



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!

July 2, 2023 - Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

CHAPTER IV **THE DIVINE OFFICE**

85. Hence all who render this service are not only fulfilling a duty of the Church, but also are sharing in the greatest honor of Christ's spouse, for by offering these praises to God they are standing before God's throne in the name of the Church their Mother.

86. Priests who are engaged in the sacred pastoral ministry will offer the praises of the hours with greater fervor the more vividly they realize that they must heed St. Paul's exhortation: "Pray without ceasing" (1 Thess. 5:11). For the work in which they labor will effect nothing and bring forth no fruit except by the power of the Lord who said: "Without me you can do nothing" (John 15: 5). That is why the apostles, instituting deacons, said: "We will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word" (Acts 6:4).

87. In order that the divine office may be better and more perfectly prayed in existing circumstances, whether by priests or by other members of the Church, the sacred Council, carrying further the restoration already so happily begun by the Apostolic See, has seen fit to decree as follows concerning the office of the Roman rite.

88. Because the purpose of the office is to sanctify the day, the traditional sequence of the hours is to be restored so that once again they may be genuinely related to the time of the day when they are prayed, as far as this may be possible. Moreover, it will be necessary to take into account the modern conditions in which daily life has to be lived, especially by those who are called to labor in apostolic works.

89. Therefore, when the office is revised, these norms are to be observed:

a) By the venerable tradition of the universal Church, Lauds as morning prayer and Vespers as evening prayer are the two hinges on which the daily office turns; hence they are to be considered as the chief hours and are to be celebrated as such.

b) Compline is to be drawn up so that it will be a suitable prayer for the end of the day.

c) The hour known as Matins, although it should retain the character of nocturnal praise when celebrated in choir, shall be adapted so that it may be recited at any hour of the day; it shall be made up of fewer psalms and longer readings.

d) The hour of Prime is to be suppressed.

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

FROM THE LIONS' DEN

Gospel Courage

"...whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me.

Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it." Matt. 10:37-42

Dear Family in Christ,

This Sunday's Gospel is a continuation of Jesus' commissioning His disciples to go out and proclaim the Gospel, and His outlining of just what it means to be His disciple. As we hear these words proclaimed, it's important to remember that just as Jesus spoke them to His disciples two thousand years ago, He speaks them to us here and now. His words to us this Sunday speak of finding our life, losing our life, and taking up our cross. They are both difficult and puzzling, and demand us to engage with them. To that end, I'd like to share one of my favourite reflections on this passage:

'Courage is almost a contradiction in terms. It means a strong desire to live taking the form of a readiness to die. "He that will lose his life, the same shall save it," is not a piece of mysticism for saints and heroes. It is a piece of everyday advice for sailors or mountaineers. It might be printed in an Alpine guide or a drill book. This paradox is the whole principle of courage; ... A man cut off by the sea may save his life only if he will risk it on the precipice. He can only get away from death by continually stepping within an inch of it. A soldier surrounded by his enemies, if he is to cut his way out, needs to combine a strong desire for living with a strange carelessness about dying. He must not merely cling to life, for then he will be a coward, and will not escape. He must not merely wait for death, for then he will be a suicide, and will not escape. He must seek his life in a spirit of furious indifference to it; he must desire life like water and yet drink death like wine. ...Christianity has done more (than just adequately expressing this): it has marked the limits of it in the awful graves of the suicide and the hero, showing the distance between him who dies for the sake of living and him who dies for the sake of dying. And it has held up ever since, (the) banner of the mystery of chivalry: Christian courage, which is a disdain of death...'

-G.K. Chesterton, Orthodoxy

As we hear Jesus speak to us this Sunday, may we respond with courage and love.

God love you,
Father Corso

JULY: THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED JULY 3, 2023: Our Parish office will be closed on Monday July 3, 2023 for the Canada Day Holiday. We will re-open on Tuesday July 4, 2023 at 9:00am.

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 JULY: For a Eucharistic life: We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.



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.

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 11:00am 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.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: Our parish Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul wishes to thank you for the **tremendous** response to our Food Drive this past weekend. Your support will go a long way to support those in need. Thank you to those who continue to provide financial support. It is greatly appreciated. Our Conference is supporting 5 students from one of our parish schools in attending a week of summer camp in August. The campers are looking forward to a week of fun and fellowship.

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/>

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.

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.

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.

25TH ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY - FR. KESSETE HAMDAD: 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.

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.

DIVORCED AND SEPARATED HEALING MINISTRY: The Diocesan Divorced and Separated Ministry group will be holding its meetings on the second and fourth Monday of the month at Mount Carmel Spiritual Center (7020 Stanley Avenue, Niagara Falls) at 7:00 PM. Sessions are held virtually. For more information or to register for virtual attendance please call 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154 or email separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS: Parishioners are invited to include in the General Intercessions at all Sunday Masses the names of any family members or friends who may be ill, in the hospital or scheduled for surgery, as well as those who have recently died. Please submit the names to the Parish Office before Friday at 12:00 Noon so they can be included for the coming weekend.

PARISH BULLETIN VIA E-MAIL: Are you Interested in receiving this Weekly Bulletin in your e-mail inbox? Scan the QR code with your mobile phone and tap on the link provided. Fill in the form to begin receiving the Weekly Bulletin Fridays at 6:00pm.



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

MASS INTENTIONS

July 1 - 7, 2023 († deceased)

Saturday July 1, 2023	9:00 a.m.	Christine Reclusado (Healing)
	9:00 a.m.	† Cosimo Gentilcore
	5:00 p.m.	† Victor & Adrienne Crépeau
	5:00 p.m.	† Cosmo Menechella
Sunday July 2, 2023	8:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	9:30 a.m.	† Holy Souls of Purgatory
	9:30 a.m.	† Deceased Members of the Reich Family
	11:00 a.m.	† Deceased Members of the Serluca Family
Monday July 3, 2023	9:00 a.m.	† Carl Craig
	9:00 a.m.	† Angela Kukovica
Tuesday July 4, 2023	9:00 a.m.	† Cole Zelenco & Kyle Porter (Canadian Soldiers killed in Ukraine)
	7:00 p.m.	† Joyce Peters
Wednesday July 5, 2023	7:00 p.m.	† Soma Perera
	9:00 a.m.	† Antonia Di Pietro
Thursday July 6, 2023	9:00 a.m.	† Soma Perera
	7:00 p.m.	In thanksgiving to Maria Santissima del Tindari Shrine
Friday July 7, 2023	7:00 p.m.	† Palmerino Raso
	9:00 a.m.	† Andrew Boyd
	9:00 a.m.	† Richard Peter Paul Klopka

WEEKLY OFFERTORY June 25, 2023 - Collection

Offertory: \$5390.00
Building Fund: \$45.00

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 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

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 Candles

This week's Sanctuary Candles were donated in loving memory of all the deceased siblings of Ambrosia Ngwe

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 left for this week's <i>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: *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).*

LAY CARMELITES: The Lay Carmelites, a group of Roman Catholic men and women who seek to enrich their spiritual lives by following the Carmelite tradition, will be holding their monthly meeting every 2nd Friday at Mount Carmel Spiritual Center (7020 Stanley Avenue, Niagara Falls) on starting at 6:30pm. For more information, please call Trudy Bretzler at 905-732-0670 or email at trudybretzler9@gmail.com

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.

FIVE FIRST SATURDAYS DEVOTION: The Five First Saturdays Devotion is a request made by Our Lady of Fatima in 1917. The Blessed Mother promised to assist at the hour of death with the graces necessary for salvation all who, as an act of reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, on the first five Saturdays of any consecutive months. Each of the following 4 items need to be done with the intention of making reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary:

1. **Go to Confession:** Can be within 8 days either before or after the reception of Communion, provided the communicant is in a state of grace for Communion
2. **Receive Holy Communion:** Within 24 hours of the first Saturday (can be a Saturday evening anticipatory Mass)
3. **Pray 5 decades of the Rosary**
4. **Keep Mary company for 15 minutes meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the rosary** (the 15 minutes of meditation are in addition to the recitation of the rosary)