

# Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026 ~ Liturgical Year A

## Mass Intentions

† February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026 to February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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

Monday.....NO MASS.....February 9<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday.....St. Scholastica, Virgin.....February 10<sup>th</sup>

8:00 am † Helen Albanese (by Vince Addario)

    † Angelo Albanese (by Vince Addario)

Wednesday.....February 11<sup>th</sup>

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

    † Antonietta Savoia (by Gina Marcone)

Thursday.....February 12<sup>th</sup>

8:00 am † Maria Coffey (by Mike & Angelo Braun)

    † Elpidio & Virginia G. Pineda (by Teresita Feliciano)

Friday.....February 13<sup>th</sup>

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

    † Cathy Angelone (by Patricia Welch)

Saturday.....February 14<sup>th</sup>

    St. Cyril, Monk, and St. Methodius, Bishop

8:00 am † Silvana Nardangeli (by Umberto Nardangeli)

    † Angelo & Rosa Maletta (by Maria Mauro)

5:00 pm ♥Special Intention of Julie Spratt (by Brenda)

    † Antonio, Maria, & Donato Giancola

    (by Antonietta Giancola)

    † Dominic (Mike) DiFruscio

    (by Wife, Children & Family)

    † Salvatore Marinucci (by Carla Grossi)

    † Edgar Medina (by Diana Medina)

    † Fanny Lopez (by Diana Medina)

Sunday...Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time.....February 15<sup>th</sup>

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

9:30 am † Gina D'Addario (by Giovanni & Antonietta Meffe)

    † Angelo Scozzafava

    (by Sera & Tom Paolone & family)

11:00 am † Irene Lizzotti (by Family)

    † Antonio Venditti (by Stephen & Anna Charlton)

## SANCTUARY LAMP:

This week's Sanctuary Lamp is donated in memory of **All the deceased Priests**. 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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**ARE YOU ON P.A.R. (PRE-AUTHORIZED REMITTANCE)?** This is an **easy and convenient** system for Church offering and also **to avoid your offertory envelope number to be changed**. Please, call the Church office at 905-227-3178 for more information.

## Ant Wars

*"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled underfoot."*

Dear Family in Christ,

There is a metaphor that has become increasingly relevant. It goes by the name 'Ant Wars', and is attributed by some to American nature writer Henry David Thoreau. It goes a little something like this:

Red ants and blue ants, when placed in a jar or a terrarium, coexist peacefully. They largely do their own thing, keep to their own kind, but occasionally work together and share resources. When someone shakes the jar, however, the ants take sides, and red and blue begin killing each other, mistaking ants of the other colour as the enemy. In reality, of course, the real enemy is the one shaking the jar. The manufactured conflict consumes the ants so much that they neglect the reality of their duties: gathering food, breeding, and building shelter. Even if they are victorious in killing the other coloured ants, they still suffer and eventually die as a result of this neglect.

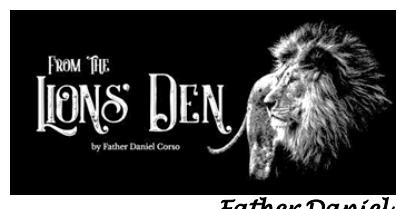
The practical application is this: we, like the ants, experience crisis and division- in our world, in our country of Canada, in our city of Thorold, sadly, in our Church, tragically in our own families, and ironically, even within our own hearts. Our lives are constantly being shaken, and in response we are all too quick to pick an enemy; the liberal, the conservative, or whatever label we choose or whomever the person on our screen tells us to hate.

It is becoming increasingly clear that someone is shaking the jar. Our true enemy is not the person I disagree with, but the Deceiver, the *Diabolos*, the one who sows division. When we ignore the fact that we have an enemy, everyone else becomes the enemy, and we feel that our hatred is excusable, and even virtuous. And isn't that what Satan wants?

In the Gospel this Sunday, Jesus tells us that we are the salt of the earth, because as Christians we are *different*. But this comes with a warning- if salt loses its taste, if Christians become no different than everybody else, then *it is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot*. I can think of few ways for me as a Christian to lose my 'saltiness' than to get so wrapped up in the current politics that I forget who my true neighbours are, and who the Enemy is.

Keep your saltiness, dear family. Lift up your hearts above the confusion, and be vigilant. Do not forget about God Our Father, and remember who shakes the jar.

God love you,



Father Daniel

**This week Bulletin is dedicated to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**

**8<sup>th</sup> Promises: "Fervent souls shall quickly mount to high perfection."**

**V DOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO / A**  
**S. Girolamo Emiliani, S. Giuseppina Bakhita,**  
**S. Onorato - 8 febbraio 2026**

*Il discepolo è luce e sale. Vivendo con coerenza e carità nella quotidianità si è segno credibile di fede che illumina e sostiene gli altri.*



## **Our Lady of the Holy Rosary**

### **Catholic Women's League**

Note: **Afternoon** Meeting for February  
Tuesday February 10 @ **1 pm** @ Holy Rosary Hall  
Wear Red or Pink! Not a member? Want to attend?  
We welcome you! Info? Call Linda 905-227-1499

**This Thursday, February 12, 4 pm to 7 pm, Holy Rosary Hall.** Enjoy a hearty meal including a fresh bun stuffed with slices of beef and gravy, coleslaw and roasted potatoes for only \$14. The Beef-on-a-bun is held on the second Thursday of each month. The format is takeout only. Cash payments only.

### **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



Our brothers and sisters who serve the parish community in the capacity of ushers and greeters are much more than collection takers and distributors of the weekly bulletin. They are representative of our overall community. In addition to welcoming visitors, they assist new parishioners and help with the elevator to help all parishioners experience an accessible environment. If you would like to join our Hospitality Ministry Team, you are invited to participate in our Hospitality Workshop on **Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am in the Church.** Call the Parish Office for more information.

### **Live Christ, Share Christ**

#### **Prayer Assembly & Teaching Series**

Experience a profound strengthening of your Catholic faith as LCSC Prayer Assembly & Teaching Series resumes, inviting you on Saturday, February 21st from 1-4pm at the Parish Hall, where fellowship, spiritual growth, and refreshments completely free of charge. Open to all who seek spiritual nourishment.

### **ASH WEDNESDAY**

This year, is February 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be Mass at 7:00pm for those who are unable to attend the 8:00 am Mass.

### **EMMAUS YOUTH ADULT MINISTRY**

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

**This Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026**, 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](mailto:corso.danielanthony@gmail.com) or follow us on [Instagram@emmaus.ya](https://Instagram@emmaus.ya)

### **BECOME CATHOLIC THIS YEAR!**

The RCIA/RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults/Children) is a journey of faith for adults or children who are seeking to be baptized in the Catholic Church. **Our Journey of Faith continues this Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026 from 9:15 am to 10:45 am.** For more information email: [dcorso@saintcd.com](mailto:dcorso@saintcd.com)

### **FIRST ANNUAL OVERNIGHT WINTER RETREAT.**

High School Youth are invited to the Diocese of St. Catharines' First Annual Overnight Retreat starting at 6:30pm on February 12, 2026 and ending at 2:00pm on February 13, 2026. The retreat will take place at Jericho House (10845 Rathfon Road, Port Colborne ON). The cost of the retreat is \$100.00. Please register at <https://form.jotform.com/26015619738061>. For more information, contact Francesco Capiscolto, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, 905-684-0154, Ext.204 or [youth@saintcd.com](mailto:youth@saintcd.com).

### **NOTICE**

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

### **SACRAMENT PREPARATION**

Learning and Prayer session for First Communion Candidates and parents on **Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm -7:45pm** in the Parish Hall.

### **WELCOME SUNDAY – SILENT AUCTION**

All Parishioners are invited, on Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 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.**

### **Fifty/Fifty Prize winners so far**

Draws	Winners	Prize	Dates
1 <sup>st</sup> Draw Prize	Nancy Magno	\$600.00	July 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2025
2 <sup>nd</sup> Draw Prize	Sam Cino	\$440.00	Aug 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2025
3 <sup>rd</sup> Draw Prize	Marge Longo	\$580.00	Sept 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2025
4 <sup>th</sup> Draw Prize	Henry D'angela	\$470.00	Oct 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2025
5 <sup>th</sup> Draw Prize	Stephanie Ralph	\$390.00	Nov 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2025
6 <sup>th</sup> Draw Prize	Mary Cody	\$220.00	Dec 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2025
7 <sup>th</sup> Draw Prize	Ryan Rose	\$130.00	January 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2026

### **WORLD DAY OF THE SICK**

Anointing of the sick at 8:00am Mass, Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>

***Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us!***

***St. Bernadette de Soubirous, pray for us!***