ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC CHURCH, WELLAND
6th Sunday of Ordinary Time– February 16, 2025

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Mass Schedule & Intentions: February 15 – February 23, 2025

SATURDAY February 15th - 5:00 pm
Mike Fazzalari by Maria Fazzalari
Catharine Terescsik by Rita Lowry
Jean-Luc Lemelin by Bovine Family

Celebrating the Sacrament of Catholic Marriage

SUNDAY February 16th - 9:00am
Sandra Lucia by Franca Sdao
Liberto & Teresa Maddalena by Grand Daughter Anna Maddalena
11:00am - for all your intentions

TUESDAY February 18th - 5:00pm Mass& Adoration
Raymond Ashby by David Fox

WEDNESDAY February 19th - 9:00am
Tobe & Iris Chase by David Fox
THURSDAY February 20th - 5:00pm - Mass & Adoration
Birthday Blessing for Sandra Lastovic by Rosemary Lastovic
FRIDAY February 21st - 9:35am
Mr. KM & Mrs. SJ Pang by G. Pang

SATURDAY February 22nd - 5:00 pm
Marino Maddalena by Niece Anna Maddalena & Family
Angela Albano by Teresa Paonessa
Gino Ventresca by Margherita Volpe-McIntosh

Anointing of the Sick

SUNDAY February 23rd - 9:00am
Tony Mazzei by Mamma & Papa
Domenic Giovinazzo by Nieces Tina, Nancy & Rosa
11:00am - for all your intentions

MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK will be celebrated at all Masses on February **22 & 23, 2025**. Jesus is with us when we undergo sickness and suffering, whether physical, mental or spiritual and when we care for the sick. When we take suffering with Jesus' passion it is fruitful. The Sacrament of the anointing of the sick gives more graces to the afflicted person. ***It is a sacrament that we can receive any number of times.*** It is **not** the **'last rite'** to be administered to the unconscious body. We encourage anyone suffering for any reason whether elderly or not to receive it.

Prayer: Loving God, rock of strength for those who trust in you; comforter of those who call on you. Hear the cry of those who suffer from sickness or weakness, and embrace them in your loving arms. Give them peace, and strengthen them with the vision of your kingdom. We make this prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (From CCCB website)

Pope Francis' message for the 33rd World Day of the Sick

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On 27 January 2025, the Vatican released Pope Francis' message for the 33rd World Day of the Sick, (February 11). Because of the Jubilee Year, this year's World Day of the Sick is closely connected to the Jubilee of the Sick and Health Care Workers on 5-6 April 2025 and the Jubilee of People with Disabilities on 28 and 29 April 2025.

In his message, Pope Francis offers a reflection on the theme, *"'Hope does not disappoint' (Rm 5:5) but strengthens us in times of trial,"* emphasizing the profound role the Christian tradition accords to the theological virtue of hope in moments of illness and suffering. Pope Francis reminds the faithful that physical illness can have emotional and spiritual effects. The Holy Father calls for our renewed commitment to caring for the sick with love, compassion, and faith, recognising that hope is a gift that sustains both those who suffer and those who accompany them.

Jesus earnestly calls us to visit and care for the sick (e.g., Matthew 25: 35), teaching us by example through His solicitude for the sick and His miracles to free men and women from sickness. Inspired by our Lord, the Church desires the faithful to contribute to building a culture of care wherever we live—one that responds to the dignity of each person from conception to natural death, and that offers spiritual support in times of trial.

Established by Pope Saint John Paul II in 1992, the World Day of the Sick is observed annually on the liturgical Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes, a significant day of devotion to the Blessed Mother, who is a powerful intercessor for the sick. In a particular way on this day, the faithful are invited to reflect more deeply on the Church's teachings about sickness and caring for the sick, as well as to express solidarity with the sick through works of charity and special prayers, including the option of attending Mass, and by encouraging and expressing appreciation toward caregivers. Pope's message can be viewed > https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/sick/documents/20250114-giornata-malato.html

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