ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC CHURCH, WELLAND
The Holy Family & The Solemnity of Mary – December 29, 2024

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Mass Schedule & Intentions: Dec. 29 2024 – Jan. 5, 2025

SATURDAY December 28th - 5:00 pm
George Pastirik by Family
Stella Shinton by Monique & Greg Shinton
Antonio Chiavaroli by Paola Chiavaroli

SUNDAY December 29th - 9.00am -
Andrea Nigro by David Fox
Laurie Bourque by Resch Family
11.00am - for all your intentions

Feast of the Holy Family

TUESDAY December 31st - 5:00pm
Thanksgiving for all Blessings of 2024 by Maria Fazzalari

Second Mass 11:00pm – Adoration, Mass 11:40pm
Offering 2025 to God's Loving Hands

WEDNESDAY January 1st – 10:00am
The Solemnity of Mary
In Honour of our Blessed Mother
by Rosemary Lastovic

THURSDAY January 2nd – 5pm - Rosary& Adoration

FRIDAY January 3rd - 9:45am
In Honour of the Immaculate Heart of Mary by G. Pang

SATURDAY January 4th - 5:00 pm
Raymond Ashby by David Fox
Grag & John Laverdiere by Rene Ventresca & Family
Zvoni Nenadovich by Rosemary Lastovic
Steven, Raymond, & Teresa Horvat by Mom Teresa

SUNDAY January 5th - 9.00am
Carmelo & Maria Seneca by Lillian Santone
Mildred & Thomas Walker by Walker Family
Jean Jarvie by Carmelo & Maria Mazzei
11.00am - for all your intentions

HAPPY NEW YEAR, EVERYBODY

A big thank you, to all our Volunteers and Staff for their zeal and dedication. I also thank our parishioners, well wishers and the CWL for their donations to the parish; and for the gifts and greetings you gave me personally. Again, thank you, one and all for all your prayers and support to our parish. Please keep me in your prayers, and I assure you of my prayers and service.
God bless you. Fr. Paul Vellakunnath

The Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God

The Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God, is a celebration of Mary's motherhood of Jesus. The title "Mother of God" is a western derivation from the Greek Theotokos, which means "God-bearer". On this day, we are reminded of the role that the Blessed Virgin played in the plan of our salvation. Through the Holy Spirit, God the Father prepared Mary to be the dwelling place where His Son and His Spirit could dwell among men. Christ's birth was made possible by Mary's 'fiat'- "Be it done to me according to Thy word". Calling Mary "Mother of God" is the highest honor we can give to her. Just as Christmas honors Jesus as the "Prince of Peace", the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God honors Mary as the "Queen of Peace". New Year's Day is also designated as the "World Day of Peace", further acknowledging the role of Mary in our hearts and in our world.

Jubilee of Hope - Our Opening Mass

The 2025 Jubilee of Hope was officially opened on December 24, 2024, with Pope Francis opening the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. In our diocese, Bishop Gerard Bergie will celebrate Mass at 2:00pm at our Cathedral this Sunday, December 29, 2024, The Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, as the solemn opening of the Jubilee Year. You all are encouraged and welcome to attend.

The Advent 2024 issue of The Vineyard is now available on the diocesan website: http://saintcd.com/diocesan-directory/the-vineyard.

2025 Church Envelopes
Envelopes for the upcoming year are available for pick up at the back of the church. If you are using envelopes for the first time or you have changed address please print your name, address, postal code and phone number on your first few envelopes to update parish records and for tax receipt purposes. Tax receipts will be available at the end of February.