

Fifth Sunday of the Ordinary Time

February 9th, 2025 ~ Liturgical Year C

Mass Intentions

‡February 10th, 2025 to February 16th, 2025

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

Monday...St. Scholastica, Virgin..NO MASS..February 10th

Tuesday..... February 11th

8:00 am ‡ Antonio Aiello (by Roger & Sandra Feltrin)

‡ Jack Priestman (by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul)

Wednesday.....February 12th

8:00 am ‡ Jack Priestman (by Pearl Peritalo)

‡ Jimmy Ricciuto (by Angelo & Angiolina Gabriele)

Thursday.....February 13th

8:00 am ‡ Chiarina Serravalle (by Antoinetta Ruggi)

‡ Joan Kenny (by HR Catholic Women's League)

**Friday.....St. Cyril, Monk and St. Methodius, Bishop
....February 14th**

8:00 am ♥ Healing for Lea Belanger (by François Crépeau)

‡ Angelo & Rosa Malette (by Maria Mauro)

Saturday.....February 15th

8:00 am ‡ Felix Pignotti (by The Catechist Sisters)

‡ Sylvia Angela Iocco (by Friend)

5:00 pm ‡ All the deceased members of the Ricciuto families
(by Theresa Ruscio)

‡ Gerardo, Addolorata & Rosa Grossi (by Family)

‡ Domenico & Maria Ricciuto

(by Angelo & Angiolina Gabriele)

‡ Angelo Scozzafava (by Dominic & Jane Scozzafava)

Sunday.....Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time.....February 16th

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

9:30 am ‡ Antonio & Teresa Giancola (by Wife & family)

‡ Angelo Scozzafava (by Sera & Tom Paolone & family)

11:00 am ‡ Irene Lizzotti (by Family)

‡ Guido Minicucci (by Norma & Carmine)

SANCTUARY LAMP: This week's Sanctuary Lamp is donated in memory of *Pasquale Conte*. The Sanctuary lamp is lit to remind us of Christ's presence in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for the Month of February For vocations to the priesthood and religious life:

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

HOLY ROSARY YOUTH GROUP

Friday February 21st

6:00pm in the Parish Hall.

Young people in grades 6-12 are invited to join our youth group for fun, faith formation, and fellowship. For more information, to sign up, or to get involved, please contact Father Daniel.

'They Were Fishermen'

Dear Family in Christ,

My father is a fisherman.

He doesn't do it for a living, but if he had to do it all over again, I think that would be on the table. I love fishing with him, but in general it could be said that I like 'catching' more than fishing. If they're biting, I can fish for a couple hours. If not, I'd rather do something else.

For my father, it's different. He can spend an entire day, before sunrise until it's dark, on the water. He will fish in the scorching heat of an August afternoon and he will drill through a foot of ice in the middle of February. Whether the fish are biting or not, my father loves to fish- because that's what a fisherman does.

In the Gospel this Sunday, Jesus calls the first disciples: Simon Peter, probably his brother Andrew, and James and John- also brothers. We don't get any description of these men, or why Jesus chose them. We simply know this: they were fishermen.

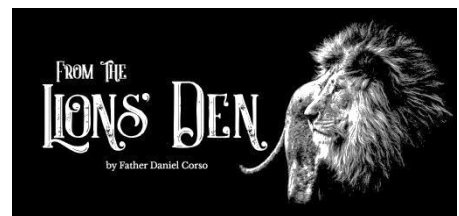
Jesus does nothing by chance, nothing at random. When He set out to establish His Church, to restore the Kingdom of Israel, He chose twelve Apostles as the fulfillment of the 12 tribes of Israel. These men- in a particular way, Simon Peter- would form the 'rock' foundation upon which He would build His Church. He could have chosen Pharisees, Scribes, warriors, kings- but instead, Jesus chose fishermen. He must have seen something in them that He wanted for His Church. But what?

Perhaps it is because fishermen, by nature of their trade, possess qualities that would have made them the perfect, though not obvious, men for the job. When I think of the qualities that make my father a fisherman, it starts to make a little more sense.

I think of patience; the ability to wait, to watch, to hope, and to persevere longer than anyone else would. I think of his resourcefulness, adaptability, and attention to detail when considering the kind of fish, the time of day/year, the weather, the bait, and even the moon. I think of his ability to endure disappointment and harsh conditions. Finally, I think of his disposition toward success; when he does catch 'the big one', or an abundance of fish, he doesn't credit himself. He is simply grateful that all the variables lined up, and gives thanks to God for a great catch.

I think Jesus saw all these qualities and wanted disciples who could labour for souls and for the Kingdom of God like fishermen. I think He still does. How is God calling you and me to put out into the deep, and become fishers of men?

God love you,



Father Daniel

****There will be anointing on Tuesday,
February 11th, 2025 at 8:00 am Mass****

La Parola di Dio di oggi ci parla di vocazione, una chiamata che Dio non rivolge solo ad alcuni privilegiati, ma a tutti i battezzati. Sia la figura di Isaia, che riceve la sua vocazione da Dio, sia quella di Pietro e degli altri apostoli, chiamati da Gesù per seguirlo, hanno in ognuno di noi i riflessi di persone chiamate a operare per la venuta del regno di Dio con l'annuncio e l'azione. **Oggi si celebra il Giubileo delle Forze Armate, di Polizia e di Sicurezza (8-9 febbraio).**

Associazione Cattolica Italiana Fará la riunione Sabato 15 Febraio alle ore 9:30pm, nella sala. Thank you!

Pro-Life Coffeehouse:

Sat., February 15th from 1-3 pm in Holy Rosary Hall with Maria McCann. Learn how to defend pro-life views and save a Life! Refreshments will be served. Freewill offering.

EMMAUS YOUTH ADULT MINISTRY

(Tuesdays, 7-9pm, St. Denis Church)

This Tuesday, February 11th, 2025, the young adults of the diocese invite you to **join us for prayer, formation, and fellowship at St. Denis Church, 230 Lake Street, St. Catharines.** For more information, contact Fr. Daniel at corso.danielanthony@gmail.com or follow us on Instagram @emmaus.ya

Knights of Columbus:

The popular **beef-on-a-bun** is held on the **second Thursday of each month.** The format is takeout only. **Beef on a bun, coleslaw and roasted potatoes for only \$13.** Our next **Beef on a Bun Dinner** will be held on Thursday, February 13th.



Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Catholic Women's League

Budget / General Meeting

We would like to meet you!

Tuesday, February 11th, 2025 at 1:00pm

Place: Caritas room of the Church

Info: Linda 905-227-1499

WELCOME SUNDAY!

All Parishioners are invited on February 16th, 2025 to the Parish Hall following all Masses to enjoy some refreshments and a time of fellowship. **Please note this Church "Welcome Sundays" takes place every third Sunday of the month.**

Weekly Offering

02-Feb-25

Offertory:	3,750.20
Online Offertory	1,009.70
New Year	4.00
Basement Renovation	105.00
Total	\$ 4,868.90

Thank you for your generosity!

Confirmation Session

There will be a Learning and Prayer session for **Confirmation Candidates** on Thursday, February 20th at 6:30pm -7:45pm in the Parish Hall.

Open House – OLHR CES

Kindergarten Open House and registration at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary CES - February 11th, 2025 @ 9:30AM-6:00PM.

Rev. Rico Passero, is the next featured speaker in this Jubilee's Messages of Hope Series. He will be reflecting on 'Hope for Today' on February 24, 2025 at 7:00 pm at the Catholic Centre, 3400 Merrittville Highway, Thorold. Register at: <https://forms.office.com/r/rehnH9PdnB>



LIVE CHRIST, SHARE CHRIST PRAYER ASSEMBLY & TEACHING SERIES

Saturday February 22nd, 2025

1:00pm - 3:00pm in the Parish Hall.

LCSC Prayer Assembly & Teaching Series is a formation program to continue in strengthening our Catholic faith and to reinforce the foundations for Christian living knowing that Christ Jesus is the way of true happiness. He is the answer to the restlessness of every human heart. Hence, please join us to attend to our Prayer Assembly on Saturday, February 22nd, 2025 from 1:00pm-3:00pm. No admission fee and refreshments will be served. It will be a spirit-filled afternoon as we gather with praise & worship, teaching, group discussion and open forum/sharing.

"God is faithful to us; our task is to respond to this faithfulness. But take care: it is not we who generate this faithfulness; it is a gift from God that works in us if we allow ourselves to be moulded by His power of love, the Holy Spirit Who acts as a breath of inspiration in our hearts. It is up to us, then, to invoke this gift: "Lord, grant me to be faithful to you in hope!" Pope Francis, The Jubilee of 2025.

Jubilee 2025 Intention for the month of February

FEBRUARY 2025
8-9 February
 Jubilee of Armed Forces, Police and Security Personnel
15-18 February
 Jubilee of Artists
21-23 February
 Jubilee of Deacons

Our Lady of The Holy Rosary Parish – Jubilee 2025 Pilgrimage

Parishioners and relatives are invited on a Thirteen (13) days pilgrimage **From September 12th to 24th, 2025.** Please, call the **parish office: 905-227-3178**, for registration and for more details.

Day	Itinerary	Day	Itinerary
1	Rome/ Montecassino area	7	Rome
2	Pietralcina/ San Giovanni Rotondo R	8	Rome/ Assisi
3	Monte Sant' Angelo/ San Giovanni Rotondo	9	Assisi / Cascia
4	Foggia/ Lanciano;	10	Assisi / Cortona
5	Manoppello/ Gran Sasso Tivoi area	11	Siena/ Orvieto/ Civita Di Bagnoreggio
6	Rome'	12	Viterbo/ Abano Laziale/ Tivoli
13 Castelli Romani Area/ Rome/ Departure			

The parish office will be closed on Monday, February 17th for Family Day.

Messages of **HOPE** Speaker Series



QR Code to register

SPEAKER

Fr. Rico Passero

Pastor, St. Joseph Church, Grimsby

SUBJECT

Hope for Today

DATE

February 24, 2025

TIME

7:00 PM

LOCATION

Catholic Centre

3400 Merrittville Hwy, Thorold

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