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Mass Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30 a.m.
Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m. (Children's Liturgy of the Word)
11:00 a.m.

Confessions

Saturday 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. or by appointment

Office Hours

Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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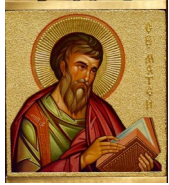
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February 19, 2023

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

"So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect." Talk about setting the bar high! This verse at the end of today's Gospel passage from Matthew sets the tone for all of the readings this week. The stewardship way of life, giving away the best of our time, talents and treasure to God for His glory and for the sake of others, is the path to holiness. Yet, it appears utterly foolish in the eyes of many.



Our Lord gives us several illustrations today of this "foolish" concept: "When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one as well. If anyone wants to go to law with you over your tunic, hand over your cloak as well... love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." This is the kind of action and attitude that will make us "children of our heavenly Father." This is the high bar of holiness to which our Lord is calling us.

If your lifestyle and your priorities look a little foolish to the world around you, know that you're probably doing it right in God's eyes. At the same time, you will be filled with a peace that the world around you desperately needs. And your stewardship way of life may just draw those around to the heavenly Father and a life of holiness, too.

So, with God's grace, we can confidently press on in the stewardship way of life, aiming to be perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect. Our all-holy God desires it and deserves nothing less.

Stewardship Reflections by [Catholic Stewardship Consultants](#)

Parish Calendar

Monday, February 20

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Harry Edmondstone †
Eugene Muratori †

Tuesday, February 21 - Anointing of the Sick

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Special Intentions

Wednesday, February 22 - Ash Wednesday

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Mario Rao †
10:30 a.m. - St. Peter School Para Liturgy
7:00 p.m. (Livestream) - John & Margaret Doodeman †

Thursday, February 23

8:30 a.m. - No Mass

Friday, February 24

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Basil Markle †
Charlie Cassidy †
9:00 a.m. (Livestream) - Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 25

5:00 p.m. (Livestream) - Marlene DeRose †
Special Intention

Sunday, February 26

9:00 a.m. - St. Peter Family Mass
Mass for the People
11:00 a.m. - Dr. C. Dennis Whitty †

Are You Being Called?

"The priest shall receive the basket from you and shall set it in front of the altar of the LORD, your God."

Are you considering a call from the Holy Spirit to become a priest in front of the altar of our LORD?

Call Fr. Greg at the church office,
905 684 5603 or email
frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com.

NIAGARA FOUNDATION FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION ANNUAL BENEFIT GALA WITH HONOURARY GUEST BISHOP GERARD BERGIE

Supporting Niagara Catholic District School Board
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Friday, March 3, 2023, Club Roma Event Centre,
6:00 pm. Tickets \$100/person

Online payment at www.niagaracatholic.ca or
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Mailing address 427 Rice Road, Welland, Ont.
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Please make payment by February, 24, 2023
(\$30 tax receipt upon request)

Individual tickets available or tables of eight or ten

For further information (905) 735-0240, ext. 214 or
email linda.marconi@ncdsb.com



Faith Formation & Catechesis

We welcome you to join our RCIA session for **"Living Lent and Ash Wednesday"**
at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, February 21st in Divinity Hall.



KNIT.

CROCHET.

PRAY.

Knitters and crocheters interested in joining the St. Julia Parish Prayer Shawl Ministry organized by our CWL are invited to gather the last Wednesday of each month at 2pm in Divinity Hall. Our first meeting will be Wednesday March 29th. All are welcome.

If you are unable to participate, but have yarn or wish to make a financial donation to purchase yarn/supplies to this charity (cheques made payable to CWL, St. Julia Parish re: Prayer Shawl Group) please put this in the designated bin in the Narthex. Also feel free to enter the name/address/age of a person who may wish to receive a shawl or baby blanket and in a few words please explain why.

For more information, contact Ineke at 905-684-5312.

A Prayer for Ash Wednesday

Gracious God, today begins a period of inner reflection and examination.

The days stretch before me and invite me inward to that silent, holy space that holds your Spirit.

This special time beckons me to see my life through Christ's eyes and the truth and reality of your love incarnate.

Give me the grace to enter the space of these days with anticipation of our meeting.

And, when I open my soul to your presence, let your loving kindness flow over me and seep into the pockets of my heart.

I ask this for the sake of your love.



Take Out Pasta Night Returns

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

Includes: Penne Pasta & Sauce, Meatballs, Caesar Salad, Roll & Butter

Cost: \$15.00

Advance Ticket Sales only starts this weekend until noon, Monday, March 6th.

Pick up times:

(must be selected at time of sale):

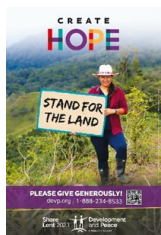
4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. | 5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. | 6:00 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.



This Lent, let's stand for the land

This year, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's *Create Hope: Stand for the land* campaign calls you to support our sisters and brothers in the Global South in defending their land and territory. Do this by:



1. **Donating** online at devp.org/give or during the Solidarity Sunday collection on March 26, the fifth Sunday of Lent. Your generosity helps support over 86 projects in 40 countries around the world!
2. **Learning more by reading the Mini-magazine** and other resources available at devp.org/len/tesources.
3. Meet our solidarity visitors and **participate in the [campaign launch webinar](#)** on February 25 at 1:30 p.m. ET.



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

February 1, 2023

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we approach the beginning of Lent, we remind ourselves that the liturgical season of Lent is a season of conversion. It is a time set apart for deepening our relationship with Christ and seeking inner transformation through fasting, prayer, and almsgiving.

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada, as the official international development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada, provides an ideal way to offer alms to those most in need through their annual *Share Lent* campaign.

Inspired by Pope Francis' October 2021 address to the World Meeting of Popular Movements, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada begins a new campaign cycle this year. *Create Hope* will be the guiding theme for the next five years.

In this first year, the campaign is *Create Hope: Stand for the Land*. We are invited to join in solidarity with our sisters and brothers in the Global South who want to defend their homelands by protecting their land, waters and the environment that sustains them.

Since 1967, the CCCB has set aside the fifth Sunday of Lent as Solidarity Sunday. At that time, we will have a collection in support of Development and Peace's *Share Lent* campaign in each parish and I encourage you to give generously. Contributions can also be made online at www.devp.org/sharelent, by mailing a cheque, or by calling 1-888-234-8533.

Please consider contributing to the Share Lent Campaign this year.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Gerard Bergie, D.D.
Bishop of St. Catharines