

ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC CHURCH, WELLAND

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – FEBRUARY 1, 2026

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Mass Intentions Week of January 31 to February 8

SATURDAY January 31 - 5:00pm

For wellbeing of Pat Garant by Monique & Greg

Sunday February 1 - 9:00am

4th Sunday of Ordinary Time

For Kristen Beleck Family by Jacky Jayan

Conrad & Jean-Luc Lemelin by Wife & Mother. *"Blessed are the poor in spirit"*

11:00am - For all your intentions

SUNDAY LATE EVENING MASS - 8:15pm

In Honour St. Monica by G. Pang

TUESDAY February 3 - 5:00pm - Mass & Adoration

Rosaria Addario by Maria & Carmelo Mazzei

WEDNESDAY February 4 - 9:00am

Mr. KM & Mrs. SJ Pang by Grace Pang

THURSDAY February 5 - 5:00pm - Mass & Adoration

Jaga & Ivan Lastovic by R & S Lastovic

FRIDAY February 6 - 9:35am

Brian Dueck by David Fox

SATURDAY February 7 - 5:00pm

Caterina & Toni Ruggero by Franca Sdao

Jean-Luc Lemelin by Ron & Denise Bovine & Families

Mireille Gauthier by Monique & Greg Shinton

Sunday February 8 - 9:00am

5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

For Margo Taras by Jacky Jayan

Joseph Tisi by Liliane Lemelin

11:00am - For all your intentions

SUNDAY LATE EVENING MASS - 8:15pm

In Honour St. Helena by G. Pang



"Blessed are the poor in spirit"



you are the light of the world
MATTHEW 5:14

Confession Tuesday to Friday 8:00pm – 9:00pm

No Confessions on Ash Wednesday February 18,

March 19, & from March 24 to April 13

Mass with Anointing of the Sick Feb. 14 & 15 at all Masses.

World Marriage Day Mass and Recognition of Significant Wedding Anniversaries

Bishop Bergie will celebrate a special Mass on Sunday, February 8, 2026, at 3:00pm, at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria, St. Catharines. All married couples, especially those celebrating their 1st, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60th+ anniversary in 2026, are invited to attend. A congratulatory certificate for a significant anniversary, from Bishop Bergie, is available by contacting the parish office and filling out a special form that may be used at any time throughout the year.



The Cross Exemplifies Every Virtue by Saint Thomas Aquinas

Why did the Son of God have to suffer for us? There was a great need, and it can be considered in a twofold way: in the first place, as a remedy for sin, and secondly, as an example of how to act.

It is a remedy, for, in the face of all the evils which we incur on account of our sins, we have found relief through the passion of Christ. Yet, it is no less an example, for the passion of Christ completely suffices to fashion our lives. Whoever wishes to live perfectly should do nothing but disdain what Christ disdained on the cross and desire what He desired, for the cross exemplifies every virtue.

If you seek the example of love: *Greater love than this no man has, than to lay down his life for his friends.* Such a man was Christ on the cross. And if He gave His life for us, then it should not be difficult to bear whatever hardships arise for His sake.

If you seek patience, you will find no better example than the cross. Great patience occurs in two ways: either when one patiently suffers much, or when one suffers things which one is able to avoid and yet does not avoid. Christ endured much on the cross, and did so patiently, because *when He suffered, He did not threaten; He was led like a sheep to the slaughter and He did not open His mouth.* Therefore, Christ's patience on the cross was great. *In patience let us run for the prize set before us, looking upon Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith who, for the joy set before Him, bore His cross and despised the shame.*

If you seek an example of humility, look upon the crucified one, for God wished to be judged by Pontius Pilate and to die.

If you seek an example of obedience, follow Him who became obedient to the Father, even unto death. *For just as by the disobedience of one man, namely, Adam, many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one man, many were made righteous.*

If you seek an example of despising earthly things, follow Him who is *the King of kings and the Lord of lords, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.* Upon the cross He was stripped, mocked, spat upon, struck, crowned with thorns, and given only vinegar and gall to drink.

Do not be attached, therefore, to clothing and riches, because *they divided my garments among themselves.* Nor to honours, for He experienced harsh words and scourgings. Nor to greatness of rank, for *weaving a crown of thorns they placed it on my head.* Nor to anything delightful, for *in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.*

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