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Weekday Masses Tuesday 6:00 pm Wednesday through Friday 8:30 am Rosary/Adoration before Weekday Masses

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Baptism Sunday 12:00 pm by appointment

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Arrangements should be made at least 6 months in advance. Marriage preparation course required

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### Ministry Schedule - Jan 30/31 **Hospitality:**

4:00 pm - Not Schedule for now 5:00 pm - Not Scheduled for now 9:00am - Not Scheduled for now 11:00am - Not Scheduled for now The 3rd Sunday of **Ordinary - Year B** 

Come follow me.

### Diocese of St. Catharines

# St. Patrick **Catholic Church**



Parish Established 1859

**Church Dedicated** 1880

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# January 24, 2021 A.D. The 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year B



Tues Jan 26 St. Timothy & St. Titus

Lord may the request of our people rise before you like a fragrant offering

		6:00 pm +For the repose of the soul of Albert Pinelli	by George Sathmary	
Wed	Jan 27	8:30 am +For the repose of the soul of Gloria Concessi 9:30 am Intentions Available	by Dino & Lily Sicoli	
Thurs	Jan 28	St Thomas Aquinas 8:30 am +For the repose of the soul of Patricia Della Ventura 9:30 am +Mary Bornemann	by Dino & Lily Sicoli by Victor & Jackie Gatt	
Fri	Jan 29	8:30 am +For the repose of the souls of Annina, Antonio & Marietta D'Uva 9:30 am Intention Available	by the Hendrik's family	
Sat	Jan 30	The 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time 4:00 pm Intentions Available		
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Sun	Jan 31	9:00am +For the living and deceased members of St. Patrick's Parish		

11:00 am +For the repose of the soul of Genevieve & Russell DeStefano

#### **ACT NOW**

We are called to be decisive in our faith. God calls us to repent and renew our commitment to Him each day.

God instructs the prophet Jonah to travel through the city of Nineveh and warns the people that the city would be destroyed due to their evil ways. When the people of Nineveh

heard this, they declared a fast in repentance. the Lord saw this and had compassion for them.

Every moment is an opportunity to either grow closer to God or further away from Him. We can identify with the people of Nineveh when we recognize that our actions are not drawing us closer to God. We may be attached to certain sins or living in complacency - over time that can weaken our commitment to the Lord and sever the relationship we have with Him.

When we become aware of our weaknesses, it should not cause us to despair. Instead, it should call us to act quickly as the people of Nineveh did. Jonah had been gone only a single day's walk before the people repented. We, too, should go no more than a single day without acknowledging our offenses towards God and renewing our commitment to Him with greater conviction. God

wants to be compassionate towards us, but we must be willing to recognize our need to repent.

Jesus approaches Simon and Andrew, and later, James and John. These four men were fishermen, casting their nets. Jesus states, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." In both instances, the men immediately abandoned

by Victor & Jackie Gatt

what was before them and followed Christ.

Imagine if Simon and Andrew looked at their Savior and said, "Thanks for the offer, but we will finish up fishing and meet you later." That is no way a disciple should respond to Christ's call. Yet, that is how we often respond to Jesus' offer to us, "Come after me." We can easily fall into the misconception that we have plenty of time to live active discipleship. We rationalize that we will eventually get around to deepening our commitment to prayer when we have time, even though we have wanted to do so for months. We can justify that we are too busy right now to make time to go to confession regularly, but tell ourselves we will do it soon once our schedules ease up. But as faithful stewards of our time, we must change our ways and immediately follow Christ more intentionally, because Christ is calling us to act

now, just like the first disciples did.

These men became members of Jesus' twelve apostles. They surrendered their entire lives to follow Christ. They left their jobs, homes and families, devoting their lives to God's work. We, too, are called to surrender our lives to the Lord so that He may work through us. We might think, "God isn't calling me." But indeed, He is. Just as He called four ordinary fishermen, He is continuously calling each one of us. Renewing and re-evaluating what God might be asking of us throughout our lives is a key component of our stewardship journey.

As we settle into this New Year, let us ponder the ways we can repent and renew our commitment to God. Let us ask ourselves, what are we casting our nets for? And are we willing to leave it behind for something much greater? If not now, when?

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### MASSES CONTACT TRACING LIST

We are still directed by the Diocese of St. Catharines to establish a list for Contract Tracing.

We ask for you compliance and patience as the Ushers take down this information. We also ask that you arrive early to accommodate this as it will take some time to do.

### **COVID LOCKDOWN CHANGES**

The lock down has been extended. The Church remains open with the same restrictions as set on Dec 26th. This means that we are restricted to 9 people at any one Mass, Funeral or Baptism. We are continuing with the added Masses on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday morning at 9:30am and on Saturday at 4:00 pm. The dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days will continue. All Masses will be on a first come, first serve bases and once we reach capacity, the doors will be lock. These changes will continue for a minimum of 28 days.

All Ministry Schedules are currently invalid except 1 Usher/Mass. I hope you understand that this is an extremely difficult time for all of us.

Please be patient and kind to one another.

#### INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

2020 Income Tax Receipts have been delivered or mailed out.

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### **2021 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**

Please pick up you envelopes if you have not already done so. Thank you for your financial support.

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#### PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

We have witnessed the generosity of our parishioners since this pandemic came into our lives. So many of you have continued to support the church by dropping off, mailing in and e-transferring your weekly support. We are extremely thankful that we have been able to pay the bills and keep the lights on. We don't doubt that our regular parishioners and those who use our offertory envelope system will continue to support us financially. However with our numbers dropping to 9 people allowed to attend it is not so easy for you to get your donations to

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### PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

Glory to you,

O Lord our God,
Your love calls us to be your people.
By sharing our many and diverse gifts
we share in your mission.
We ask you, Lord,
to shape us into a community of faith.
Nourish us by your word and sacraments
that we may grow into the image of Jesus.
Through the power of your Holy Spirit,
heal us that we, in turn,
may heal the wounded.
Form us to be instruments of love,

justice, and peace in our land, and send us to proclaim your saving work.

RENEW us, Lord, that we may renew the face of the earth.

Amen.