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Weekday Masses  
Tuesday 6:00 pm  
Wednesday through Friday 8:30 am  
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Min. Schedule - Feb 7/8

**Hospitality:**  
5:00 pm - Fred Tonnos  
9:00 am - Sandy MacIntyre  
11:00 am - Teresa Ricci

**Communion:**  
5:00 am - Tom Lannan  
9:00 am - Cathy Stoop-Sneek  
11:00 am - Jackie Gatt

## The 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

## The Beatitudes

**Lectors:**  
5:00 pm - Bettina DiGiulio  
9:00 am - Dan Tonello  
11:00 am - Mark Morasse

**Video:**  
5:00 pm - Fred Tonnos  
9:00 am - Sandy MacIntyre  
11:00 am - Albert DeLaat

**Organist:**  
All Masses - Dino Sicoli

# February 1, 2026 A.D.

## The 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A



**Tues Feb 3 6:00 pm** +Aurelia Woloszyn  
**Wed Feb 4 8:30 am** +Maria Sabatini  
**Thurs Feb 5 8:30 am** +Douglas Wagner  
**Fri Feb 6 8:30 am** +David Wagner  
**Sat Feb 7 5:00 pm** +Christine Pinelli  
**Sun Feb 8 9:00 am** +For the living and deceased members of St. Patrick's  
**11:00 am** +Marietta & Salvatore D'Uva

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

by Teresa Ricci  
 by Paola Principi & Family  
 by Rita Wagner  
 by Rita Wagner  
 by Flora Armenti & Family  
 by the Hendriks Family

### WORD TO LIVE BY

The Sermon on the Mount is the first of 5 teachings Jesus gives us. The Lord gives this relatively early in His Ministry, not long after He has been baptized. It contains, after all, the central rules of discipleship.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (# 1716) states, "The Beatitudes are at the heart of Jesus' preaching. They take up the promises made to the chosen people since Abraham. The Beatitudes fulfill the promises by ordering them no longer merely to the possession of a territory, but to the Kingdom of heaven."

Pope Francis said in 2014, "These are our new commandments. However, if we do not have a heart open to the Holy Spirit, they will seem silly. The thought of being poor, being meek, being merciful does not seem to lead to what we consider to be modern success. But if we do not have an open heart and if we have not experienced the consolation of the Holy Spirit, which is salvation, we cannot understand this. This is the law of the free, with the freedom of the Holy Spirit."

Zephaniah touches on traits on which we will be judged. It emphasizes the importance of humility, justice, and being lowly. These are not traits many people in our world seek. Yet, these are exactly the kinds of attributes that follow lives of stewardship. That is why it is not easy.

St. Paul also describes what it means to be a Christian and a steward. He reminds the Corinthians that they, too, need to be humble. It is possible that they, like many who felt they were "chosen," had an inflated opinion of themselves, thinking that God favored them. Paul gently reminds them that God does not work that way. We need to keep that in mind ourselves; it is very easy when we feel that we have completely captured the secret of living, which may be true; however, we must take caution not to be self-righteous. Paul tells the Corinthians that

they are not chosen because they are great, but because God is great.



Paul knows this firsthand; he was an educated man, but he also understood that the Lord selected fishermen and farmers first, and people like him second; the shepherds came first, then the wise men. Paul uses three words to emphasize his meaning — righteousness, sanctification, and redemption. Righteousness on our part is trying to live as Jesus told us; sanctification implies how we

live, how we recognize that it is only through Christ that we are sanctified; and redemption reminds us of the sacrifice the Lord made in our behalf so we could be free, and God would forgive our sins.

Jesus instructions us as to what kind of people His disciples should be. There are more than enough key words on which to reflect and pray: poor, mourn, meek, hunger, mercy, peacemakers, clean, and persecuted to name a few. These are traits the Lord calls us to, and what He may means by them.

For example, when Jesus says that to be blessed, we need to "hunger and thirst for righteousness," He is reminding us of what our focus in life should be. In our world people hunger for many things that may not be that important — things like power and success and wealth and possessions and comfort. The idea of being righteous in His eyes is more important than any of those. When He calls us to be peacemakers, He probably does not mean that we do not just live in peace, but that we need to bring peace to others.

Finally, He reminds us that the reward for living in these ways may be persecution. Why? Quite simply because the world has a differing view of these character traits and values. The question we are called to answer through our lives is, "Are these Beatitudes reflective of our lives?" They need to be.

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### PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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### INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Your 2025 Income Tax Receipts are now available at the back of the church. Thank you

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### ENHANCE YOUR LENTEN JOURNEY

#### THIS YEAR

As we prepare our hearts for the sacred season of Lent, we invite you to enrich your spiritual experience with a special Lenten Journal crafted locally by our dedicated clergy and devoted laypeople. This journal offers thoughtful reflections and prayers inspired by the daily Gospel readings throughout Lent, inviting you to discover new insights and deepen your faith like never before.

Join us in this sacred time of reflection, prayer and growth. Your journey toward Easter can be even more meaningful with the guidance of these reflections.



The Journals will be available at the back of the church on February 7/8 and 14/15. We kindly ask for a suggested donation of \$5, if you are able, to help cover printing costs. Please note that supplies are limited, so be sure to secure your journal early!

Let this Lenten season be a transformative journey, drawing us closer to God and to one another.

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### WORLD MARRIAGE DAY AND RECOGNITION OF SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

All married couples, especially those celebrating significant anniversaries in 2026 are invited to attend a Mass commemorating the 2026 World Marriage Day. Bishop Bergie will preside at this special Mass on Sunday, February 8, 2026, at 3:00 pm, at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Alexandria (3 Lyman Street, St. Catharines). A reception will follow Mass. Married couples celebrating their 1st, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60th+ wedding anniversary in 2026 who would like to receive a congratulatory certificate from Bishop Bergie are invited to complete a registration form available at the parish office.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SHROVE TUESDAY PANCKE SUPPER

Tuesday February 17 4:30 - 6:00 pm

St. Therese Hall

Adults: \$10.00 Children Under 12: \$5.00

We encourage you to purchase tickets ahead of time from:

Tom Lannan - 905 835 1841

or Tim Grawey 905 834 6791

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### THE GRIEF RECOVERY PROGRAM

GOAL of Grief Recovery is to:

- Help YOU complete your relationship to the pain, isolation and loneliness caused by significant emotional loss of any kind.
- Help YOU to reduce your Sense of Isolation by increasing your participation
- Create a safe, supportive and loving environment of like-minded mourners.
- Recovery is achieved by a series of small and correct choices made by the mourner.

Begins **Friday, January 9th, 2026**

and will continue every Friday for 12 weeks.

It is held at 1:30 pm at St. Patrick Church (Pastoral Room)

123 King St. Port Colborne

This is a FREE seminar for the public.

An RSVP is required. You can contact

Armstrong Funeral Home at 905-834-3483

or Davidson Funeral Home at 905-834-4833

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### DIOCESAN SEPARATED & DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY SUPPORT GROUP

meets every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month (except holidays)

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, 7020 Stanley Avenue, Niagara Falls, Ontario.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE FOR WINTER/SPRING 2026

Feb 9, 2026 Sadness and Depression

Feb 23, 2026 What Is Forgiveness

Mar 9, 2026 Learning To Forgive

Mar 23, 2026 The Gift of the Holy Spirit

Apr 13, 2026 Identifying Our Losses

Apr 27, 2026 Coping With Grief

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### CONVERSING WITH CHRIST

Jesus, thank you for teaching me how to live here and now in a way that glorifies you and brings light and life to my brothers and sisters.

Help me keep your new commandment to love others by living my life in accordance with these guidelines for happiness and holiness.

I want to love and serve you with all my heart.

#### Resolution:

Lord, today by your grace I will choose one beatitude to focus on,

as a way to grow in love for you and others.