ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC CHURCH, WELLAND
20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – AUGUST 17, 2025

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MASS INTENTIONS August 16th to August 24th, 2025

SATURDAY August 16th - 5:00pm
George Pastirik by Family
Angela Albano by Family
SATURDAY LATE EVENING MASS - 8:15pm
In Honour of St. Thomas More by G. Pang

SUNDAY August 17th - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 9:00am
Angela & Joseph Biamonte by Tavano & Ligotti Families
Daniel Santerre by George & Connie Poll
11:00am - for all your intentions

TUESDAY August 19th - 5:00pm - *Mass & Adoration*
Helen Pupo by Maria Fazzalari

WEDNESDAY August 20th - 7:00pm
Rosina Grano by Franca Sdao

THURSDAY August 21st - 5:00pm - *Mass & Adoration*
Personal Intentions by J.E.

FRIDAY August 22nd - 7:00pm -
Luigi Paonessa by Franca Sdao

"Strive to Enter Through the Narrow Door"

SATURDAY August 23rd- 5:00pm
Anita Garel by Janis Garel-Martel
SATURDAY LATE EVENING MASS - 8:15pm
In Honour of St. Gianna Beretta Molla by G. Pang

SUNDAY August 24th - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - 9:00am
Gaetano & Rosarina Bianco by Olga Nero
Ernesto & Elvira Magazzeni by Maria Magazzeni & Family
11:00am - for all your intentions

Saturday Late Evening Mass 8:15pm, at St. Andrews
Daily Confessions (Summer Break)* - No Confessions
• August 15 to September 15th

Mission Appeal on August 23/24.
In accordance with our diocesan policy, parishes are asked to accept a missionary, once a year, to speak to the people at all weekend Masses with a view to appealing for funds for missionary work. Next week we will hear from Fr. Cyril Buyeera from the Archdiocese of Tororo, Uganda. A special collection envelope will be included in this week's bulletin. We collect the money here and send to our diocese and they will forward it Tororo. Thank you in advance for your assistance in this missionary endeavour. ***Please read some details about their needs on the back page.***

Reflection - Your body is holy and glorious, Pope Pius XII on the Assumption

In their sermons and speeches on the feast day of the Assumption of the Mother of God, the holy fathers and the great doctors of the church were speaking of something that the faithful already knew and accepted: all they did was to bring it out into the open, to explain its meaning and substance in other terms. Above all, they made it most clear that this feast commemorated not merely the fact that the blessed Virgin Mary did not experience bodily decay, but also her triumph over death and her heavenly glory, following the example of her only Son, Jesus Christ.

St Germanus of Constantinople considered the preservation from decay of the body of the Mother of God, the Virgin Mary, and its elevation to heaven as being not only appropriate to her Motherhood but also to the peculiar sanctity of its virgin state: It is written, that you appear in beauty, and your virginal body is altogether holy, altogether chaste, altogether the dwelling-place of God; from which it follows that it is not in its nature to decay into dust, but that it is transformed, being human, into a glorious and incorruptible life, the same body, living and glorious, unharmed, sharing in perfect life.

All that the holy fathers say refers ultimately to Scripture as a foundation, which gives us the vivid image of the great Mother of God as being closely attached to her divine Son and always sharing his lot.

It is important to remember that from the second century onwards the holy fathers have been talking of the Virgin Mary as the new Eve for the new Adam: not equal to him, of course, but closely joined with him in the battle against the enemy, which ended in the triumph over sin and death that had been promised even in Paradise. The glorious resurrection of Christ is essential to this victory and its final prize, but the blessed Virgin's share in that fight must also have ended in the glorification of her body. For as the Apostle says: When this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the scripture will be fulfilled that says "Death is swallowed up in victory".

So then, the great Mother of God, so mysteriously united to Jesus Christ from all eternity by the same decree of predestination, immaculately conceived, an intact virgin throughout her divine motherhood, a noble associate of our Redeemer as he defeated sin and its consequences, received, as it were, the final crowning privilege of being preserved from the corruption of the grave and, following her Son in his victory over death, was brought, body and soul, to the highest glory of heaven, to shine as Queen at the right hand of that same Son, the immortal King of Ages.

Last Week's Collection
Sunday Offerings - $1185.50
Building Fund/RR - $1180.00
Canadian Missions - $95.00

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