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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

### PASTOR

Rev. Fr. Stephen Joseph Bruzzese  
pastor@stdenischurch.ca

### PRIEST-IN-RESIDENCE

Rev. Fr. Aji Varghese  
ajivargheseoic@gmail.com

### SECRETARY & BOOKKEEPER

Mrs. Nancy Chmay  
secretary@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: Mrs. Victoria Wegelin  
175 Carlton Street, St. Catharines, ON L2R 1S1  
905-682-4156

### ST. JAMES CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY

Principal: Mrs. Branka Jones  
615 Geneva Street, St. Catharines, ON L2N 2J3  
905-934-3112

### ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC SECONDARY

Principal: Mr. Tony Della Ventura  
541 Lake Street, St. Catharines, ON L2N 4H7  
905-646-2002

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

Saturday: 3:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30 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 8:00 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 or email the parish office.

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

# SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2022

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

### MASS INTENTIONS

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#### WEEKDAY MASSES

**Monday, March 14 – Private Mass**

Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Tuesday, March 15 – 8:00 a.m.**

Sp. Int. Arthur Bielak

**Wednesday, March 16 – 8:00 a.m.**

Anita Gurnick

**Thursday, March 17 – 8:00 a.m.**

*St. Patrick, Bishop*

Louis Finora

**Friday, March 18 – 8:00 a.m.**

*St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*

Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Saturday, March 19 – 9:00 a.m.**

*St. Joseph, Spouse of the B.V.M. & Patron of Canada*

Sp. Int. Clergy of the Diocese of St. Catharines

#### MASSES OF THE LORD'S DAY

*3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT*

**Saturday, March 19 – 4:00 p.m.**

Betty Russo | Michael McLoughlin

Sp. Int. Jasser Family

**Sunday, March 20 – 8:00 a.m.**

Linda Slamka | Paolo & Antonia Marcella

Maria & Ernesto Ferrante | Sp. Int. Arthur Bielak

**Sunday, March 20 – 10:00 a.m.**

Pro Populo – For the People

**Sunday, March 20 – 12:00 p.m.**

Bishop John Aloysius O'Mara

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#### COLLECTION FOR MARCH 6

Offertory	\$ 3,235.00
Monthly PAD	\$ 2,285.00
E-Transfers	\$ 225.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$ 5,745.00</b>

**Thank you for your faithful stewardship!**

~ Please remember the parish in your will ~

### THE PASTOR'S PORTICO

*This coming week we will be having a special Mass in honour of the Solemnity of St. Joseph. This Mass will be on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.* Following Mass, I will bless the new statue of the Holy Family (currently in the church), which will be placed outside once the grotto work is complete. If you are in the habit of having bread or baked goods blessed, please feel free to bring these along as well. You can never go wrong with a Zeppole di San Giuseppe!

Speaking of St. Joseph, he has yet again graced us with some financial success. This past week I was notified by Alectra Utilities that we will be receiving \$2,432.60 due to a retrofit program incentive. This will go directly towards the building fund for further upgrade initiatives.

A reminder that if you have already and would like to join our bible study, please do so soon. Also, thank you to the Branches team for coming this weekend to give a small witness talk about this incredible opportunity to go deeper in our faith.

I would like to thank those who have signed up for the small group listening session for the diocesan synod. One of our facilitators will be reaching out to you to schedule a date for the listening session.

If you haven't already, please be sure to visit our Adoration Chapel and see the new layout. We have tried to declutter and give a more solemn atmosphere where you can spend sometime with the Lord, having a 'heart to heart'.

I have been asked if now that things are reopening will we be returning some of the old practices? At this point, I think it is best to continue with the current practices for a little while longer and then evaluate how things are going. Now, that is not to say that we will not return or add new practices as we go. For example, I know that there is a desire to have a coffee social after at least one of the Masses, and I think that is a good thing. I love when the ideas come organically from the people of God!

Please find enclosed two Lenten letters from His Excellency, Bishop Bergie. I would ask that we try to take to heart his message of inviting and welcoming people home to Mass, especially those we know have not been attending during the pandemic.

**Fr. Stephen Joseph Bruzzese**

## PARISH BIBLE STUDY

Looking for an amazing Bible Study to enhance your understanding of Sacred Scripture? Well, you are in luck. St. Denis has partnered with Branches Catholic Ministries to present Jeff Cavins' popular video series, "*The Great Adventure: A Journey through the Bible.*" This exciting study will take your understanding of Sacred Scripture and your Catholic faith to entirely new levels:

- Understand how the people, places and events of the Bible fit together in God's plan of salvation history and how relevant this is to our lives today.
- Learn the six covenants God made with humanity and how they led to the establishment of the Catholic Church.
- Discover how your own Catholic faith fits into "His-story" and watch our parish community grow as we learn together!

The study is 24 weeks long, broken into two 12-week sessions (Spring & Fall). The first session will be offered twice per week:

**Tuesday Afternoons: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**  
(Starting weekly on Tuesday, March 22)

**Thursday Evenings: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**  
(Starting weekly on Thursday, March 24)

All studies will be held in the parish hall and the second 12-week session will take place starting in September. The only cost is for the student workbook which is \$42.00 (tax included); this will be purchased at the first study session. All forms of payment accepted (cash, debit, credit). There will only be 60 spots available.

If you would like to register for the Tuesday sessions, please email [iruiter@branchesoftheword.org](mailto:iruiter@branchesoftheword.org). If you would like to register for the Thursday sessions, please email [cooj0510@gmail.com](mailto:cooj0510@gmail.com). You may also wish to fill out a registration form (at the side entrance) and place it in the collection or through the mail slot at the parish office. If anyone requires financial assistance to purchase a student workbook, please send a request to [info@go2branches.com](mailto:info@go2branches.com)

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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). To join this virtual prayer group, please email [cenacle@stdenischurch.ca](mailto:cenacle@stdenischurch.ca) to be added to the group list. The next meeting is **Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

## EASTER MEMORIAL CANDLES

Are you interested in offering an Easter Candle for your deceased loved one? These candles for Easter will be lit on Holy Saturday after the Easter Vigil and continue to burn throughout the Octave.

These candles will be a visual reminder to each of what Jesus meant when he said, "*I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life*" (John 8:12).

The cost is \$5.00 per candle – which will include one name (or couple, if married); or simply the family name (i.e.: Deceased of the Bruzzese Family).

Please PRINT names clearly and legibly. Please return your envelope either in the collection basket or through the mail slot at the parish office.

The deadline to submit your requests will be Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. This will allow enough time to prepare the candles for the Easter Vigil.

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## HEALING AFTER ABORTION

The Sisters of Life are hosting a Day of Prayer and Healing, on Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for women seeking healing after abortion. The day is an opportunity to experience the loving mercy of God and the joy of healing in Christ, in a confidential and sacred space. It will include a witness of mercy, a Scripture reflection, personal prayer, opportunity for Sacramental Confession, and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. There is no fee for the day, lunch will be provided. For location and more information, please contact The Sisters of Life at 416-463-2722.

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## PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

Are you interested in using our new monthly Pre-Authorized Debit Program? Please send in your form & void cheque as soon as possible. Our deadline for the April withdrawal is Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. As of today, we have 14 parishioners/families registered, which generates \$2,285.00 per month. ***This truly is easiest way to give; you set it up once and you never have to worry about your weekly offering again!***

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## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Looking to fulfil the 'prayer' aspect of Lent? Why not join us each Friday we recall our Blessed Lord's final days through the Stations of the Cross. These will be held Friday morning at 7:30 a.m. This will allow those who would like to come to stations but cannot come in the evening to participate. If you would prefer the evening, please visit the Cathedral.

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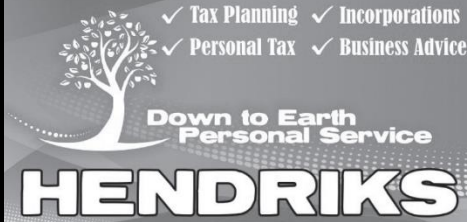
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