

Rosary Recital on Sunday Nov 1st

Thanks to Jessy Mani for hosting the rosary recital on this Sunday, 2:45pm, at 39 St Andrews Ave. Welland. Please try to join. Thank you

The celebration of the **Platinum Jubilee (70th Year)** of our Parish will begin on **Nov 30th, 2026**, the **feast of St. Andrew the Apostle**. We will have a **Christmas Bazar** on Sunday Nov 29th, Noon to 2 pm

Weekend Confession Time

Saturday 4:15pm - 4:45pm

Sunday 10:10am - 10:40am

Weekday Evening Confessions: Tuesday to Friday 8:00 - 9:00pm

Purgatory and the Importance of Praying for the Dead

The Catholic teaching is that the Faith is determined, not only by the written Word of God but also His unwritten Word, Tradition. Catholics would argue that it is erroneous to use the Bible as a "handbook of dogma." Let us now turn to Sacred Tradition and to history, both of which establish belief in purgatory among the earliest Christians. By the end of the first century Christian prayers for the dead are already found in the catacombs. Graffiti abounds in the Roman catacombs in which the faithful not only pray for their deceased loved ones, but also pray to those who have died for the Faith!

Purgatory is not an anti-biblical doctrine; it is not unreasonable. It is a doctrine of comfort and mercy. Nor is Purgatory a late invention of the Church, as many Protestants claim. Evidence for belief in purgatory goes back to Judaism herself with the Maccabees. The earliest Christians believed in this state. As stated earlier, it is not till the Reformation that we find the first denial of purgatory. Scripture commands us to "keep the traditions" that has been handed down to us (2 Thes 2.15). If we are to be faithful to the Scripture, then acceptance of purgatory follows since, as St. Augustine shows, purgatory is part of that "tradition."