

# 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

#### 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

#### DIRECTOR OF EVANGELIZATION

Mr. Ryan Hermack  
evangelization@stdenischurch.ca

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### 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.

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### 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.

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#### WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday to Friday: 8:00 a.m.

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#### 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.

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#### BAPTISM

Every Sunday at 1:30 p.m.  
*Please call the parish office to schedule an appointment with the priest!*

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#### WEDDINGS

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

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#### 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.

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#### DEVOTION TO MARY

(DAILY RECITATION OF THE ROSARY)

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

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

Please call or email the parish office.

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

# SUNDAY, MAY 29, 2022

## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

### MASS INTENTIONS

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#### WEEKDAY MASSES

**Monday, May 30 – Private Mass**

Sp. Int. Rene Aoanan

**Tuesday, May 31 – 8:00 a.m.**

*The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Dan Russo

**Wednesday, June 1 – 8:00 a.m.**

*St. Justin, Martyr*

Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Thursday, June 2 – 8:00 a.m.**

*St. Marcellinus & St. Peter, Martyrs*

Mary Bruin

**Friday, June 3 – 8:00 a.m.**

*St. Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs*

Holy Souls in Purgatory

#### MASSES OF THE LORD'S DAY

*PENTECOST SUNDAY*

**Saturday, June 4 – 4:00 p.m.**

Russ Kozachenko | Jozsef Dzubak & Ilona Rozinka

Lenore Haske | Sp. Int. In Thanksgiving

**Sunday, June 5 – 8:00 a.m.**

Mate Simatovic | Sp. Int. Allan Holyoak

Sp. Int. Viola Fourgere | Sp. Int. Olga Pacella

**Sunday, June 5 – 10:00 a.m.**

Pro Populo – For the People

**Sunday, June 5 – 12:00 p.m.**

Sp. Int. Nicole Abbott



#### COLLECTION FOR MAY 22

Offertory	\$ 3,563.00
E-Transfers	\$ 25.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$ 3,588.00</b>

**Thank you for your faithful stewardship!**

~ Please remember the parish in your will ~

### THE PASTOR'S PORTICO

It is fitting that today, as we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord, the last words Our Lord spoke to his disciples were, *"Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation...and they went out and proclaimed the good news everywhere."*

As Catholics, we are all called to preach the Gospel, both by our words and by our actions.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says the following about the Ascension:

*Christ's Ascension marks the definitive entrance of Jesus' humanity into God's heavenly domain, whence he will come again (cf. Acts 1:11); this humanity in the meantime hides him from the eyes of men (cf. Col 3:3) (665).*

*Jesus Christ, the head of the Church, precedes us into the Father's glorious kingdom so that we, the members of his Body, may live in the hope of one day being with him forever (666).*

*Jesus Christ, having entered the sanctuary of heaven once and for all, intercedes constantly for us as the mediator who assures us of the permanent outpouring of the Holy Spirit (667).*

In summary, Jesus remains in the Kingdom of Heaven until his Second Coming at the end of time. Jesus goes to prepare a dwelling place for each one of us in the Father's house, as we hear in St. John's Gospel. Finally, Jesus is our link between heaven and earth, and since his Ascension, the Holy Spirit (the Advocate, the Paraclete) is pouring himself out on us!

In a homily by St. Augustine we hear, *"Today our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven; let our hearts ascend with him. Christ is now exalted above the heavens, but he still suffers on earth all the pain that we, the members of his body, have to bear."* St. Augustine reassures us that while Christ ascends into heaven, he never leaves us behind or abandoned.

Now as we await the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, let us pray for an outpouring of the gifts of Holy Spirit upon us: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of God. Say this simple prayer each day, *Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created and you will renew the face of the earth."*

**Fr. Stephen Joseph Bruzzese**

## PENTECOST PARISH DINNER

Thank you to everyone who got their tickets for the Pentecost Parish Dinner on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. ***This is a SOLD-OUT event. As such, there will be no tickets sold at the door.*** If you waited too long to get your ticket, this is a good reminder to get yours early next time. Keep an eye on the bulletin for our next event, which will take place in July. Insider scoop: wine tasting & art exhibit, more details to follow soon!

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## HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

Are you interested in serving the parish by becoming a member of our hospitality team? For example: planning and preparing coffee socials, parish dinners, and other fun family events? Then this is the ministry for you! To sign up, please email Yolanda Hermack at [hospitality@stdenischurch.ca](mailto:hospitality@stdenischurch.ca).

Don't forget to check out our coffee social after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the parish hall. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate will be provided. Please feel free to bring some delicious nut-free treats to share. This will be a great way to enjoy some awesome Sunday morning fellowship!

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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, please email [cenacle@stdenischurch.ca](mailto:cenacle@stdenischurch.ca) to be added to the group. The next meeting is **Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

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## HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

As previously announced, our parish is starting a youth ministry program! All high schoolers: whether going into grade 9 in the fall or just graduating from grade 12, are invited to join us this summer. Our next social will be on Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. To sign up, please contact Ryan, our Director of Evangelization, at [evangelization@stdenischurch.ca](mailto:evangelization@stdenischurch.ca)!

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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 July withdrawal is Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. As of today, we have 17 parishioners/families registered, which generates \$2,635.00 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!***

## MASS INTENTIONS

What would be a better gift than offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for your friends and family? Perhaps a birthday or anniversary?

Our next available single Mass intention is: Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>. Our next available multiple Mass intention is: Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. ***Reminder: you are welcome to book up to 1 year in advance, please get your dates soon, as to not be disappointed.***

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## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The mission of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society is to live the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice, and joy. It was founded in 1833 by Blessed Frederic Ozanam to help the poor in Paris, France. The first Canadian Conference was established in Quebec in 1846. Now there are conferences across Canada, as well as internationally in 130 countries.

Our conference of Vincentians is small but very dedicated and hardworking, doing tremendous work supporting those who come to us in need. The society gives out food vouchers every Wednesday to those who are in need. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Michael at 905-325-7820 or by email at [michael.s.harding@gmail.com](mailto:michael.s.harding@gmail.com)



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## KNIGHTS OF THE ALTAR

Fr. Stephen is still looking for some young men who feel called to serve at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass (Saturday 4:00 p.m. and 12:00 p.m.). If you are interested, let me know by email or after Mass.

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## ADORATION CHAPEL

Are you interested in spending an hour a week with Jesus in our Adoration Chapel? Perhaps you could consider signing up to become a permanent adorer. For more information, please email the coordinator, Emilia Witek at [emilia.witek1@gmail.com](mailto:emilia.witek1@gmail.com). If you would like to simply visit without commitment and you require the access code, please call the parish office or email Fr. Stephen.



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