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Sunday, November 15th, 2026



Sat. Nov 14	4-4:45pm		**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions**
	5:00pm	†	Bradley Inman (Melissa Middleton)
Sun. Nov 15	10:00am	†	Katarina & Urban Simek (Patti & Cyril Simek)
	11:30am		All Parishioners
Mon. Nov 16	9:30am		No Mass
Tues. Nov 17	9:30am	†	Joseph Racz (Racz Family)
		†	Angela & Renato Ferrara (Ferrara Family)
			Fr. Jacek & his intentions (Parish)
			Children in parish/community (Horton)
	7-8pm		**HOLY HOUR & Confessions**
Wed. Nov 18	9:30am		Birthday Blessings Fr. Janusz (Danuta Mazur)
Thurs. Nov 19	9:30am	†	Irene Krytiuk (Doug & Alexandra Martin)
		†	Arnoldo Pietro Izzo (Dave & Keri Harrison)
		†	Samuel Baptista (Maria Baptista)
			Blessings/Health Dave Harrison (Nohara Family)
Fri. Nov 20	9:30am		**No Mass**
Sat. Nov 21	4-4:45pm		**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Confessions**
	5:00pm		Bridget, Evan & Ambrose Nohara- in thanksgiving (Annette Mastracci)
Sun. Nov 22	10:00am	†	Agnes Wellenreither (Tony Wellenreiter)
	11:30am		All Parishioners

Confessions from 9-9:25am before all weekday

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 25:14-30

A friend once took his young adult son to the casino for his birthday. He handed him $100 and said, "Let's have a great time." The son, a graduate student with limited money, quietly pocketed the money and refused to play. "I don't want to lose it," he said. But he missed the point: the money was not really his to pocket; it was his father's invitation to share an experience together.

God sees our gifts a bit like this. In Jesus' parable, a servant buries his master's talent and explains: **"Master, I knew you were a demanding person...so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground" (Matthew 25:24-25).** The master condemns him not for failure but for refusing to risk. The servant's fear distorts his image of the master and leads to a small, loveless response. No love, no risk. No risk, no relationship.

How easily we fall into this trap! We treat God's gifts as fragile possessions rather than invitations. We play it safe, avoid risk, and tell ourselves we are wise and God is cruel. But Jesus praises those who trust the Master's goodness enough to act boldly. They are not reckless but confident enough in their Master to risk their gifts for Him.

So, what is my interior story about God right now? Is it marked by generosity, adventure, and trust? Or by fear, caution, and suspicion? That hidden narrative shapes everything. Because love, by its nature, always takes risks with, and for, the beloved.

Annual *Deo Gratias* Collection: Last weekend, our parish took up the special ***Deo Gratias*** collection to support our Priests' monthly benefit through the Clergy Aid Society. We are happy to report that your gifts already total $335. The St. Catharines Clergy Aid Society pays a monthly benefit and health insurance for retired priests at age 75. Many of our Diocesan priests live independently during their retirement years, and they use their benefit for basic needs, such as food, housing, and transportation. If you have already made a gift to the ***Deo Gratias*** special collection, please know how much we truly appreciate your support. If you have not completed and returned your envelope, you may still do so at mass or by returning it to the parish office. Thank you for your prayerful generosity.

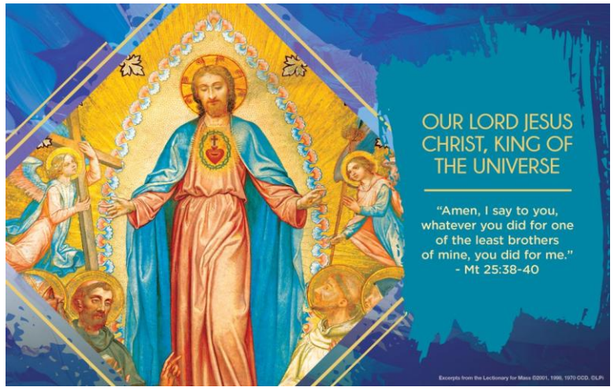
St. Michael Parish (310 Central Avenue, Fort Erie) is hosting a "Catholic End-of-Life Decision Making in a Culture of MAiD" seminar on Thursday, December 10, 2026, from 6:30pm to 8:30pm.

Diocesan Feast Day Mass: All parishioners are invited to the Diocesan Feast Day Mass that will be celebrated on Wednesday, November 25, 2026 (Feast of St. Catherine of Alexandria), at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria (3 Lyman Street, St. Catharines), at 7:00pm. Please join the clergy of our diocese in a prayerful celebration for the 68th Anniversary of the Diocese of St. Catharines. A reception will follow.

Offertory
Oct 31 & Nov 1, 2026- $3,230.00
Nov 7 & 8, 2026- $2,385.00
All Souls- $430.00
Maintenance- $380.00

Advent Wreath- If you or your family would like to light the wreath during one of the weekend during Advent, please phone or email the office.

Sunday, November 22nd, 2026



Mon. Nov 23	9:30am		**No Mass**
Tues. Nov 24	9:30am		Jonathan LePera – health & wellbeing (Melissa Middleton)
		†	Felicia Mancino (Pat Vaillancourt)
		†	Frank, Giuseppina & Vincenzo Covatta (Katherine Lostracco)
		†	Anna Giancola (Ferrara Family)
	7-8pm		**Holy Hour & Confessions**
Wed. Nov 25	9:30am		Birthday Blessings Bozena (Danuta Mazur)
Thurs. Nov 26	9:30am	†	Jose Baptista (Maria Baptista)
		†	Thomas Sabino (Dave & Rose Smith & Family)
			Fr. Jacek & his intentions (Parish)
			Bozena (Bozena)
Fri. Nov 27	9:30am		**No Mass**
Sat. Nov 28	4-4:45pm		**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions**
	5:00pm	†	Jessica Cormier (Melissa Middleton)
Sun. Nov 29	10:00am	†	Elizabeth Mei (Patti & Cyril Simek)
	11:30am		All Parishioners

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Offertory envelopes for 2027 will be available the weekend of Nov 21/22 in the parish hall. E-transfer will continue to be available to make your donation. Check your envelopes for Special Collection dates. **FOR THE YEAR 2027, USE ONLY THE ENVELOPES ASSIGNED TO YOU FOR THAT YEAR AS YOUR OFFERTORY BOX NUMBER MAY HAVE CHANGED.** This will ensure that donations are credited to the proper person. **If a box has not been prepared for you, phone or email the office.** Also, please do not begin using your new envelopes until 2027. Thank you!

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Matthew 25:31-46

I remember middle school baseball tryouts. A friend of mine, Robert, was trying to make the team to please his father, but his heart wasn't in it. He was lackadaisical and unenergetic. When the final cut-list was announced, and his name wasn't on it, he was relieved. He realized the coach was not insulting him but essentially telling him, "Bobby, this only works if you actually *want* to play ball." I was saddened he'd miss out on the fun, but I knew it was best. Putting Robert onto the team would not have been kindness. It would have made him miserable.

Jesus speaks to us today about his identity as our King and Judge. He separates those who inherit the kingdom from those who do not. The King explains, **"Whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40).** His judgment hinges on willingness to participate in love. Heaven is not a prize imposed at the end of life. It is a life freely chosen and engaged. Hell is not a destination prepared for human beings, but a terrible and sad acknowledgment of an opting out which God never intends for us.

Jesus' role as judge proclaims to us: "Heaven only works if you actually *want* to love." How do we know if we want it? How we serve the hungry, the sick, the imprisoned, and the forgotten. These acts of mercy are not arbitrary tests. They are the very shape of divine life. There is no better game to play than this. We ought to begin playing it right now. The King will come to judge us.

Catholic Women's League News

Thank you in advance for all who donated items and attended the event. Will have details in the next bulletin

CWL membership drive begins in November. If you use offertory envelopes, the membership envelope is dated Nov. 1st. **THE ANNUAL FEE is $40.** PLEASE DO NOT USE E TRANSFER TO PAY THE MEMBERSHIP. If you do not have offertory envelopes , you can use a plain one with your name, address, phone and email.

Warmvember: The CWL will collect warm clothing items (hats, gloves, scarves, coats, jackets etc.) for local charities **during the month of November.** Items can be placed in the baskets at the church entrance. or bring to the office. **PLEASE—NEW ITEMS ONLY.**

Living with Christ Sunday Missals 2026-2027: Some are now available for purchase ($5). Leave money in the basket. Lectors/Musicians are welcome to take one. Thank you.

Christmas Flower Memorial Envelopes: We invite everyone to make a gift towards the cost of the Christmas greens and flowers that will decorate our parish this blessed season. Honour a family member or friend, give thanks for a special event (such as a wedding or the birth of a child), or remember a departed loved one. Envelopes are in your offertory boxes or use a plain envelope with your contact information included. E-transfer can also be used.

Welland- Port Colborne Pro Life Coffee House- Saturday, Nov. 28th 1-3pm, Join us for a screening of Life Worth Living, Averting the Canadian Euthanasia Crisis. St. Mary's Church Hall, 90 Griffith St., Welland. Poster attached.