



Baby Bottle Campaign: Launching on **Mother's day, 10th of May**, will be running their Campaign until **Father's Day, 14th June**. Fill a bottle with change, bills or cheques to donate and help reach the \$50,000 goal to empower and equip women facing unexpected pregnancies: * Clarity Pregnancy Options is a Christian ministry; * in Welland & locations in Niagara Falls & St. Catharines; * offers free pregnancy tests, options information, education and material support; * empowers & equips women through prenatal classes, labour and delivery support, and one-on-one appointments; * through support of churches & donors, is helping a record number of women.



Pope's prayer intention for May: That everyone might have food. Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food. .

UPCOMING SOLEMNITIES OF THE CHURCH
As we continue our joyful journey through the Easter season, the Church leads us through a beautiful unfolding of the mystery of our faith:

- The Ascension of the Lord reminds us that Christ returns to the Father, opening the gates of heaven and entrusting His mission to us. May 17, 2026
- Pentecost Sunday celebrates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, empowering the Church to proclaim the Gospel with courage and joy. May 24, 2026
- The Most Holy Trinity invites us to contemplate the inner life of God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - perfect love and communion. May 31, 2026
- The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) calls us to adore Christ truly present in the Eucharist, the source and summit of our faith. June 7, 2026

Together, these sacred celebrations reveal the fullness of God's plan: Christ ascends, the Spirit descends, the Trinity is made known, and Jesus remains with us always in the Eucharist. Let us enter deeply into these mysteries with grateful and faithful hearts.



Parish Established 1910 Church Blessed 1927

**May 17:
The Ascension of the Lord**

"Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? He will come in the same way you sow him go into heaven"



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Parish Dinner - every 1st Tuesday of the month, Hall

OFFICE HOURS: THURSDAY: 9:30 AM - 3:00PM

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY 5:00 PM (ENGLISH)

SUNDAY 9:00 AM (ITALIAN)

11:00 AM (ENGLISH)

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY 8:00 AM

FRIDAY 9:30 AM

DEVOTIONS : (PLEASE CHECK BULLETIN)

ROSARY - PRAYED ON WEEK DAYS BEFORE MASS.

* EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: EVERY FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH AT 8:30AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION :

TUESDAY TO THURSDAY AT 7:00 AM, FRIDAY AT 8:30

SATURDAY AT 4:00 PM (ANY OTHER TIME, PLEASE CALL.)

SACRAMENT OF THE ANNOINTMENT OF THE SICK

PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH PRIEST DURING SERIOUS ILLNESS OR BEFORE SURGERY.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: BY APPOINTMENT.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH PRIEST AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

PRE-MARRIAGE CLASSES ARE MANDATORY.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA)

For more information please call the parish office.

Catholic Schools:

Sisters of the Sacred Heart (Elementary School) *Tel: 905-732-4542*

St. Mary Catholic Elementary School *Tel: 905-734-7326*

St. Augustine Catholic Elementary School *Tel: 905-734-4659*

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METANOIA



(a 10 Videos Course based on Jesus and our answer to him)

On Sundays at 10.10 am (30 minutes video) in the Church hall: May 17, May 24, May 31

The Diocesan Youth Ministry

The Diocese of St. Catharines, in cooperation with St. Alfred Parish's Youth Ministry, is hosting a 'Serve the Poor, Change the World' event from 8:30am to 7:30pm, on May 23, at St. Alfred Parish (272 Vine Street, St. Catharines). Students will earn 10 hours of community service. A suggested donation of \$5.00, or a non-perishable food item, is requested. Please contact youth@saintcd.com if you have any questions.

The Pope's Pastoral Works : May 24

This collection provides an opportunity for Catholics to make a financial offering to assist the Holy Father. One-third of the funds collected is for what is traditionally known as Peter's Pence: donations used by the Pope for charitable contributions to those most in need throughout the world, as well as for the support of the Holy See and its activities. Two-thirds of the Collection for the Pope's Pastoral Works is to support the Holy Father in administering the Holy See and serving the Universal .

SUNDAY OFFERING

May 10 collection: **\$2,580.00**
 Hearth on Fire : **\$ 1,745.00 (\$500 on line).**
 Heating air conditioning: **\$400.00**
So far we collect these donations for the new central heating:

- \$3,100.00 by the Burns Family
- \$3,000.00 Anonymous
- \$2,500.00 from Comitato Santa Maria Assunta
- \$2,000.00 by the Poulin Family
- \$2,000.00 by Deslauriers Family
- \$2,000.00 By Frank and Elizabeth Campion
- \$2,000.00 From Casa Dante
- \$1,500.00 by Oehring Family
- \$1,000.00 by the Duong Family
- \$1,000.00 by the Dyson Family
- \$1,000.00 by Robert Clarkson
- \$1,000.00 by Frank and Sharon Marotta
- \$1,000.00 by the Policella Family
- \$1,000.00 by father Raymond and Family
- \$1,000.00 in Memory of John P. Mancuso
- \$1,000.00 in memory of Dennise Stelmaschuk
- \$1,000.00 by Ramundo Family
- \$1,000.00 By Raymond and Rita DiMartile
- \$1,000.00 By Mottola Family
- \$1,000.00 By Family Filippo Fraraccio
- \$1,000.00 In memory of Paul Rocca
- \$1,000.00 In memory of Smith and Smits Families
- \$1,000.000 In memory of Joseph and Mary D'Amico
- \$1,000 In memory of Fortunato & Antony Scolaro
- Other offering: \$2,070.00

Total: **\$36,070.00**
The name of this families and the ones who will donate at least \$1,000.00 will be written at the church entrance.
Many thanks to them and the future donors.
Final expenses: \$201,162.60 Still to pay: \$165,592.60



JOIN OUR HEARTS ON FIRE APPEAL

The Hearts on Fire annual appeal supports the development of new ministries across the Diocese of St. Catharines.

YOUR CONTRIBUTION WILL HELP EXPAND:

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| <p>YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY
 Reaching more young people through events, programs, and outreach that help build lifelong faith.</p> | <p>EVANGELIZATION & FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY
 Developing programs that empower parishioners to share their personal journeys of faith with others.</p> |
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DIOCESAN SEPARATED & DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY SUPPORT GROUP

meets every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month (except holidays) 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, 7020 Stanley Avenue, Niagara Falls, Ontario. PROGRAM SCHEDULE FOR WINTER/SPRING 2026

May 25, 2026 Self Esteem

June 8, 2026 Who Am I Now?

June 22, 2026 Loving and Respecting Yourself

No meetings July & August Meetings resume September 14, 2026

MASS Intentions

May 16 Saturday 5:00 pm:

Daive Blacquiere

May 17 The Ascension of the Lord

9:00 am SS Annunziata and S. Cristanziano

11:00am For All the Parishioners

May 18 Monday No mass

May 19 Tuesday 8:00 am

LeRoy and Joyce Shad

May 20 Wednesday 7:00 pm

In Honour of Padre Pio

May 21 Thursday 8:00 am

David Blacquiere

May 22 Friday 9:30 am

Amy Garland

Franco Ruggiero

Carmela Ranieri

Sacrament of Confirmation



Our parish community will be welcoming our Diocesan Pastor, **Most Rev. Gerard P. Bergie, Bishop of St. Catharines**, as he confers the **Sacrament of Confirmation** on our candidates. Confirmation will take place on **May 20 at 7:00pm**. All the parishioner are invited to participate in this very important celebration!

April Issue of The Vineyard is now available and free at this link

<https://www.saintcd.com/diocesan-directory/the-vineyard>

To strengthen the priest is to strengthen the Church.



Women of St. Mary's would you consider joining a team of women committed to praying solely for the intentions of our Pastor for one hour, one day a week?

Seven Sisters of St. Mary's is looking for one or two women who are available to pray for one hour at their own convenience on Tuesday or Friday. Resources will be provided.

For more information please contact Helen Smits at 905 988 2274

Seven Sisters of St. Mary's is part of Seven Sisters Apostolate which has nearly 6,000 groups in 37 countries

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