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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)
Saturday: 3:00-3:45PM
Sunday: 8:00-8:45AM
By appointment

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

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HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY
December 31st, 2023—Year B

Mass Schedule & Intentions: Dec 31 Jan. 7

Saturday 4:00PM	Dec. 30th Vigil of the Holy Family Sunday Missa pro populo
Sunday 9:00 AM	Dec.31st—Holy Family Sunday † Bert Haley by Christina Haley
4:00 PM	Vigil of Holy Mary Mother of God Mass † John Pasko by Markovich family
Monday	HOLY MARY MOTHER OF GOD— NEW YEAR † John Pasko by Markovich family
9:00 am	Jan. 2nd— Saint Basil and Gregory † All souls in purgatory by Caterina Buri & family
Tuesday 8:00AM	
Wednesday 8:00AM	Jan. 3rd— Christmas Time †Delia Mattiazzo by Lynn & Pat Dyson
Thursday 8:00AM	Jan. 4th— Christmas Time †Gerald Patenaude by Linda Smarrella
Friday 8:00AM	Jan. 5th— Christmas Time † Hanry Nan by Mary Nan
Saturday 8:00 AM	Jan. 6th—Christmas Time †Angela Shegda by daughter's
4:00PM	Vigil of the Epiphany Of Our Lord † Delia Mattiazzo by Mary & Bob Dancy
Sunday 9:00 AM	Jan. 7th—Epiphany Of Our Lord Missa pro populo

ENVELOPES FOR 2024:

Kindly utilize the assigned 2024 envelopes for your contributions. If you haven't retrieved them yet, you can find them conveniently placed at the rear of the church, organized alphabetically. Should you not possess envelopes but wish to commence using them, please reach out to the office, and a designated box will be allocated for your convenience. For the month of January, it is essential to legibly print your name and address on the envelopes. In case of any modifications to your information, kindly inform the office promptly. **It is crucial not to employ envelopes from previous years, as some numbers have been re-assigned. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.**

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for the Month of January

For the Gift of Diversity in the Church: We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

The end of the Christmas season

is marked on Monday, the 8th, as we joyously observe the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. This day signifies the conclusion of the 2003–2004 Christmas Time, and on January 8th, we will transition into Ordinary Time, a period that will accompany us until February 13th.

The Mass, commemorating this significant event, will take place on Monday, the 8th, at 8:00 am. Join us in this moment of reflection and celebration as we bid farewell to the Christmas season and embrace the start of Ordinary Time.

JOIN US IN ELEVATING THE LITURGICAL EXPERIENCE!

Embark on a journey where the beauty and holiness of our liturgical and mass celebrations are brought to life through your active participation. We are on the lookout for passionate individuals to join us **as lectors, ushers, altar servers, and extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist.** Are you ready to become a vital part of our dedicated liturgical team?

BE A STRONG LITURGICAL VOLUNTEER!

If you're enthusiastic about contributing to the spiritual richness of our community, seize this opportunity to make a meaningful impact. Take a step towards becoming a valued liturgical volunteer by filling out the form available at the church exit. Your commitment will enhance the worship experience for all, creating a sacred atmosphere that resonates with beauty and holiness. Join us in creating memorable moments of reverence and celebration. We look forward to welcoming you to our vibrant liturgical team!



Father Daniele, the pastor of Saint Therese of Lisieux, extends his presence to those who are unwell or homebound. If you or someone you know would appreciate a visit, kindly reach out to the parish at the following phone number: **905.834.4645.** Your connection with the parish will ensure that Father Daniele can arrange a visit to bring the eucharis and to share time with.



Sunday, December 31 — 4:00PM Vigil Mass of The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Monday, January 1, 2024 — 9:00AM The Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

Please remember that January 1st (New year), is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Catholic Engaged Encounter (CEE)

is a Diocesan-approved marriage preparation program that provides quality marriage preparation in a weekend retreat format. The weekend is open to any engaged couple wanting to prepare for a deeper, more meaningful life together and who are considered free to marry according to the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. The current CEE weekend schedule for the Diocese of St. Catharines is April 26-27-28, 2024 and September 13-14-15, 2024 at Jericho House (10845 Rathfon Road, Port Colborne). The cost is \$425.00 which includes all administration fees, accommodations, and meals. Please visit www.ceeest.org for more information and to register.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

Hosted by the CWL Sunday January 7th Coffee Social following 9:00 a.m. Mass

DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENT

With December 31 fast approaching, many individuals are in the middle of tax planning. This is a perfect time to consider making a donation of securities to the parish or diocese to support the very good work being done. You will receive a charitable gift receipt for the full amount of the donation, calculated when the donated securities are sold. Questions may be directed to John J. O'Brien, Diocesan CFO, at jobrien@saintcd.com

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