ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC CHURCH, WELLAND
HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH – DECEMBER 28, 2025

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MASS INTENTIONS - December 27 to January 4, 2026

SATURDAY December 27 - 5:00pm
Paulino Rocca by Mario & Doretta Bernardi
Antonio DeChellis by Franca Sdao
Sunday December 28 - 9:00am
Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus Mary & Joseph
George Pastirik by Family
Mr. & Mrs. Ray Cadorette by David Fox
For Health of Mike Czerlau by Linda Matchett
11:00am for all your intentions
SUNDAY LATE EVENING MASS - 8:15pm
In Honour the Holy Family by G. Pang

TUESDAY December 30 - 5:00pm - *Mass & Adoration*
Zvoni Nenadovich by Rosemary & Steve Lastovic

WEDNESDAY December 31 – New Year's Eve
5:00pm – Mass of Thanksgiving for 2025
11:00pm Adoration
11:45:00am - Mass, Offering 2026

THURSDAY January 1 – New Year's Day
10:00am – In Honour of Blessed Mary Mother of God by G. Pang

FRIDAY January 2 - 9:35am
Kathy Kruger by David Fox

SATURDAY January 3 - 5:00pm
Paulino Rocca by Toni Garofalo
James Darren Kinnaid by Maria Fazzalari
Sunday January 4 - 9:00am
Conrad & Jean-Luc Lemelin by Wife & Mother
Intentions of Sisters of the Sacred Heart by Jacky Jayan
11:00am for all your intentions
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A big thank you to all our Volunteers and staff for their zeal and dedication. I also thank our parishioners and well-wishers for their donations and support to our parish; and for the gifts and greetings you gave me personally. Let us continue to pray and work together in the new year.
God bless, Fr. Paul Vellakunnath.

Last Week's Collection- Thank you

Sunday Offerings -	$4183.00
Building Fund/RR -	$1110.00
Christmas -	$2195.00

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The example of Nazareth by Pope St. Paul VI

The home of Nazareth is the school where we begin to understand the life of Jesus – the school of the Gospel.

The first lesson we learn here is to look, to listen, to meditate and penetrate the meaning – at once so deep and so mysterious – of this very simple, very humble and very beautiful manifestation of the Son of God. Perhaps we learn, even imperceptibly, the lesson of imitation.

Here we learn the method which will permit us to understand who Christ is. Here above all is made clear the importance of taking into account the general picture of his life among us, with its varied background of place, of time, of customs, of language, of religious practices. Here everything is eloquent, all has a meaning.

Here, in this school, one learns why it is necessary to have a spiritual rule of life, if one wishes to follow the teaching of the Gospel and become a disciple of Christ.

How gladly would I become a child again, and go to school once more in this humble and sublime school of Nazareth: close to Mary, I wish I could make a fresh start at learning the true science of life and the higher wisdom of divine truths.

I will not go on my way however without having gathered – hurriedly, it is true, and as if wanting to escape notice – some brief lessons from Nazareth.

First, then, a lesson of silence. May esteem for silence, that admirable and indispensable condition of mind, revive in us, besieged as we are by so many uplifted voices, the general noise and uproar, in our seething and over-sensitized modern life.

May the silence of Nazareth teach us recollection, inwardness, the disposition to listen to good inspirations and the teachings of true masters. May it teach us the need for and the value of preparation, of study, of meditation, of personal inner life, of the prayer which God alone sees in secret.

Next, there is a lesson on family life. May Nazareth teach us what family life is, its communion of love, its austere and simple beauty, and its sacred and inviolable character. Let us learn from Nazareth that the formation received at home is gentle and irreplaceable.

Finally, there is a lesson of work. Nazareth, home of the 'Carpenter's Son', in you I would choose to understand and proclaim the redeeming law of human work; here I would restore the awareness of the nobility of work; reaffirm that work cannot be an end in itself, but that its freedom and its excellence derive, over and above its economic worth, from the value of those for whose sake it is undertaken. And here at Nazareth, to conclude, I want to greet all the workers of the world, holding up to them their great pattern, their brother who is God. He is the prophet of all their just causes, Christ our Lord.