

ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC CHURCH, WELLAND

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, AUGUST 30, 2026

Take up your
Cross
and follow me...

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Sunday readings
First Reading: Jer 20:7-9
Second reading: Rom 12:1-2
Gospel: Mathew 16:21-27
"Take up your Cross and follow me"

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 29th to Sep 6th

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

11am Mass : For all your intentions

SUNDAY LATE EVENING MASS – 8:15pm

Honoring St. Joan of Arc by G. Pang

TUESDAY Sep 1st - 5:00pm - Mass & Adoration

Margaret & Clive Fox by David Fox

WEDNESDAY Sep 2nd – 7pm

Honouring St. Peter by G. Pang

THURSDAY Sep 3rd – 5pm – Mass & Adoration

Maria Mazzei by Rita Lowry & Angelina Camposarcone

FRIDAY Sep 4th – 7pm

Greg Taylor by David Fox

SATURDAY September 5th – 5.00pm

Blessings for George & Connie Poll by Jon & Sarah Hardt

John Rotella by Maria Ruggi Dietsch

Deceased members of the DUE Family by Sue & Willie DUE

23rd SUNDAY in Ordinary Time Sep 6th – 9am

Antonio & Rosina Arcuri by Olga Nero & family

Agostino Mammoliti by Tina, Nancy & Rosa

11am Mass : For all your intentions

SUNDAY LATE EVENING MASS – 8:15pm

Honoring St. Philip by G. Pang



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



For where
TWO OR THREE
GATHER
IN MY NAME
I am with them
Matt 18:20

Precursor of Christ in birth and death by St. Bede

As forerunner of our Lord's birth, preaching and death, the blessed John showed in his struggle a goodness worthy of the sight of heaven. In the words of Scripture: *Though in the sight of men he suffered torments, his hope is full of immortality.* We justly commemorate the day of his birth, (29th Aug) a day which he himself made festive for us through his suffering and which he adorned with the crimson splendor of his own blood.

There is no doubt that blessed John suffered imprisonment and chains as a witness to our Redeemer, whose forerunner he was, and gave his life for him. His persecutor had demanded not that he should deny Christ, but only that he should keep silent about the truth. Nevertheless, he died for Christ. Does Christ not say: *I am the truth?* Therefore, because John shed his blood for the truth, he surely died for Christ.

Through his birth, preaching and baptizing, he bore witness to the coming birth, preaching and baptism of Christ, and by his own suffering he showed that Christ also would suffer. He preached the freedom of heavenly peace, yet was thrown into irons by ungodly men; he was locked away in the darkness of prison, though he came bearing witness to the Light of life and deserved to be called a bright and shining lamp by that Light itself, which is Christ. John was baptized in his own blood, though he had been privileged to baptize the Redeemer of the world, to hear the voice of the Father above him, and to see the grace of the Holy Spirit descending upon him. He considered it a blessing to embrace it and thus gain the reward of eternal life by acknowledging Christ's name.

Hence the apostle Paul rightly says: *You have been granted the privilege not only to believe in Christ but also to suffer for his sake.* He tells us why it is Christ's gift that his chosen ones should suffer for him: *The sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed in us.*

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

The process of R.C.I.A formation includes four stages:

1. Pre-catechumenate – the initial call to conversion to Christ
2. Catechumenate – period of more integral and systematic study of the Catholic faith
3. Purification and Enlightenment – a time characterized by more intense preparation and prayer
4. Mystagogy – marks the time which the newly initiated experiences and internalizes the initiation sacraments and enters more deeply into the life of the community

The R.C.I.A. program is scheduled to begin on September 23, 6:30pm. If interested pls talk to Fr. Paul

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

Bring your struggles to Jesus Heals and be transformed in body, mind, and soul. This **Shalom World Conferences HEALING PROGRAM** is Led by **Fr. Hayden Williams, a gifted priest and global speaker.** This event includes **Holy Mass, Eucharistic adoration, spiritual talk, special prayers for healing and blessing the sick.**

Date : 21st September, Monday, 6pm to 9pm.

This event is free. All are welcome to join.

Last Week's Collection (ET included)

Sunday Offerings - \$ 1,767.55

Repair & Renovations - \$ 195.00

Special collection - \$ 140.00

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