



ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC CHURCH, WELLAND

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, OCT 25TH 2026



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

Sunday readings
First Reading: Ex 22:21-27
Second reading: 1 Thes 1:5-10
Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40
"The greatest commandment is
Love your God & Neighbour"

DONATIONS
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Mass intentions for the Week of Oct 24th to Nov 1st

SATURDAY October 24th – 5.00pm

Maria Mazzei by Vince Bellantino & Family

Irene Pereira by Serena Britto

For intentions of Augustine family by Binoy & Jolly A

30th SUNDAY in Ordinary Time Oct 25th – 9am

Agostino Mammoliti by Tina, Nancy & Rosa

Carlo Nero by wife Olga & family

Nicola Bernardi by Domenic & Angie D'Aurizio

11am Mass : For all your intentions

SUNDAY LATE EVENING MASS – 8:15pm

Honoring St. Ambrose by G. Pang



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

TUESDAY Oct 27th – 5pm - Mass & Adoration

Sr. Maria D'Alessandro CSSH by family

WEDNESDAY Oct 28th – 9:30am

Rosary & communion service

THURSDAY Oct 29th – 5pm – Mass & Adoration

Honouring St. Catherine by G. Pang

FRIDAY Oct 30th – 9:30 am

Pierrette Gauthier by Maria Fazzalari

SATURDAY October 31st – 5.00pm

Deceased of Sdao & Corona family by Maria G Sdao & family

Maria Mazzei by Vince Bellantino & family

Blessings for Fr. Robert Bulbrook by Janis Garel-Martel

31st SUNDAY in Ordinary Time Nov 1st – 9am

Deceased of Rozic & Lastovic Families by R&S Lastovic

Garry Doucette by Connie & George Poll

Wanda Austine by Margaret Blue

11am Mass : For all your intentions

SUNDAY LATE EVENING MASS – 8:15pm

For all Souls in Purgatory

Blessed are
the poor, for
your Reward
is great in
Heaven
Mt 5:1-12

No Weekday evening Confessions next week
Priests Study Days' Week (Oct 26-30)

*We lost one of our loved ones, Ivo D. Dellosa (92) on Oct
13th, and had a funeral Mass for him on the 19th.*

*May God grant **Eternal rest to IVO**, console and strengthen
Maria and the bereaving family members.*

Last Week's Collection (ET included)

Sunday Offerings -	\$ 1,028.25
Repair & Renovations -	\$ 540.00
Special collection	\$ 425.00

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Purgatory and importance of praying for the dead

Rev 21:27 Nothing impure will enter heaven

As November approaches—a month the Church dedicates to the faithful departed—**Catholics are encouraged to remember loved ones who have passed on but have not yet entered the fullness of heaven.** We read in **2 Corinthians 5.10**, "For we all must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each may receive what is his due for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad."

One of the most powerful ways to assist souls on this journey is **through prayer**. Purgatory is the state, after death, where souls who are not yet perfected in their love for God, are purified before admittance to the holy God. This tradition, which is rooted in both the Old Testament and early Christianity. People prayed for the dead because they realized that the deceased could be helped by us here on Earth. It is "**one of the greatest signs of God's mercy**. Paul says in **Rom 3:23**, **for we have all sinned and fallen short of Gods Glory**. Early Church Fathers such as **Augustine and Gregory the Great**, spoke about prayer for the dead and purgatory in various ways. Purgatory is not an individualistic doctrine. **As we pray for the dead, we're also acknowledging our hope that, tomorrow, someone will pray for us.** As we remember the faithful departed this November, let us unite in prayer, offering support for the souls in purgatory. Catholics not only admit that perfection is possible in this life, but we even recognize certain individuals who had a perfect love of God. We call these persons (canonized) saints. If a Christian do commit sin, then he is not clean. His garments have become soiled. Christ tells us that **only those with unsoiled garments can walk with Him (cf. Rev 3.4-5)**. So we are constantly in the need for purification; we never reach a point when we no longer need to be bathed in the most precious Blood of our Savior, **Hebrews 12:1**, **We always need Jesus**. St. Paul writes: "**Let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates the body and the spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God**" (2Cor 7.1).

He again says in **Phil 3:12** "**Not that I have already obtained all this, or have been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me**". (Rfr. EWTN.Org)

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