ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC CHURCH, WELLAND
Presentation of the Lord – February 2, 2025

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Mass Schedule & Intentions: February 1 – February 9, 2025

SATURDAY February 1st - 5:00 pm
Jean-Luc Lemelin by Bovine Family
Carmelo & Maria Seneca by Lillian Santone
Catharine Terescik by Angelina Camposarcone

SUNDAY February 2nd - 9:00am
Presentation of the Lord
Michael Walker by Wife & Children
John Maddalena by Cousin Anna Maddelena & Family
Conrad & Jean-Luc Lemelin by Wife & Mother

11:00am - for all your intentions

February 2nd - World Day For Consecrated Life. Please pray for all our priests and all religous

TUESDAY February 4th - 5:00pm Mass& Adoration
Tommaso Adamo by Franca Sdao

WEDNESDAY February 5th - 9:00am
Communiom Service

THURSDAY February 6th - 5:00pm - Mass & Adoration
Souls In Purgatory by G. Pang

FRIDAY February 7th - 9:35am
Sisters Beatrice & Victorine by Maria Fazzalari

SATURDAY February 8th - 5:00 pm
Caterina Rugeri & Toni Sdao by Franca Sdao
Giovina Maddalena by Daughter Anna & Family

SUNDAY February 9th - 9:00am
Angela Riolino by Family
Marijane Lastovic by Rosemary Lastovic
Blessing for Tom & Linda Nenadovich by Walker Family

11:00am - for all your intentions

Just a reminder that if you are Celebrating a Significant Wedding Anniversary this Jubilee year and wish to have a congratulatory certificate to mark the occasion please contact the parish office. Bishop Bergie will celebrate a special Mass for married couples at the Cathedral next Sunday (see back page)

We recently lost one of our loved ones: **Theresa Horvat (89)** passed away on **January 21st** and had a Service at the Funeral home on January 27th. May God grant eternal rest to her and console the bereaving family members.

Let Us Receive the Light Whose Brilliance is Eternal
by Sophronius, bishop

In honour of the divine mystery that we celebrate today, let us all hasten to meet Christ. The candles we light in the church are a sign of the divine splendour of the one who comes to expel the dark shadows of evil and to make the whole universe radiant with the brilliance of his eternal light. Our candles also show how bright our souls should be when we go to meet Christ.

The Mother of God, the most pure Virgin, carried the true light in her arms and brought him to those who lay in darkness. We too should carry a light for all to see and reflect the radiance of the true light as we hasten to meet him.

The light has come and has shone upon a world enveloped in shadows; the Dayspring from on high has visited us and given light to those who lived in darkness. This, then, is our feast, and we join in procession with lighted candles to reveal the light that has shone upon us and the glory that is yet to come to us through him. So let us hasten all together to meet our God.

The true light has come, the light that enlightens every man who is born into this world. Let all of us, my brethren, be enlightened and made radiant by this light. Let all of us share in its splendour, and be so filled with it that no one remains in the darkness. Let us be shining ourselves as we go together to meet and to receive with the aged Simeon the light whose brilliance is eternal. Rejoicing with Simeon, let us sing a hymn of thanksgiving to God, the Father of the light, who sent the true light to dispel the darkness and to give us all a share in his splendour.

Through Simeon's eyes we too have seen the salvation of God which he prepared for all the nations and revealed as the glory of the new Israel, which is ourselves. As Simeon was released from the bonds of this life when he had seen Christ, so we too were at once freed from our old state of sinfulness.

By faith we too embraced Christ, the salvation of God the Father, as he came to us from Bethlehem. Gentiles before, we have now become the people of God. Our eyes have seen God incarnate, and because we have seen him present among us and have mentally received him into our arms, we are called the new Israel. Never shall we forget this presence; every year we keep a feast in his honour.

Please see back page for Coming Events and information regarding a Parish Health Survey →