionel Joseph

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 3, 2023	9:00 a.m.	† Holy Souls in Purgatory
	9:00 a.m.	Anthonia Igharo (Special Intention)
	5:00 p.m.	† Nick DiPaolo
	5:00 p.m.	† All the Unborn Babies
Sunday, June 4, 2023	8:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	9:30 a.m.	† Deceased Members of the Reich Family
	9:30 a.m.	† Patricia Mariglia
	11:00 a.m.	† Flippo + Anna Scarpino
	11:00 a.m.	† Mary & Emilio Rufrano
Monday, June 5, 2023	9:00 a.m.	† Angela Kukovica
	9:00 a.m.	† Michael Paris
Tuesday, June 6, 2023	7:00 p.m.	NO MASS
	7:00 p.m.	NO MASS
Wednesday, June 7, 2023	9:00 a.m.	NO MASS
	9:00 a.m.	NO MASS
Thursday, June 8, 2023	7:00 p.m.	NO MASS
	7:00 p.m.	NO MASS
Friday, June 9, 2023	7:00 p.m.	Mayumi Asuncao (Birthday)
	7:00 p.m.	† Perri Anna & Gino Pansino

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

May 21, 2023 Collection

Offertory: \$4295.75
Building Fund: \$90.00
Easter: \$60.00
Pope's Pastoral Works:
\$1514.25

May 28, 2023 Collection

Offertory: \$5379.00
Building Fund: \$5.00
Education of the
Seminarians: \$45.00
Pope's Pastoral Works:
\$86.00

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

Did you know? We have an easy and quick way for Visitors to give an Offertory to the Church! Simply send us an e-mail money transfer through your bank by using the e-mail: etransfers@scapular.ca

IMPORTANT: DIOCEAN PRIESTS RETREAT

From June 5-9 all the Priests within the Diocese will be attending a retreat. OLOS will not be hosting any masses during the retreat, however, St. Patrick's on Victoria Ave. will still have Mass. Please see the following schedule:

Mon. June 5 (OLOS) - 9:00am
Tue. June 6 (St. Patrick's) - 8:00pm
Wed. June 7 (St. Patrick's) - 8:00pm
Thurs. June 8 (St. Patrick's) - 8:00pm
Fri. June 9 (OLOS) - 7:00pm

CHALICE WEEKEND- JUNE 10 & 11: Chalice works in impoverished communities to help struggling families overcome the cycle of poverty. Sponsorship gives children the support needed to overcome obstacles so they can attend and stay in school, and allows families to provide nutritious food and better care for their children. For more information, please see the representative after each Mass.

LEGION OF MARY NIAGARA CURIA - Invites you to attend a Healing Retreat, on Sunday, 11th June, 2023, 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm in the Ferrando Room at Our Lady of Scapular Church Hall. Agenda includes Legion Prayer, Reading of verses from Old and New Testaments, Music, Healing Pray Over and a 10 min break. For more information contact Alex at (905) 262-7239.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - On June 21 at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall, Our Lady of the Scapular will be holding a Parish-wide Volunteer meeting. All are welcome, and all are encouraged to attend. We will be focusing on the various ministries that we are in need to get up and running and to do so we need volunteers. Please consider attending to have your voice heard. In the meantime, those who used to volunteer for the various OLOS ministries, we value your input and encourage you to attend to assist us in the planning. If you would like to get on board with volunteering please email secretary@scapular.ca, please include which ministry you are interested in.

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

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. Enrollment will be open until May 1, 2023.

PRIDE FLAG - This year, as has happened in previous years, the Niagara Catholic District School Board has chosen to fly the Pride Flag during the month of June. As I have done in the past, I will not be going onto school property during the month of June. I wish to make it clear this is a decision of my personal conscience and is not meant to judge anyone who acts differently. I condemn in the strongest possible way any bullying or violence directed against any person, especially marginalized groups such as LGBTQ individuals. Everyone is made in the image and likeness of God and is loved by God and myself. My problem is that the Flag, while it seeks to promote inclusion, also represents things which are antithetical to Catholic teachings such as Gender Theory. An excellent resource to better understand the Church's teaching on the issue of Gender is "He Made them Male and Female: Towards a Path of Dialogue on the Question of Gender Theory in Education" published by the Congregation for Catholic Education in 2019.

-Father Michael Basque

*"This is the day the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it."*

Psalm 118:24

