

ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC CHURCH, WELLAND

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, AUGUST 23, 2026

BUT WHOM SAY YE THAT I AM?
Simon Peter answered
You Are The Christ
The Son Of The Living God
Matthew 16:16

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Sunday readings
First Reading: Is 22:15-23
Second reading: Rom 11:33-36
Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20
"Who do you say I AM"

Office Hours
Friday Only
10:00am to 2:00pm
(Please call before
visiting the office).

DONATIONS
Kindly send a cheque, payable to
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Mass intentions For the Week of Aug 22nd to 30th

SATURDAY August 22nd – 5.00pm

Joseph Favaro by Maria Fazzalari

Anita Garel by Janis Garel-Martel

21st SUNDAY in Ordinary Time Aug 23rd – 9am

Gaetano & Rosarina Bianco by Olga Nero & family

11am Mass : For all your intentions

SUNDAY LATE EVENING MASS – 8:15pm

Honoring St. Thomas Aquinas by G. Pang



Please
join us to
pray the
Rosary
25 min
before all
weekday
Masses

TUESDAY Aug 25th – 5:00pm – Mass & Adoration

Deceased Secular Franciscans by David Fox

WEDNESDAY Aug 26th – 7pm

Honouring St. Jude by G. Pang

THURSDAY Aug 27th – 5pm – Mass & Adoration

Victoria Eiwanlan by Son Joseph

FRIDAY Aug 28th – 7pm

Maria Mazzei by Giovanni & Sylvia Rizzuto

SATURDAY August 29th – 5.00pm

Angela Albano by family

Tommaso Minervini by Minervini families

Peter Camposarcone by wife Angelina

22nd SUNDAY in Ordinary Time Aug 30th – 9am

Vincenzo Fazzalari by Maria Fazzalari

Paul Starrs by David Fox

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NO Evening Confessions – (Tuesday to Friday 8:00pm to 9pm.)
No Evening Confession on Summer Break - August 3rd to Sept. 14th.

"Jesus Heals" a Healing program by Shalom World.

This is a great opportunity to bring your struggles to the Eucharistic Lord and experience healing & transformation, led by **Fr. Julian Studden**, a gifted Priest and global speaker, on **21st September, Monday, 6pm to 9pm.**

This event is free. All are welcome to join.

Last Week's Collection (ET included)
Sunday Offerings - \$ 1,503.00
Repair & Renovations - \$ 170.00
Catholic Mission \$ 135.00

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The WEAKNESS of God is STRONGER than Men

St John Chrysostom, Bishop

It was clear through unlearned men that the cross was persuasive. This discourse was not of unimportant matters, yet it turned plain, uneducated men into philosophers. How the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and his weakness stronger than men!

In what way is it stronger? It made its way throughout the world and overcame all men; countless men sought to eradicate the very name of the Crucified, but that name flourished and grew ever mightier. Its enemies lost out and perished; the living who waged a war on a dead man proved helpless. Therefore, when a Greek tells me I am dead, he shows only that he is foolish indeed, for I, whom he thinks a fool, turn out to be wiser than those reputed wise. For the good deeds which tax-collectors and fishermen were able to accomplish by God's grace, the philosophers, the rulers, the countless multitudes cannot even imagine.

Paul had this in mind when he said: **The weakness of God is stronger than men.** For how otherwise could twelve uneducated men, who lived on lakes and rivers and wastelands, get the idea for such an immense enterprise? How could men who perhaps had never been in a city or a public square think of setting out to do battle with the whole world? That they were fearful, timid men, the evangelist makes clear; he did not reject the fact or try to hide their weaknesses.

In Jesus' lifetime, He brought no nation under His banner, but by uttering His name we will win over the whole world. Would it not be wholly irrational even to think such thoughts, much less to act upon them? It is evident, then, that if they had not seen Him risen and had proof of His power, they would not have risked so much.

1 Cor 1:18 For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the Power of God.

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process through which interested unbaptized adults and older children (catechumens) are gradually introduced to the Roman Catholic faith, way of life, and become members of the Catholic Church.

The process is a blend of instruction and formation as it unfolds the Church's rites, symbols, and biblical and liturgical signs.

During the Easter Vigil, catechumens are baptized, confirmed, and participate in the Eucharist for the first time. This celebration is filled with the richness of the Catholic Church.

The R.C.I.A. program is scheduled to begin on September 23, 6:30pm.

Please **contact the office at 905-732-5046**