ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC CHURCH, WELLAND
FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – FEBRUARY 8, 2026

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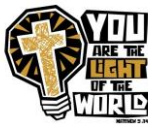
Mass Intentions Week of February 7 to February 15

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 Intentions of 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



TUESDAY February 10 - 5:00pm - *Mass & Adoration*
Marijane Lastovic by R & S Lastovic
WEDNESDAY February 11 – 9:00am
Angela Albano by Family
THURSDAY February 12 – 5:00pm - *Mass & Adoration*
Brian Browley by David Fox
FRIDAY February 13 - 9:35am
Msgr. Raymond Montague by David Fox

SATURDAY February 14 - 5:00pm
Angela Albano by Family
Rachel Schad by Raymond & Peter Schad
Angela Riolino by Family
Sunday February 15 - 9:00am
6th Sunday of Ordinary Time
For well-being Of Georgia by Grandmother
For Intentions of Ricky-Lee Gingras By Jack Jayan
11:00am - For all your intentions
SUNDAY LATE EVENING MASS - 8:15pm
In Honour St. John the Baptist by G. Pang

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.

40 Days for Life a campaign of peaceful prayer and fasting to end abortion runs from **Wednesday, February 18 to Sunday, March 29, 2026**. The day our Parish has chosen to witness is **Tuesday, March 24th from 8:00am to 8:00pm** anytime. Can you spare an hour to help save a life? Sign-up sheets will be at the back of the church next Sunday. You can also visit 40daysforlife.com and click "Niagara Falls" to sign up online.

MESSAGE ***OF POPE LEO XIV - FOR THE 34th WORLD DAY OF THE SICK,***

*Dear brothers and sisters, f*or this occasion, I would recommend reflecting once again on the figure of the Good Samaritan, for he is always relevant and essential for rediscovering the beauty of charity and the social dimension of compassion. This reflection further directs our attention towards the needy and all those who suffer, especially the sick...compassion and mercy towards those in need are not reduced to a merely individual effort, but are realized through relationships: with our brothers and sisters in need, with those who care for them and, ultimately, with God who gives us his love.

The gift of encounter: the joy of offering closeness and presence: We live immersed in a culture of immediacy and haste – a culture of "discard" and indifference that prevents us from pausing along the way to acknowledge the needs and suffering that surround us. In the parable, when the Samaritan saw the wounded man, he did not "pass by." Instead, he looked upon him with the very gaze of Jesus – which led him to act with compassionate closeness. The Samaritan "stopped, approached the man and cared for him personally and also he gave him his time."

Jesus does not merely teach us who our neighbor is, but rather how to become a neighbor. In this respect, we can affirm with Saint Augustine that the Lord did not intend to show us who that man's neighbor was, but rather to whom he should become a neighbor. Thus, the one who became a neighbor was the one who showed mercy.

Love is not passive; it goes out to meet the other. Being a neighbor is not determined by physical or social proximity, but by the decision to love. This is why Christians become neighbors to those who suffer, following the example of Christ, the true *divine Samaritan* who drew near to a wounded humanity.

These are not mere gestures, but signs through which we perceive that personal participation in another's suffering involves the gift of oneself. This kind of charity is necessarily nourished by an encounter with Christ, who gave Himself for us out of love. Saint Francis expressed this beautifully when, speaking of his encounter with lepers, he said: "The Lord himself led me among them," because through them he had discovered the joy of loving.

The gift of encounter flows from our union with Jesus Christ, the Good Samaritan who has brought us eternal salvation, and we make Him present whenever we reach out to a brother or sister. Saint Ambrose said: "Since no one is more truly our neighbor than He who has healed our wounds, let us love him as Lord and also as neighbor. Let us also love those who imitate Christ; let us love those who suffer due to the poverty of others, for the sake of the unity of the Body." "To be one in the One" – through closeness, presence, and love received and shared – is to rejoice, like Saint Francis, in the sweetness of having encountered the Lord.

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