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Mass Schedule **Diocesan Bishop** Most Rev. Gerard P. Bergie D.D. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30 a.m. Pastor Fr. Greg Schmidt frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com Saturday 5:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m. (Children's Liturgy of the Word) Sunday Deacon Deacon George Newman 11:00 a.m. Confessions **Director of Music** Dr. David Holler 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. or by appointment Saturday Maintenance Jim Salmon Office Hours

Parish Mailing Address: 16 Adelene Cres., St. Catharines, Ontario L2T 3C7

Administration

Christine Buckley

Cheryl Wood

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



# June 18, 2023 - Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

The readings for the 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time provide us with profound insights into the essential aspects of living the stewardship way of life on our Christian journey. In the first reading from Exodus, we witness the encounter between God and His chosen people at Mount Sinai. The Lord, through Moses, reminds the Israelites of His faithfulness and the covenant He has established with them. This reminds us of our vocation as stewards and disciples. They invite us to embrace the call to stewardship by recognizing our responsibility to care for God's creation and to generously share our gifts with others.



In our second reading from Romans, St. Paul beautifully articulates the depths of God's love for humanity. He reminds us that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us, reconciling us with God and offering us the gift of salvation. As stewards, we are called to gratefully recognize God's abundant love and respond by using our gifts and resources to build His kingdom. In our stewardship and discipleship, we discover the joy of participating in God's redemptive work, bringing hope and healing to a broken world.

The Gospel reading from Matthew recounts how Jesus is moved with compassion as He sees the crowds who are like sheep without a shepherd. He commissions His disciples, empowering them to continue His mission of healing and preaching the Kingdom of God. Like the Good Shepherd, we are called to have hearts filled with empathy and concern for those who are lost, suffering, or in need. Stewardship challenges us to extend a helping hand, offer comfort, and meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

By living a life of stewardship and discipleship, we are challenged to move beyond our comfort zones, embracing the call to serve and witness to the transformative power of Christ's love. This requires a willingness to step out in faith, be empowered by the Holy Spirit, and to be instruments of God's grace and healing.

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# **Parish Calendar**

# Monday, June 19

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Gary O'Brien† Special Intention

7:00 p.m. - Brock University Summit with Holy Hour

# Tuesday, June 20

**8:30 a.m. (Livestream )** - Donna Taylor †

# Wednesday, June 21

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Forgotten Souls in Purgatory † 10:00 a.m. (Livestream) - St. Peter Closing School Mass John & Margaret Doodeman †

Thursday, June 22

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - No Mass

Friday, June 23 8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Vincent Dugo †

# Saturday, June 24

**5:00 p.m. (Livestream) -** Basil Markle † Kevin Barry Taaffe † | Special Intention

# Sunday, June 25—Parish BBQ

9:00 a.m. - Manuel Bouzas † | Paolo Palombo †
Special Intention

11:00 a.m. - Mass for the People

Catholic Women's League Corner: June 17 & 18



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# The Catholic Women's League of Canada is offering a time for prayer, reflection and

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# ROSARY of RECONCILATION

The Glorious Mysteries

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that, "Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God."

"The Mysteries offer a focal point for your reflections; they center on key moments in Christ's life, as well as some moments centering on his mother, Mary. Each of the Mysteries comes with a specific spiritual "goal," called a Fruit of the Mystery, for you to contemplate as you pray. The Mysteries provide touchstones of our faith, to guide and shape us spiritually and help grow our faith" (The Catholic Woodworker).



Consider taking time in your day to pray and participate in the Rosary of Reconciliation. It will be a time for members from across Canada to raise their voices in prayer and meditation on the continuing need for reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples in Canada.

Date: Wednesday, June 21, 2023 Time: 6:00 p.m. CDT (Winnipeg)

Register online at

attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6782654566473493087

This is an opportunity to spend time in prayer. The webinar is open to everyone—family, friends and neighbours.

ALL ARE WELCOME.

# Lord, thank you for all fathers....

#### For the new ones.

who endure sleepless nights with infants in arms

#### For the busy ones,

who juggle the pressures of home and family life

#### For the steadfast ones,

who nurture and care for our special vulnerable children

#### For the patient ones,

who always seek to forgive and engage with their pre-teens

#### For the persistent ones,

who cleverly find new ways to connect with their mini-adults

#### For the father uncles.

who step in to cradle and care for nieces and nephews

#### For all granddads,

who love and support their precious grandchildren

#### For the foster dads.

that are called to gather and cover the fragile ones

#### For the Sunday dads,

who care for our children and lead them in faith

For the dads who give far beyond their own resources, who overcome disability to cherish and love

#### Thank you Lord for all our beautiful fathers.

Help us to support them and keep them in our prayers. May you bless them now on this their special day.

Amen

# **Are You Being Called?**

"And as you go, preach, saying the 'The kingdom of heaven has come near."

How has Jesus called you to help Him build his Church? If you are discerning your vocation contact Fr. Greg at the church office, 905 684 5603 or email frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com.

# Join us Next Weekend, Rain or Shine ....

...for our Parish BBQ following the 11 am Mass, Sunday, June 25th. Chairs and tables will be set up in our Divintity Hall, but feel free to bring your own lawnchair and enjoy the outdoors.



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