ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC CHURCH, WELLAND
Second Sunday of Lent – March 16, 2025

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

SATURDAY March 15th - 5:00pm **Second Sunday Of Lent**
Vincenzo Fazzalari by Maria Fazzalari
Leonard Pilon by Leonard & Irene Aubertin

SUNDAY March 16th - 9:00am
Carlo, Nicola & Nicolina Nero by Rose Pacilli
Caterina Mammoliti by Maria Fazzalari
For health of a relative by Alice Garon
11:00am - for all your intentions

TUESDAY March 18th - 5:00pm Mass & Adoration
John Nenadovich by Walker Family
WEDNESDAY March 19th - 9:00am – *Feast of St. Joseph*
For all deceased priests by Maria Fazzalari
THURSDAY March 20th - 5:00pm - Mass & Adoration
Mr. KM & Mrs. SJ Pang by G. Pang
FRIDAY March 21st - 9:35am
Corey Klassen by David Fox
6:30pm – *Stations of the Cross*

SATURDAY March 22nd - 5:00pm
Theresa Horvat by Bruna Ioannoni & Family
Pierino Ioannoni by wife Bruna
SUNDAY March 23rd - 9:00am
Annunizata Mammoliti by Grandchildren
Anna Maria Giovinazzo by Family
11:00am - for all your intentions

Special Thanks to the CWL & Parish Community of St. Andrew's

St. Vincent de Paul Society
Neighbors helping neighbors

We thank you so much for the kindness and generosity you have shown once again in 2024. Your continued food, clothing and monetary donations truly help us to help the most vulnerable in our community. It's been another tough year for those in need, not just in our community but in many communities.

The support and kindness you continue to show, not just through your donations, but through your everyday acts of kindness help so many.

2024 Assistance - Grocery Store Gift Cards - **Adults 2,920**
Children 1,837 - **Total $52,260** - New clients – 275
Christmas Hamper Program 45 families given $50 - Grocery store gift cards
In Appreciation - ***The St. Andrew's/St. Mary's S.V.D.P. Society***

The Faithful Foster-Father and Guardian
Saint Bernardine of Siena

There is a general rule concerning all special graces granted to any human being. Whenever the divine favour chooses someone to receive a special grace, or to accept a lofty vocation, God adorns the person chosen with all the gifts of the Spirit needed to fulfill the task at hand.

This general rule is especially verified in the case of **Saint Joseph**, the foster-father of our Lord and the husband of the Queen of our world, enthroned above the angels. He was chosen by the eternal Father as the trustworthy guardian and protector of his greatest treasures, namely, his divine Son and Mary, Joseph's wife. He carried out this vocation with complete fidelity until at last God called him, saying: "Good and faithful servant enter into the joy of your Lord."

What then is Joseph's position in the whole Church of Christ? Is he not a man chosen and set apart? Through him and, yes, under him, Christ was fittingly and honourably introduced into the world. Holy Church in its entirety is indebted to the Virgin Mother because through her it was judged worthy to receive Christ. But after her we undoubtedly owe special gratitude and reverence to Saint Joseph.

In him the Old Testament finds its fitting close. He brought the noble line of patriarchs and prophets to its promised fulfillment. What the divine goodness had offered as a promise to them, he held in his arms.

Obviously, Christ does not now deny to Joseph that intimacy, reverence and very high honour which he gave him on earth, as a son to his father. Rather we must say that in heaven Christ completes and perfects all that he gave at Nazareth.

Now we can see how the last summoning words of the Lord appropriately apply to Saint Joseph: "Enter into the joy of your Lord." In fact, although the joy of eternal happiness enters into the soul of a man, the Lord preferred to say to Joseph: "Enter into joy." His intention was that the words should have a hidden spiritual meaning for us. They convey not only that this holy man possesses an inward joy, but also that it surrounds him and engulfs him like an infinite abyss.

Remember us, Saint Joseph, and plead for us to your foster-child. Ask your most holy bride, the Virgin Mary, to look kindly upon us, since she is the mother of him who with the Father and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns eternally. Amen.

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PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Message of Hope Speaker Series
Tuesday March 18, 2025 - 7PM - Speaker
Nick Ali, *Diocesan Evangelization Director*
St. Kevin's Church Welland