

The Baptism of The Lord

January 12th, 2025 ~ Liturgical Year C

Mass Intentions

✠ **January 13th, 2025 to January 19, 2025**

As we gather, let us remember and pray for . . .

Monday.....NO MASS..... January 13th

Tuesday..... January 14th

8:00 am ✠ Clemente Conte (by Nicolina Carelli)

✠ Fiorino Falovo (by Maria Petrini)

Wednesday.....January 15th

8:00 am ✠ Holy Souls in Purgatory (by Jennifer Olszowy)

✠ Robert Scricca (by Michelina Cefaratti)

Thursday.....January 16th

8:00 am ✠ Louise Lachan (by Anne Marie Smyth)

✠ Holy Souls in Purgatory (by Anne Marie Smyth)

Friday.....St. Anthony, Abbot.....January 17th

8:00 am ✠ Antonietta Morgillo (by Gino Sardella)

✠ Nicola Dell'Omo (by the Catechist Sisters)

Saturday.....January 18th

8:00 am ✠ Emilia Franceschini (by The O'Brian family)

✠ Roy Petraroia (by Domenic & Teresa Pavone)

5:00 pm ✠ Angela, Pietro, Dorothy & Felix Pignotti (by Rosie)

✠ Teresina Aiello (by Roger & Sandra Feltrin)

✠ John Marchese (by Ada Marchese & family)

✠ Jack Priestman (by Karen Lanson)

✠ Elizabeth Marie Longo (by Mary Jane & Bob Rose)

✠ Paolo DiPompeo (by Nazzareno & Mary Grossi)

Sunday.....2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time.....January 19th

8:00 am ✠♥The People of Holy Rosary Parish

9:30 am ✠ Antoinetta Palumbi (by Angelo & Angiolina Gabriele)

✠ Filomena Bozza (by Gina Citrigno)

11:00 am ✠ Luisa Minicucci (by Chris & Julia)

✠ Barbara Praught (by Mary Cody)

SANCTUARY LAMP:

This week's Sanctuary Lamp is donated in memory of **John Gabriele**. The Sanctuary lamp is lit to remind us of Christ's presence in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for the Month of January

For the right to an education:

Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

HOLY ROSARY YOUTH GROUP

Friday January 24th

6:00pm in the Parish Hall.

Young people in grades 6-12 are invited to join our youth group for fun, faith formation, and fellowship. For more information, to sign up, or to get involved, please contact Father Daniel.

We end the Christmas Season and begin the Season of Ordinary Time with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord by John the Baptist.

Why was Jesus baptized by John? Certainly, He was not a sinner who needed to repent like so many of the others whom John baptized. The Fourth Eucharistic Prayer reminds us that Jesus shared our human nature in all things but sin. John himself said that Jesus should be baptizing him, not he baptizing Jesus.

So, why did Jesus go into the River Jordan and let John baptize him?

Perhaps the question can be answered by asking, "Why did people respond to John's invitation to be baptized?" They wanted the presence of God to be restored to the world and they knew that first it had to be restored in them. They wanted evil to be defeated and knew that first they had to defeat evil within themselves. They wanted the Kingdom of God to begin, and they were baptized to proclaim this Kingdom with their lives. Jesus joined them in their desires for the Kingdom of God. He saw the pain that godlessness brought to mankind, and wanted to be united to all who sought God. He saw the results of sin in the world and wanted to be united to all who would fight sin. He knew that the Kingdom of God was beginning and sought union with all who were willing to make a commitment to the Kingdom. And John pointed to Jesus and said, "Look, there is the Lamb of God."

There is the one who will take the horrors of the world upon Himself, and die for God's people. When Jesus was baptized He accepted the Mission that was the whole reason why He became a man. He began His public ministry, which would end in the destruction of sin and hate with obedience to the Father and love for His people. Jesus embraced His Mission, defeated the devil, established the Kingdom of God, and then called on each of us to continue His ministry.

When we love others, we are continuing His Mission. When we develop and use the particular gifts He has given to each of us to make the world beautiful for others, we are continuing His Mission. When we strive to be the best at whatever it is that He calls us to do in our careers, we are continuing His Mission. When we say "No!" to sin and "Yes" to care for all who are hurt or hurting, we are continuing His Mission. When we respond to the Grace to do something for someone else, we are continuing His Mission.

What a gift we have been given in Jesus Christ. Some people think that life is meaningless, without purpose. But we Christians know why we were created and how we can live meaningful lives. We can make a difference in the world by uniting ourselves to the One who changed the world with His Life. We can continue the Mission of Jesus Christ.

Fr. Janusz Roginski, S.A.C.



BATTESIMO DEL SIGNORE / C

Mentre Gesù sosta in preghiera dopo il battesimo, il cielo si apre e discende sopra di lui lo Spirito Santo, in forma di colomba, e una voce dal cielo dice: «Tu sei il Figlio mio, l'amato: in te ho posto il mio compiacimento». Oggi, sulle acque del Giordano si rivela agli uomini il Dio trinitario: Padre, Figlio e Spirito Santo. Oggi Dio Padre ci indica il motivo della sua profonda gioia e soddisfazione: è il Figlio suo, l'amato, colui che ci è donato come fratello, come guida, come unico Salvatore.

EMMAUS YOUTH ADULT MINISTRY

(Tuesdays, 7-9pm, St. Denis Church)

This Tuesday, January 14th, 2025, the young adults of the diocese invite you to **join us for prayer, formation, and fellowship at St. Denis Church, 230 Lake Street, St. Catharines.** For more information, contact Fr. Daniel at corso.danielanthony@gmail.com or follow us on Instagram@emmaus.ya

LIVE CHRIST, SHARE CHRIST PRAYER ASSEMBLY & TEACHING SERIES

Saturday February 22nd, 2025

1:00pm - 3:00pm in the Parish Hall.

LCSC Prayer Assembly & Teaching Series is a formation program to continue in strengthening our Catholic faith and to reinforce the foundations for Christian living knowing that Christ Jesus is the way of true happiness. He is the answer to the restlessness of every human heart. Hence, please join us to attend to our Prayer Assembly on Saturday, February 22nd, 2025 from 1:00pm-3:00pm. No admission fee and refreshments will be served. It will be a spirit-filled afternoon as we gather with praise & worship, teaching, group discussion and open forum/sharing.

“God is faithful to us; our task is to respond to this faithfulness. But take care: it is not we who generate this faithfulness; it is a gift from God that works in us if we allow ourselves to be moulded by His power of love, the Holy Spirit Who acts as a breath of inspiration in our hearts. It is up to us, then, to invoke this gift: “Lord, grant me to be faithful to you in hope!” Pope Francis, The Jubilee of 2025.

FULL-TIME FINANCIAL ASSISTANT

The Diocese of St. Catharines is seeking a full-time Financial Assistant. The successful applicant will be responsible for all aspects of financial accounting (including accounts receivable, accounts payable, bank reconciliations, trial balances and unaudited financial statements), payroll, employee benefits, pension plan, annual charity return and providing bookkeeping support to parishes. A Detailed job description can be found on the diocesan website at: <http://saintcd.com/employment>. Interested applicants are invited to submit a resume by January 15, 2025 to John O'Brien, CFO (jobrien@saintcd.com).

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

A Kindergarten Open House and registration will take place at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Catholic Elementary School, 41 Collier Road S., Thorold on February 6th from 9:30am to 6:00pm.

SACRAMENT PREPARATION:

There will be a Learning and Prayer session for **Confirmation Candidates** on Thursday, January 16th at 6:30pm at the Parish Hall.



Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Catholic Women's League

The new 2025 Executive would like to meet you!
Installation/ General Meeting

Tuesday, January 14th, 2025
7:00 pm at The Holy Rosary Hall

Info: Linda 905-227-1499

We extend sincere condolences and prayers to the family and friends who mourn the recent loss of **Jack Priestman**. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen!

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WEEK OF PRAYER – 2025

Theme: Do you believe this? John 11: 26

In the northern hemisphere, the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is traditionally held every year between January 18th (the Feast of the Confession of Saint Peter) and January 25th (the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul).

SEPARATED & DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY

The Diocesan Separated & Divorced Healing Ministry Support Group meets every second and fourth Monday of the month (except holidays) from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, 7020 Stanley Avenue, Niagara Falls, Ontario. For information or to participate via Zoom, email separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com or call 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154.

The program schedule is displayed on the Church bulletin boards.



The popular monthly **beef-on-a-bun** is held on the **second Thursday of each month**. The format is takeout only. **Beef on a bun, coleslaw and roasted potatoes for only \$13. Our next Beef on a Bun Dinner** will be held on Thursday, February 13th.