

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Update: June 14th, 2026



“The kingdom of God has come near: repent and believe the good news!” (Mark 1.15)

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK
JUNE 15TH TO JUNE 21ST

Monday, 15th *Ferial*
Office Closed No Mass

Tuesday, 16th *Ferial*
Office Closed
9:00 a.m. St. Aubin (B Aubin)
+Sergio Cabrera (I Serafini DeLuigi)

Wednesday, 17th *Ferial*
Office Closed
9:00 a.m. Liv. & Dec. Members of the Vendittelli,
DiFabio, Duemo & Dumont Families
(C&L Vendittelli)

9:30-10:30 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, 18th *Ferial*
Office Closed
9:00 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory (T Miketic)
6:45-8:15 p.m. Choir Practice, Church

Friday, 19th *Ferial*
Office Closed
9:00 a.m. Holy Souls (N Vendittelli)
+Jimmy Lehman (R Egan)
+Joseph Vendittelli (N Vendittelli)

9:30-10:30 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, 20th
3:30-4:30 p.m. Confession
5:00 p.m. Liv. & Dec. Members of the Paroyan,
Prokopich, Artinian & DiMaurizio
Families (M Paroyan)
+Milan Jouglic (Lora Jambrovic)

Sunday, 21st **12th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9:00 a.m. +Teresa Montana (Menchella Family)
11:00 a.m. +Umberto Donatelli (L Ferrante)

Please Note: Our Parish Office will be closed
June 15th thru June 19th, 2026.

From the Pastor’s Desk

Dear Friends: Sunday, June 21st is National Indigenous Peoples Day, an annual celebration of the heritage, cultures and outstanding achievements of First Nations, Inuit and Metis people. In commemoration of this, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops hosted a knowledge sharing symposium on the “Doctrine of Discovery.” The task of this gathering was to examine the historical and legal consequences of colonization for Indigenous Peoples, and the Church’s involvement in that colonization in the 15th and 16th centuries. Given the seminal teaching of Christ on the dignity of all persons, the Church has always taken seriously the need to unceasingly proclaim this message even in the midst of powerful political forces which threatened to obscure it.

The expansion of Christendom in areas traditionally peopled by Indigenous populations at times took precedence over the observance of the inherent rights of native inhabitants. This unbalanced outlook is evidenced in some Papal Bulls of the time, specifically, Dum Diversas (1452), Romanus Pontifex (1455) and Inter Cetera (1493), wherein popes were giving apostolic approval to the kings of Spain and Portugal to conquer and subjugate non-Christians for the sake of the spread of the Christian faith. While it is hard for the modern mind to fathom how such a message could be delivered by a successor of St. Peter, we must take into the consideration the times and circumstances not to mention that these were decrees issued by individual popes who were not iterating the official teaching of the Catholic Church on the matter. And, while they necessarily made a lasting impact, nevertheless, they were effectively countered by the Papal Bull Sublimus Deus in (1537). In this decree, Pope Paul III highlighted the need for ethical treatment of colonized peoples whose human rights are always to be recognized and upheld. Furthermore, it emphasizes the fact that evangelization should occur through teaching and moral example, not by force.

When you hear the term “Doctrine of discovery,” arise in a discussion, know that it has never been Church teaching. From the joint statement of the Dicasteries of Culture and Education, released on March 30, 2023, states, “... the Church acknowledges that these papal bulls did not adequately reflect the equal dignity and rights of indigenous peoples. The Church is also aware that the contents of these documents were manipulated for political purposes by competing colonial powers in order to justify immoral acts against indigenous peoples that were carried out, at times, without opposition from ecclesiastical authorities. It is only just to recognize these errors, acknowledge the terrible effects of the assimilation policies and the pain experienced by indigenous peoples, and ask for pardon. Pope Francis has urged: “Never again can the Christian community allow itself to be infected by the idea that one culture is superior to others, or that it is legitimate to employ ways of coercing others.”

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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.

Once again, **our parish Strawberry Social and BBQ** was a great success! This was a joint-project with the Knights of Columbus members! Congratulations to all our winners: **50/50:** Marg Martin **CWL Basket Raffle:** #1: Angie Marano, #2: Donna Rychel, and #3: Christine Prendergast. The proceeds of the Meal Tickets & 50/50 tickets will be used for the needs of the parish.

Thank you again to all the CWL members who donated to the Basket Raffle and a special thank you to Linwell Medical Pharmacy, 282 Linwell Road, for the wonderful gift card donation of \$300.

You may have noticed a **beautiful, newly refurbished garden bench** in the Marian Garden. Thank you to Rick and Connie Tracey for using their skills in making this bench a beautiful enhancement to this reflective place.



June 20 th / 21 st	5 P.M.	9 A.M.	11 A.M.
Ministers of Holy Communion	Dn. Maurice	Dn. Maurice	Dn. Maurice
Lector	M Parker	K Zacharchuk	G LaRoche
Hospitality Ministers	D MacNeill P Waters C Tracey	K Gilmore C DeLuca W Riddle	Bott Family

The efforts of the Church in Canada to address these historical missteps is laudatory. May all such efforts be blessed by our Lord Jesus Christ who calls His disciples to proclaim the Gospel in season and out, respecting the dignity of each person as well as their freedom to accept or decline His offer to “Come follow Me.”

For God and Canada, *Fr. Richard*

Pope’s Prayer Intention for the Month of June

For the value of sports ~ Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

Pope Leo XIV’s first Encyclical Letter was released May 25, 2026. *Magnifica Humanitas* is a powerful presentation on the need to protect the human person in the age of artificial intelligence. Pope Leo XIV’s first Encyclical Letter entitled *Magnifica Humanitas*. In English: <https://www.cccb.ca/media-release/pope-leo-xivs-first-encyclical-letter-magnifica-humanitas/> In French: <https://www.cecc.ca/communiqu-e-de-presse/premiere-lettre-encyclique-du-pape-leon-xiv-magnifica-humanitas/>

A Pastoral Plan for the Diocese of St. Catharines

Our hope is that this pastoral plan will highlight where God is inviting us to grow and that we commit to setting hearts on fire with the love of Jesus! Pastoral Plan: <https://www.saintcd.com/documents/diocesan-pastoral-plan-document> Please take a look at a recent podcast interview of Father Patrick Gilmurray and Bishop Bergie by Ron Huntley. They spoke about the Diocesan Pastoral Plan, and it’s quite informative (www.huntleyleadership.com/podcast - Episode 223)

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*

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WEEKLY COLLECTION CONTRIBUTIONS:



May 31st & June 7th, 2026



	May. 31 st	June 7 th
Parishioner Envelopes	\$3,440.00	\$4,864.00
Loose Collection CAD	\$ 356.00	\$ 548.00
USD	\$ 20.00	\$ 131.00
Pope’s Pastoral	\$ 20.00	\$ 50.00
Bishops Annual Appeal	\$ 300.00	\$1,100.00
Diocesan Needs		\$ 50.00
Total Offertory	\$4,136.00	\$6,743.00
May E-Transfers	\$1,130.00	
Our Special Needs	\$ 110.00	\$ 375.00

*Thank you
MAY GOD BLESS YOU*