

# Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026 ~ Liturgical Year A

## Mass Intentions

† February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026 to February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026

As we gather, let us remember and pray for . . .

Monday.....NO MASS..... February 16<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday.....St. Scholastica, Virgin..... February 17<sup>th</sup>

8:00 am † Angelina Addario (by Vince Addario)

    † Guido Minicucci (by Norma & Carmine)

Wednesday.....ASH WEDNESDAY.....February 18<sup>th</sup>

8:00 am † Holy Souls in Purgatory (by Jennifer Olszowy)

    † Sante Alonzi ( by Rosamaria Alonzi)

10:00 am Mass with School community

    † Donald Luciani (by Don & Terry Lizzotti)

12:30 pm Mass with School Community

    † Rita Perri (by Tony DelGobbo)

7:00pm † Doug Martin (by Stephen & Anna Charlton)

    † Betty Celima (by Tony & Josephine Vespoli)

Thursday.....February 19<sup>th</sup>

8:00 am † Ranaldi Harrisson (by Cathy & Marcello De Simone)

    † All the Souls in Purgatory (by Mary Cody)

Friday.....February 20<sup>th</sup>

8:00 am ♥Special intention of Eden Therese Anthony

    (by Isabel & Joseph Schackmann)

    † Mary Smythe (by Karl Hammond)

7:00pm Via Crucis (Stations of the Cross (in Italian))

Saturday.....February 21<sup>st</sup>

8:00 am † Angelina Corrado (by Laura)

    † Carmela & Antonio Mascione (by Mike & Family)

5:00 pm † Domenico Ricciuto (by Theresa Ruscio & Family)

    † Gerardo & Addolorata Grossi (by Family)

    † Genoveffa & Vito Gicante (by Family)

    † Maria Gicante (by Family)

    † Holy Souls in Purgatory (by Isabel & Joseph Schackmann)

Sunday..... First Sunday of Lent.....February 22<sup>nd</sup>

8:00 am ♥†The People of Holy Rosary Parish

9:30 am † Natalie Rangkla nee D'Ammizio

    (by Michelina D'Ammizio & family)

    † Maria Iorio (by The Catechist Sisters)

11:00 am † Filomena Luciani (by Daughter & family)

    † Luciano Petriello (by DeLorenzo Family)

## SANCTUARY LAMP:

This week's Sanctuary Lamp is donated in memory of **Guido and Luisa Minicucci**. The Sanctuary lamp is lit to remind us of Christ's presence in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.

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## Pope s' Prayer Intention for the Month of February

### For children with incurable diseases:

*Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.*

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*The Gospel presents us with a radical perspective on morality. But how can I be expected to live according to such impossible demands?*

This lengthy passage presents us with the message of the Gospel at its most radical. But how can my heart be made capable of following such radical precepts? How can I cease being angry with others? How can I attain the state of not even looking at another person with lust in my heart? How can I ensure that every word from my mouth is the pure and simple truth? These demands are enormous! To refrain from ever thinking that someone is stupid or crazy! To be filled with such respect for others that we never consider them in any carnal way! If we listen to this Gospel passage and then go out into the world expecting to be able to put it into practice, we are greatly mistaken! That is not how the Gospel works at all.

*This Gospel should NOT be read as a series of moral prescriptions.*

In this passage, Jesus presents us with a vision of life itself, the kind of life that only He can give. **Without** the Lord Jesus, the best we can do is *aspire* to live in this way. *Without the life of Jesus within us we are ethical only insofar as it suits us to be ethical.*

Let us allow ourselves to be guided by the first reading from the Book of Sirach. *"The Lord sets before you today fire and water, life and death."* In other words, the choice we have before us is not to be just or to be unjust, to act ethically or unethically. The choice before us is the choice between *life and death*; having an existence that is life-filled, or an existence that plays itself out under the shadow of death. If I live just for myself, for my own survival, for my own wellbeing, then I will be faithful only as long as it suits me to be faithful; I will be kind to others only if there is something in it for me; I will be truthful only if the truth does not reflect badly on me. *My priority is myself.* This passage, therefore, cannot be read as an abstract ethical or philosophical discourse. It must be read in the context of the Eucharistic liturgy we celebrate on Sunday, which proclaims the self-giving of Christ for us. By virtue of his life, death and resurrection we are given the power to live this kind of "impossible" life.

*It is the death and resurrection of Jesus that gives us life and permits us to live the kind of life described in today's Sunday Gospel.*

*Christianity must not be reduced to a set of precepts!*

*Christianity is living the life of Jesus by immersing ourselves daily in his death and resurrection.*

*Fr. Janusz Roginski S.A.C.*

## WELCOME SUNDAY & SILENT AUCTION

Today, all Parishioners are invited, to the Parish Hall, following all Masses to enjoy some refreshments and a time of fellowship. A silent auction will be also taken place to raise funds for the Parish Basement Renovation.

**Brand New Gifts baskets are welcome for the Silent Auction.**



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

## Lent 2026

*“I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life” (John 14:6)*

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This year, the Gospel for the three Sundays prior to Lent are from the fifth chapter of the Gospel of Matthew. They are part of what is known as the Sermon on the Mount. The first Sunday, we were presented with the Beatitudes, the second Sunday, we were reminded that we are to be salt and light, and finally, this Sunday, Jesus reminds us that He came not to abolish the law but to fulfill it in love.

These scripture passages provide a reliable guide to help navigate the Season of Lent. They help us to see how we can use these forty days as a time of both personal and spiritual renewal.

The Beatitudes offer the proper disposition that we should have regarding the world. It is so easy to become too worldly as we are immersed in an ever-increasing secular environment. Jesus reminds us that His values are rooted in being poor in spirit, meek, merciful, humble, and moral. Greatness is found in being the least rather than the most powerful. This way of life certainly runs counter to the culture we live in today. Jesus is the Way.

Jesus also reminds us that we are salt and light; however, we can lose our saltiness and put our light under a bushel basket. Due to sin in our lives, our enthusiasm is diminished and we can become dim. We can forget our baptismal calling to witness to Christ and to the truth that we are salt and light. Jesus is the Truth.

We live the Beatitudes and strive to be salt and light because of love and not because of obligation. We look to Jesus who fulfills the law in His loving sacrifice. We follow his example by ensuring that our lives are inspired by our love of God and neighbour. Jesus is the Life.

Traditionally, Lent provides three pillars that help us to enter the mystery of God's life-giving love.

Prayer is a means of drawing us out of the secular and into the sacred. Amid our everyday activities, we unite ourselves with Jesus. The more we pray, the more configured we are to Him. Living the Beatitudes on a daily basis then becomes more natural to us.

Fasting is simply saying no to self and yes to God. We deny ourselves and become less distracted by our desires so that we can focus more on being salt and light. We work at developing passion for our faith and enlightening others with the joy of the Gospel.

Almsgiving focuses on being generous and sharing with those in need. Our motivation should always be love. It is a voluntary act of sacrificial love that models the example of Christ who said in the Gospel of Matthew, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me” (Matthew 25:40).

It is my hope and prayer that throughout the forty days of Lent, the Beatitudes, salt and light and the mystery of love, will be our inspiration. May we all grow in our desire to love Jesus Christ who not only fulfills the Law but is also our ultimate fulfillment. He is the Way, the Truth and the Life!

Yours sincerely in Christ,

*+Gerard Bergie*

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

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## Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Catholic Women's League



Exciting Advancement! CWL E-Transfers are now set up!  
Need to pay your membership? Do you use E-Transfers?

Here it is: [hrcwl100@gmail.com](mailto:hrcwl100@gmail.com)

(Membership (\$40.00) is still accepted by cash or cheque  
please ensure you don't miss 2026)

**Coming Soon: AMM April 21, 2026!**  
(Annual Meeting of Members)

## ST. MICHAEL MEN'S SPEAKER SERIES: From Atheist to Catholic Priest

**Monday, February 23 2026, 7:30pm @ St. Helen's 4106 Mountain Street, Beamsville, with Fr. Greg Merkley**  
Private prayer and Confessions at 7 pm; talk starts at 7:30 pm; social hour at 8:30 pm. Blessing and distribution of St. Benedict Medals. “...*Mercy is God's greatest attribute.*” St. Faustina.

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## SACRAMENT PREPARATION

Learning and Prayer session for First Communion Candidates and parents on **Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm -7:30pm** in the Parish Hall.



**Valentine's cookies** Thank you to all who bought cookies for the church Basement Renovation. \$300 was raised and donated. Stephanie Ralph.

**Thank you to Stephanie Ralph for the Valentine's cookies' sale.**

**Congratulations** to Vince and Joanne Minicucci on their 69<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. *Emphasizing that what God has joined should not be separated.* Mark 10:9



## REMINDER

The parish office will be closed Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026 for Family Day.

**Holy family, Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!**