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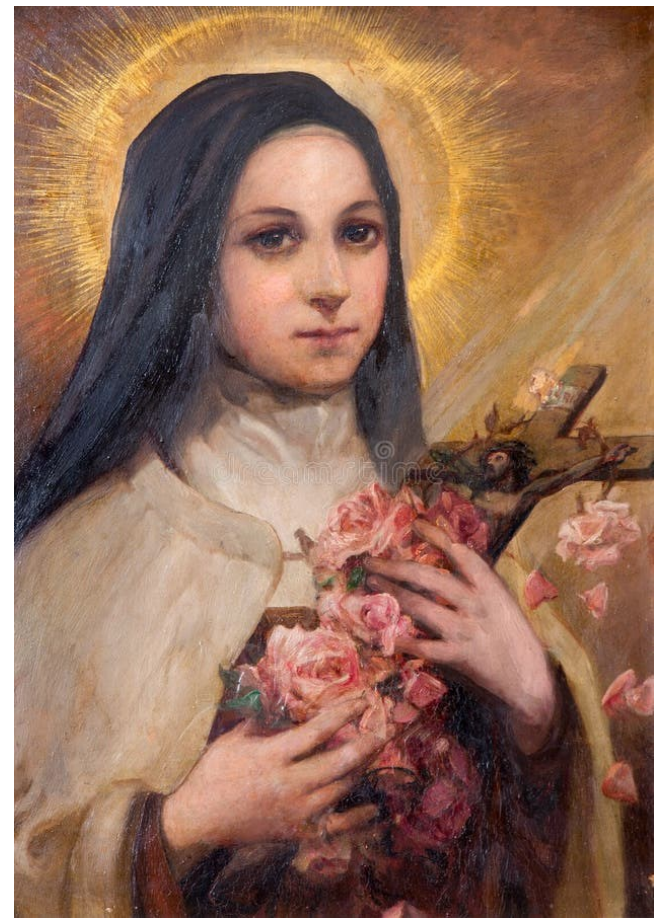
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**APRIL
28TH
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Office Hours: Wednesday 8:30AM—4:30PM

Holy Mass Schedule:
The Day of the Lord begins Saturday: Vigil 4:00PM
Sunday: 9:00AM
Weekdays: 8:00AM or as announced

Sacrament of Penance (Confession)
Tuesday—Saturday: 7:00 AM –7:45 AM
Saturday: 3:00-3:45PM
Sunday: 8:00-8:45AM

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick:
Please contact the parish priest during serious illness or before surgery.

Sacrament of Baptism: By appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage:
Please contact the parish priest as soon as possible. Pre-marriage classes are mandatory.

Eucharistic Adoration:
First Friday of the Month: 8:30—9:30
First Saturday of the Month: 8:30—9:30

Catholic Women's League:
President: Mary Nan—905-834-9520
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The Catholic Women's League of Canada
We need you! Will you join us?

Meetings: 1st Tuesday of the Month
Place: Parish Hall
Phone: Mary @ 905-834-9520

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28th, 2024—Year B



Tue.	April 30th:	St. Marie of the Incarnation	8:00AM+	Henry Nan By Mary Nan
Wed.	May 1st:	St. Joseph the Worker	8:00AM+	Kiesha Embrey By Lynn & Pat Dyson
Thu.	May 2nd:	St. Athanasius	8:00AM+	Rosalinda Caneppele
Fri.	May 3rd:	St. Philip and James	8:00AM+	Victoria Forte By Mary Ferrara
Sat.	May 4th:	Ferial Vigil of the 6th Sunday of Easter	8:00AM+	Arnold Hendriks By Mary & Joe VanRuyven
Sun.	May 5th:	6th Sunday of Easter	4:00PM+	Frank Vingerhoets By Mary Nan
			9:00AM	All Parishioners

SEPARATED & DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY



This support group meets every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month (except holidays) 7 - 9 pm Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre 7020 Stanley Ave. Niagara Falls In person and Zoom meeting 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0415 or Email separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com

- May 13 Navigating Change
- May 27 Self Esteem
- June 10 Who Am I Now
- June 24 Loving & Respecting Yourself

FIRST HOLY COMUNION



The children of the Grade 2 class will be receiving their First Holy Communion at the 10:30am Mass on May 5, 2024. They will prepare for this moment with their First Confession on Wednesday May 1st at 6pm.



THE MONTH OF MAY IS DEDICATED TO THE BLESSED MOTHER MARY. We are encouraging everybody to say the rosary everyday. In our parish we pray the rosary every day at 7:25 on weekdays (except Monday) and 8:25 on Sundays.

On April 28th: In Christ to Bring Love

In the first reading, Luke vividly portrays scenes of Paul's missionary action in Jerusalem, aimed at Greek-speaking Jews. The author emphasizes Saul's profound change after his conversion and his encounter with Jesus. From persecutor, he becomes persecuted, forced to flee. From one of those responsible for the death of Stephen, the first martyr, he becomes an ardent preacher of the Gospel. This metamorphosis highlights the transformative power of divine action on people, a crucial theme for understanding the subsequent chapters in which Paul carries out his mission. However, Paul does not act alone; he is supported and protected by the community of Jerusalem, which welcomes him and sends him to Tarsus, his hometown. Through the testimony of a respected member like Barnabas, the Christians overcome their distrust of Paul, recognizing the work done in him by the Holy Spirit. When his life is threatened because of his commitment to evangelization, the community offers him support to depart safely.

In the second reading, the author of the first letter of John highlights the importance of faith in the Son of God. Alongside faith, the believer is required to manifest genuine love towards other members of the community. This call to imitate Jesus, who in the Gospel of John offers his life as a gift and symbolizes this gift by washing the feet of the disciples, emphasizes that authentic love is expressed through concrete actions for the benefit of all, especially the needy. Love for brothers and sisters in faith not only helps us understand God's presence and his will, but also discover our identity. Love is a commandment that, together with others, expresses God's desire for us: a relationship based on love, not condemnation, and the confirmation of his love for us through the Holy Spirit, who gives us vital strength.

The proposed Gospel passage might be misunderstood as a threat to believers, with the image of useless branches thrown into the fire, and it can bring to imply the futility of human actions. However, it is important to read this metaphor carefully in context. In the Old Testament, the vineyard is often used to symbolize God's attention to his people, attention now made possible through Christ. Being united to this vine requires a conscious choice on our part: we must accept or reject God's presence, decide whether to bear fruit or not. To grow our relationship with God, we must accept pruning, which does not always involve painful sacrifices but is aimed at increasing our capabilities. We must have the courage to be enlightened by the Word of Christ, knowing that true purification occurs through his death and resurrection. The threat of fire only serves to encourage those who accept Jesus' message to live according to the Gospel, not to sow fear.

Finally, the Gospel passage concludes with the exhortation to remain united to Jesus. The evangelist, probably writing during a period of persecution against Christians, invites believers not to abandon the Master to follow the majority that denies the importance of the Christian message and religious practice, especially Sunday Mass. Our task, by remaining united to Jesus, is to demonstrate the importance of Christ's message through the Church and the importance of fidelity to the Christian community. Only in this way can we pray with confidence and obtain what we truly desire from God.

SUNDAY OFFERING

Sunday April 21 Offerings (including e-transfers) :

Sunday Collection	\$ 1741.00
Repairs	\$ 205.00
Easter	\$ 100.00

E-transfers may be made to:
celineincarmel@gmail.com.

Young Adult Ministry "Feed Your Faith" event:

All young adults (19 - 39 years old), whether in school or working, whether single, married, or separated/divorced, whether cradle Catholics who were raised and educated in faith or those who have drifted away and are searching for meaning and purpose from a life centred on Christ, are invited and welcome to gather at the Catholic Centre (3400 Merrittville Highway, Thorold) for a shared meal, fellowship, and quiet prayer beginning at 6:00pm on Friday, April 26, 2024. Contact: Terri Pauco at 905-684-0154, ext. 209 or email familyandyouth@saintcd.com. The next "Feed Your Faith" event will take place on Friday, May 31, 2024.



Baptism is a wonderful blessing that God has given to His church! It's a means by which He gives us faith and forgiveness of sins. It's our new birth into the Family of God! But it's also more than just a momentary

event in the life of a follower of Jesus. It's a lifelong journey of growing in that faith and taking next steps with Jesus! Sunday, April 28th at 10:30AM, we welcome **Daniel Twelves** and **Antonio Delville** as new members of the family of God. Congratulations to Meagan Twelves and Daniel Delville for the baptism of their children!

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NEXT MEETING; Tuesday May 7th . Starting with Mass at 5:30 p.m. followed with pot luck supper and a short meeting. Husbands/Partners are invited, and a friend (potential new CWL member) as well!

Pope's intention prayers for the Month of May:



For the formation of religious and seminarians

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.