

# 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

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

Saturday: 3:15 p.m. to 3:45 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 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, JANUARY 2, 2022

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

### MASS INTENTIONS

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#### WEEKDAY MASSES

**Monday, January 3 – Private Mass**

*The Most Holy Name of Jesus*  
Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Tuesday, January 4 – 8:00 a.m.**

Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Wednesday, January 5 – 8:00 a.m.**

Sp. Int. Mila & Irek Machel

**Thursday, January 6 – 8:00 a.m.**

Sp. Int. Anthony & Violet Vaz

**Friday, January 7 – 8:00 a.m.**

*St. Andre Bessette*  
Sp. Int. Souls in Need of Prayers

#### MASSES OF THE LORD'S DAY

##### *THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD*

**Saturday, January 8 – 4:00 p.m.**

Cosmo Condina | Yvette Houle | Sp. Int. Julia Majka  
Sp. Int. Arthur Bielak | Sp. Int. Ida Caramia

**Sunday, January 9 – 8:00 a.m.**

Jan Anderson | Grace Vanderwerf  
Sp. Int. Frank Abbruscato | Sp. Int. Pantin Family

**Sunday, January 9 – 10:00 a.m.**

Pro Populo – For the People

**Sunday, January 9 – 12:00 p.m.**

Gerald Bergie



#### COLLECTION FOR DECEMBER 26

Offertory	\$ 5,820.00
Christmas Envelope	\$ 5,710.00
Angelic Appeal	\$ 2,635.00
Christmas Candles	\$ 150.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$ 14,315.00</b>

**Thank you for your faithful stewardship!**

~ Please remember the parish in your will ~

### THE PASTOR'S PORTICO

It is hard to believe we are finally in 2022! I continue to pray that this new year will bring you, your family, and our parish many blessings from Almighty God! There is no doubt that 2021 was a year filled with many challenges and struggles, but there were also so many graces and blessings given to us. Over the last year, our parish has grown by about twenty families or more. After one Mass, a parishioner who has been here for quite some time said to me, "*Father, I don't know half the people who are at Mass*" to which I replied in jest, "*Is that a good thing or a bad thing?*" She was pleased to see the number of people who were "new" to St. Denis. In addition to welcoming families who have moved to the area, we have also welcomed a number of parishioners who come specifically because of the way we celebrate Holy Mass. I am so grateful to all of you for warmly welcoming them into our parish family with open arms.

Another major blessing (as I have already previously mentioned) is that we managed to pay off our complete parish debt of over \$171,000.00 thanks to you, who so generously gave to make this possible. In addition, we will start the year with approximately \$25,000.00 in our accounts. I am hoping that by the end of the month we will be able to publish a comparative income statement for you to see.

More blessings: I had the privilege to baptize 17 children, celebrate 13 funeral Masses / services, hear numerous confessions, distribute Holy Communion to thousands, celebrate Confirmations with Bishop Bergie, prepare many to meet the Lord through the Anointing of the Sick, celebrate my first Easter Triduum as the Administrator, and celebrate my first Christmas as Pastor. Thank you for being a part of this journey! If only people knew how joy-filled the life of a priest is, the seminarians would be overflowing! As we hear in St. John's Gospel, "*I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete*" (15:11).

Let us never look back, let us always look forward! St. Denis is no longer in *Maintenance Mode*... We are now in *Mission Mode*, proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ and forming *missionary disciples*.

**Fr. Stephen Joseph Bruzzese**

## MASS INTENTIONS

Whenever a priest celebrates Mass, he has at least two specific intentions. The first intention, that he offers privately, is that he will celebrate the Mass well, according to the rubrics provided by the Church in the Roman Missal. The second is a public intention where he applies the grace of that Mass toward a specific need or intention.

Often when priests are vesting, they offer a quiet prayer signaling their intention and their desire to pray the Mass well. The second intention, known as the Mass intention, is announced publicly through various church communication means and usually at some point during the mass on the designated day.

Often, people request a Mass for a specific intention. They may be for deceased family members and friends, or for special intentions for the living, such as a wedding anniversary or birthday. These special mass intentions are offered to God as prayers of intercession and thanksgiving.

While a priest may only accept one intention at a single Mass (with rare exceptions), he may have other intentions, not attached to an offering, that he holds in his heart. In addition, the faithful may bring their own intentions to the Mass, which they each carry privately and place upon the altar spiritually in prayer.

Here at St. Denis, every Mass is celebrated with a single intention, with the exception of the Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass & the Sunday 8:00 a.m. Mass, which can have up to five intentions. This is called a *multiple Mass intention*. This allows a person to schedule an unexpected Mass intention (i.e.: the death of a loved one) within proximity to the date of death.

Mass intentions will be announced after the greeting at all Public Masses. All Public Mass intentions will be published in the parish bulletin and/or on the parish website.

All Mass intentions are subject to parish availability and may be subject to rescheduling (only in extreme circumstances, i.e.: inclement weather).

The standard offering for Masses is \$10.00; however, the faithful may chose to donate a larger offering for their specific intention. All offerings are to be submitted to the parish office prior to the Mass being celebrated.

Our next available single Mass intention is: Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. Our next available multiple Mass intention is: Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup>. *Just a reminder: you are welcome to book upto 1 year in advance, please get your dates soon, as to not be disappointed.*

## PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

Just a reminder that if you are 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 February withdrawal is Wednesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. As of today, we have 13 parishioners/families registered, which generates \$2,315.00 per month.

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## PRAYER FOR THE SYNOD

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

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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, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

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## ST. DENIS CWL

Since January 2019 there has not been an active CWL at St. Denis Parish as there were no members interested in running for any executive positions. Any membership fees sent in since then have continued to be remitted to National CWL for these past three years. Are you interested in leading and revitalizing the CWL? If so, please contact the parish office by phone or email. If an executive is not formed, the chapter will be disbanded. At that point, all active members will receive a letter requesting what chapter they would like to have their membership transferred to, to stay active within the CWL.

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## HEALING HOLY HOUR

Please join Fr. Aji and the people of Our Lady of the Scapular for a time of Healing Holy Hour on Friday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. This event will take place at Our Lady of the Scapular.

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