

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Update: January 25th, 2026



“Jesus proclaimed the good news of the kingdom curing every sickness among the people”
(Matthew 4.23)

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK JANUARY 26TH TO FEBRUARY 1ST

- Monday, 26th** St. Timothy & St. Titus – Memorial
Office Closed No Mass
- Tuesday, 27th** Ferial
9:00 a.m. Communion Service
- Wednesday, 28th** St. Thomas Aquinas – Memorial
9:00 a.m. Communion Service
9:30-10:30 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- Thursday, 29th** Ferial
9:00 a.m. Communion Service
6:45-8:15 p.m. Choir Practice, Church
- Friday, 30th** Ferial
9:00 a.m. Communion Service
9:30-10:30 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- Saturday, 31st**
3:30-4:30 p.m. Confession
5:00 p.m. +MaryJane Stockwell Romanoff
(Stockwell Family)
- Sunday, 1st** 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 a.m. +Renata Miketic (A&T Miketic)
11:00 a.m. +Laurence LaRoche (CWL)
+Gaetano & +Lucia Marano (A&M Marano)

Please Note: Father Richard is on Retreat at Mount Carmel from January 26th to January 30th. Deacon Maurice will be offering Communion Service this week.

From a Deacon's Heart

“There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling” Ephesians 4:4

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place each year between Jan 18 and Jan 25... so this Sunday already marks the end of this celebration for this year. Unity of Christians is a cause to which the Roman Catholic Church is officially committed, responding to Jesus' prayer in the Gospel, "that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in Me and I am in You, may they also be in Us, so that the

world may believe that You have sent Me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as We are one, I in them and You in Me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that You have sent Me and have loved them even as You have loved Me.” John 17. 21-23

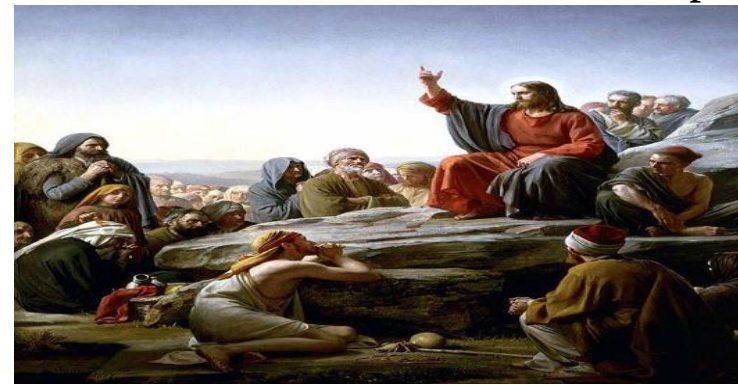
The Church's decree on ecumenism, *Unitatis Redintegratio*, or "Restoration of Unity," is one of the major documents of the Second Vatican Council. Reflecting that emphasis, the Canadian Catholic Bishops' media release this year reads, "The recently launched National Ecumenical Strategy of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) lays particular stress upon 'spiritual ecumenism,' defined as 'the heart of the ecumenical movement.' This includes 'praying for and with other Christians, promoting prayer for unity in local parishes, and participation in the planning and leadership of interdenominational prayer services for various intentions - especially that of Christian unity.' The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity offers a chance for these activities. The theme for 2026 is "There is one body and one Spirit" Ephesians 4:4. For 2026, the ... Armenian Apostolic Church prepared the prayers and reflections. The Canadian Council of Churches, including the CCCB, adapts these resources to the Canadian context. These Canadian resources in English are found on a dedicated website: <https://www.weekofprayer.ca/2026-wpcu-resources/>" Fri. Jan. 16, 2026

The resources that are available at that website include: the text of the ecumenical prayer service, (including prayers from the ancient Eastern Orthodox Armenian Apostolic Church,) and a complete eight-day bible study, (which can still be downloaded - and done individually or in small group.) An organization named Churches Together in Britain and Ireland described the beauty of these texts as follows, "For 2026, the prayers and reflections for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity have been prepared by the members of the Armenian Apostolic Church, along with their brothers and sisters in the Armenian Catholic and Evangelical Churches... These resources draw upon centuries old traditions of prayer and petitions used by the Armenian people, along with hymns that originated in the monasteries and churches of Armenia, some of which date as far back as the fourth century." ... The ancient and resilient church of Armenia - the first people to embrace Christianity as a national faith 301 A.D. - has witnessed across centuries of persecution and genocide, yet remains steadfast in hope... Its prayers arise from deep wells of suffering and resurrection, voiced too by a vast global diaspora that still sings the faith of Christians nurtured in the shadow of Mount Ararat. In the words of one of Armenia's great sages, St. Nersess the Graceful, 'Light from Light, dwell within us...' May this Armenian witness renew our longing for unity, peace, and shared discipleship across [our] Churches and beyond."

pax et bonum Deacon Maurice o.f.s.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Update: February 1st, 2026



“Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.”
(Matthew 5.12)

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK FEBRUARY 2ND TO FEBRUARY 8TH

- Monday, 2nd** The Presentation of the Lord
Office Closed No Mass
- Tuesday, 3rd** Ferial
9:00 a.m. +Renata Miketic (A&T Miketic)
- Wednesday, 4th** Ferial
9:00 a.m. Holy Souls (N Vendittelli)
+Joseph Vendittelli (N Vendittelli)
- Thursday, 5th** St. Agatha – Memorial
9:00 a.m. +Martine Fougere (F Fougere)
6:45-8:15 p.m. Choir Practice, church
- Friday, 6th** St. Paul Miki & Companions – Memorial
9:00 a.m. +Renata Miketic (A&T Miketic)
9:30-10:30 a.m. Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
- Saturday, 7th**
3:30-4:30 p.m. Confession
5:00 p.m. Sp. Int. of Margaret Paroyan (N Vendittelli)
- Sunday, 8th** 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am. +Raymond Montana (Menchella Family)
11:00 a.m. Sp. Int. of Mary Plata +Moira Coffey (K Shakespeare-Eckstein)

Students for Life is a pro-life club starting at Niagara College (Niagara-on-the-Lake campus). This club is dedicated to upholding the value of all human life. We will meet several times a month to discuss pro-life topics, take part in fun activities, and educate others on this cause! If you are interested in joining or have questions, please register [here](#) or email studentsforlife1@gmail.com.

PRAYER ANGELS Our ministry is set up to pray for the parish's intentions. Please send by email or phone your concerns or cares and they will be passed on to the members of this group who will daily offer up your intentions to the Lord. Prayer is powerful. Let us help ease your troubles or shower the Lord with praises. Please call or email Marg 289-214-6679 mgmartin113@gmail.com

“He who prays most receives most.”
St. Alphonsus Maria de Liguori

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner February 17, 2026
2 sittings: 5pm and 6pm, \$8 small, \$12 large
Tickets on sale after Mass starting January 31- February 15.

Don't miss this enjoyable annual event!

CWL CORNER

(Catholic Women's League)
“Blessed are the Poor”

E-transfer payments for CWL may be made to cwlstarofthesea@gmail.com. Please remember to indicate which event in the subject line.

Please note the following important upcoming dates on our CWL calendar:

Feb. 1- 11:00 a.m. - CWL Mass with our members serving in the ministries.

Feb. 3 - **General Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. In the church hall. Anyone interested in joining our CWL Council is welcome to attend our meeting.

Beauty of Winter

God of creation, thank You for the beauty of winter- for snow, icy windowpanes, evergreen trees, warm coats, sledding, and hot cocoa. Let us enjoy Your creation in all its glory, this winter and always.

- Author Unknown



Jan 31 / Feb 1	5 P.M.	9 A.M.	11 A.M.
Ministers of Holy Communion	Dn. Maurice	J Bayza	CWL
Lector	MJ Stacey	I Serafini-DeLuigi	CWL
Hospitality Ministers	P Waters M Ford C Tracey	W Riddle C DeLuca MA Uwagba	CWL

And

Feb 7 / 8	5 P.M.	9 A.M.	11 A.M.
Ministers of Holy Communion	N Linkson	Dn. Maurice	Ron Eckstein
Lector	P Waters	C Prendergast	G LaRoche
Hospitality Ministers	A&R Hancock D MacNeill	Zacharchuk Family	Bott Family

WEEKLY COLLECTION CONTRIBUTIONS:

January 18th, 2026

Parishioner Envelopes	\$ 3,480.00
Loose Collection: CAD	\$ 402.00
USD	\$ 43.00
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	\$ 40.00
Initial Offering	\$ 25.00
Total Offertory Collection:	\$3,990.00
January Automatic Fund Transfers	\$ 855.00
Our Special Needs	\$ 40.00

Thank you
MAY GOD BLESS YOU