

# ST. DENIS ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## MISSION STATEMENT

*The mission of St. Denis Parish is to create a warm and welcoming, Christ-centred, Catholic community that answers the call to know, love, and serve God by spreading the Gospel through words and actions.*

## PASTORAL TEAM

### ADMINISTRATOR

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administrator@stdenischurch.ca

### SECRETARY & BOOKKEEPER

Mrs. Nancy Chmay  
secretary@stdenischurch.ca

### DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Mrs. Susan Lewczynski  
music@stdenischurch.ca

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday: Closed

Tuesday to Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Closed everyday for lunch: 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

*Please feel free to drop anything off outside of business hours through the mail slot.*

## PARISH SCHOOLS

### ST. DENIS CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY

Principal: Mr. Kevin Lamb

175 Carlton Street, St. Catharines, ON L2R 1S1  
905-682-4156

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615 Geneva Street, St. Catharines, ON L2N 2J3  
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Principal: Mr. Jim Whittard

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## SACRAMENTAL SERVICES

### MASSES OF THE LORD'S DAY

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday to Friday: 8:00 a.m.

### CONFESSIONS

(IN CHURCH)

Tuesday to Friday: 7:15 a.m. to 7:45 a.m.

Saturday: 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Sunday: 7:15 a.m. to 7:45 a.m.

### CONFESSIONS

(IN MEETING ROOM)

Monday to Friday: 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

### BAPTISM

Every Sunday at 1:30 p.m.

*Please call the parish office to schedule an appointment with the priest!*

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

(IN MEETING ROOM)

Sunday to Saturday: 6:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

### MONTHLY HOLY HOUR

(1<sup>ST</sup> THURSDAY & 1<sup>ST</sup> FRIDAY)

8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

### DEVOTION TO MARY

(DAILY RECITATION OF THE ROSARY)

7:30 a.m. to 7:45 a.m.

**Would you like to become a parishioner?**

Please call the parish office and/or fill out a census card.

**Thank you for your continued generosity towards our parish!**

# SUNDAY, JUNE 6, 2021

## THE SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

### MASS INTENTIONS

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#### WEEKDAY MASSES

##### Monday, June 7 – Private Mass

*Fr. Stephen saying the 12:10 p.m. at the Cathedral*

##### Tuesday, June 8 – 8:00 a.m.

John & Corry Vanderlee

##### Wednesday, June 9 – 8:00 a.m.

*St. Ephrem, Deacon & Doctor of the Church*  
Wojciech Nowak

##### Thursday, June 10 – 8:00 a.m.

Marek Ignasiak

##### Friday, June 11 – 8:00 a.m.

*The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*  
Holy Souls in Purgatory

#### MASSES OF THE LORD'S DAY

##### 11<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

##### Saturday, June 12 – 4:00 p.m.

Deceased Plata Brothers

##### Sunday, June 13 – 8:00 a.m.

Stephanie Cosgrove | Monica & Albert Boivin  
Holy Souls in Purgatory  
Sp. Int. Erika Cipriano | Sp. Int. Violet Vaz

##### Sunday, June 13 – 10:00 a.m.

Pro Populo – For the People

##### Sunday, June 13 – 12:00 p.m.

Sp. Int. Fr. Gordon J. MacRae



#### COLLECTION FOR MAY 30

Offertory	\$ 5,570.00
Building Fund - For Cameras	\$ 1,125.00
E-Transfers	\$ 995.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$ 7,690.00</b>

**Thank you for your faithful stewardship!**

~ Please remember the parish in your will ~

### THE ADMINISTRATOR'S ALLEY

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (*Dies Sanctissimi Corporis et Sanguinis Domini Iesu Christi*); traditionally know as *Corpus Christi*. Today, we are reminded of what makes us different from every other Christian community in the world; that “*In the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist, ‘the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained.’*” As Catholics, we believe that the same Risen Christ who reigns in Heaven at the right hand of the Father, dwells in every tabernacle of the world.

The greatest pandemic we face during these days is not COVID-19, it is that only 30% of Catholics believe in the doctrine of transubstantiation and the real presence of our Eucharistic Lord. However, prior to the Second Vatican Council, over 90% of Catholics believed in the real presence of Eucharistic Lord. This statistic should be shocking, although it should not be a surprise. Why do I say that? It is simple, following the Second Vatican Council the emphasis was focused primarily on the Mass as a meal, as a banquet; instead of the emphasis being on the sacrificial offering of Christ on Mount Calvary. The Catechism states, “*The Holy Sacrifice, because it makes present the one sacrifice of Christ the Savior and includes the Church's offering*” (CCC, 1330).

The sacrificial dimension was downplayed, the idea that the priest was the mediator between God and His people was almost never articulated. Holy Mass went from being sublime to being mundane. The vertical dimension (emphasis on God) was removed and replaced with the horizontal dimension (emphasis on the people). Tabernacles were moved off to the corner of sanctuaries to be replaced by the “presiders” chair. We no longer had God at the center of our churches (Christocentric) but rather we had replaced him with the priest (Anthropocentric). For a society that wanted to downplay the role of the priest and eliminate “clericalism” sure did a lot to emphasize the priest. Instead of singing polyphony and chant which raised our hearts and minds to God, it was now replaced with the guitar and “*This little light of mine*”. Bishops and priests sacked our churches by white-

washing any of the beauty which existed, removing statues, and ripping out the communion rails. As a result, people were encouraged to start receiving communion in the hand while standing versus receiving communion on the tongue while kneeling. Priests often never preached about the difficult topics or about the truths of the faith. Individual confession was replaced with 'general absolution'. Why am I bringing up all these "issues"? Because we can see that our words and our actions have meaning!

There is a saying, "*Lex Orandi, Lex Credendi, Lex Vivendi*" (As we Worship, So we Believe, So we Live). Thankfully here at St. Denis, starting with Fr. Nick and continuing with Fr. Ben, there has been a "*Restoration of all things in Christ*" (St. Pius X); especially with regards to the liturgy. The Catechism, echoing *Lumen Gentium* says, "*The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life.*" By restoring the way we act and speak, especially with regards to Divine Mysteries; I truly believe we will see a restoration of sacred. I would go so far as to say we will see an increase in the percentage of Catholics who believe in the real presence of Christ. Again, this is the "new springtime" I believe that has come to St. Denis.

By continuing the work of my predecessors, it is my goal that everything we do in the parish will be "*intensely Eucharistic*" to echo St. John Paul II in the Great Jubilee of 2000. As a result, I pray that in the near future, both the main sanctuary and the adoration chapel will undergo their own "divine renovation", making both spaces even more beautiful and inviting.

As we continue to become more of "*a warm and welcoming, Christ-centred, Catholic community that answers the call to know, love, and serve God by spreading the Gospel through words and actions*" we won't be able to help but see the fruits of our intensely Eucharistic love to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

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**Fr. Stephen Joseph Bruzzese**

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## **SACRED HEART SCHOOL**

The sisters of the Sacred Heart are expanding their current Preschool and Kindergarten program to begin providing Grade 1 Education this September as Sacred Heart Private School. They are currently accepting registrations. ***Tuition is \$500.00 per month and includes: before and after school care, a delicious home cooked daily lunch, morning snack and afternoon snack.*** For more information or to arrange for a tour and interview, please contact the sisters by email, [sacredheartchildcare@gmail.com](mailto:sacredheartchildcare@gmail.com) or by phone, 905-732-4542.

## **FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR**

Bishop Bergie will be leading a parking lot Holy Hour & Rosary at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria (3 Lyman Street) on Friday, June 4 at 6:30 p.m. This Holy Hour & Rosary will be to honour and to make reparation to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Please consider joining His Excellency Bishop Bergie for this truly awesome time of prayer!

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## **QUEEN OF CLERGY CENACLE**

This is a group of laity and clergy dedicated to praying for an increase in vocations to priesthood and for all priests (and bishops). If you would like to join this virtual prayer group, please email the coordinator at [cenacle@stdenischurch.ca](mailto:cenacle@stdenischurch.ca) to be added to the group list. Our next meeting is **Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** (please log on at 6:55 p.m.). Please consider joining us in praying for our priests and seminarians.

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## **CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH**

The *Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father* by Fr. Donald Calloway has now arrived at the parish office and there are only 25 remaining copies left for \$20.00 a copy. If you would like to order a copy, please see Nancy before or after Mass.

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## **SECURITY CAMERAS**

In partnership with Sam Visca Electric our new 11 HD camera system is now installed and functioning. If you are interested in helping to pay for the remainder of the project (\$3,854.35), please include your donation in the green "building fund" envelopes or a clearly labeled envelope.

**To date we have received: \$7,440.00**

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## **YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH**

*Here is the prayer to St. Joseph we say after Mass:*

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

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## **COVID-19 UPDATE**

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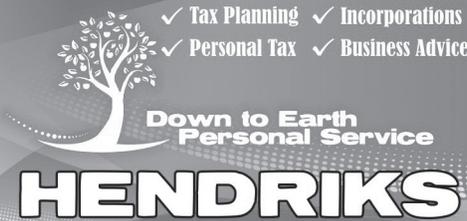
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