ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC CHURCH, WELLAND
3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time – January 26, 2025

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Mass Schedule & Intentions: January 25 – February 2, 2025

SATURDAY January 25th - 5:00 pm
Anne Morris by St. Andrew's & St. Mary's S.V.D.P. Society
Venera & Carmello Presti by Rita & Paul D'Amico
Maria Mancuso by Franca Sdao

SUNDAY January 26th - 9:00am
Frances Porcaro by Grandchildren
Nicolina, Nicola & Carlo Nero by Rose Pacilli

11:00am - for all your intentions

Sunday of the Word Theme for January 26th; "I Hope in your Word"

TUESDAY January 28th - 5:00pm Mass& Adoration
Jean Jarvie by Maria Fazzalari

WEDNESDAY January 29th - 9:00am
For the souls in Purgatory by G. Pang

THURSDAY January 30th- 5:00pm - Mass & Adoration
Fr. Mel Stevens by Parish

FRIDAY January 31st - 9:45am
Fr. Stanley Pietlock by Parish

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

11:00am - for all your intentions

Coming Events

Cathedral of St. Catharine of Alexandria
Sunday February 9, 2025
2:00pm
World Day of Marriage Mass

Saint Andrew's
February 15- 16, 2025
Blessing for Married Couples
February 22-23, 2025
Anointing of the Sick

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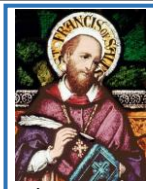
Special Thanks

St. Andrew CWL Parish Council would like to convey appreciation to those who assisted with the delivery of the new chairs, for the parish hall, and for your help in preparing the timeworn chairs and delivery for recycle. Thank you to Camillus Asomugha, Eric, Jonathon, and Nathan Hardt, Chris Kerho, Martin Ayegba, Greg Shinton and John Tamas for all your help.



Devotion must be practiced in different ways – St. Francis de Sales, bishop

When God the Creator made all things, he commanded the plants to bring forth fruit each according to its own kind; he has likewise commanded Christians, who are the living plants of his Church, to bring forth the fruits of devotion, each one in accord with his character, his station and his calling.

I say that devotion must be practiced in different ways by the nobleman and by the working man, by the servant and by the prince, by the widow, by the unmarried girl and by the married woman. But even this distinction is not sufficient; for the practice of devotion must be adapted to the strength, to the occupation and to the duties of each one in particular.

Tell me, please, my friend, whether it is proper for a bishop to want to lead a solitary life like a Carthusian; or for married people to be no more concerned than a Capuchin about increasing their income; or for a working man to spend his whole day in church like a religious; or on the other hand for a religious to be constantly exposed like a bishop to all the events and circumstances that bear on the needs of our neighbour. Is not this sort of devotion ridiculous, unorganized and intolerable? Yet this absurd error occurs very frequently; but in no way does true devotion, my friends, destroy anything at all. On the contrary, it perfects and fulfils all things. In fact if it ever works against, or is inimical to, anyone's legitimate station and calling, then it is very definitely false devotion.

The bee collects honey from flowers in such a way as to do the least damage or destruction to them, and he leaves them whole, undamaged and fresh, just as he found them. True devotion does still better. Not only does it not injure any sort of calling or occupation, it even embellishes and enhances it.

Moreover, just as every sort of gem, cast in honey, becomes brighter and more sparkling, each according to its colour, so each person becomes more acceptable and fitting in his own vocation when he sets his vocation in the context of devotion. Through devotion your family cares become more peaceful, mutual love between husband and wife becomes more sincere, the service we owe to the prince becomes more faithful, and our work, no matter what it is, becomes more pleasant and agreeable.

It is therefore an error to wish to exclude the exercise of devotion from military divisions, from the artisans' shops, from the courts of princes, from family households. I acknowledge, that the type of devotion which is purely contemplative, can certainly not be exercised in these sorts of stations and occupations, but there are many others fit for perfecting those who live in a secular state.

Therefore, in whatever situations we happen to be, we can and we must aspire to the life of perfection.