



The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

2025 September 14

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John 3:13-17

14 September

Triumph of the Cross

Lifted up...



In John's Gospel, Jesus' death on the cross as well as his resurrection and return to the Father are one event. For him, the cross is a sign of exaltation. The serpent that Moses lifted up in the desert to offer healing to those injured by snake bites prefigures Jesus' being lifted up on the cross, bringing salvation.

The eternal life God offers through Jesus is not life without end but life lived in the unending presence of God. That is why it can begin now in this life. The world to which God sends the Son is not a place but those people who are at odds with Jesus and God. Jesus is sent to this world as a gift. Only believers accept the gift.

Finally, God's judgment on the world is not a future cosmic event but a present reality. God sent the Son out of love for the world. However, the world has to decide to accept him. Those who accept him have eternal life at the moment of the decision. Those who reject him don't.



INFANT BAPTISM PREPARATION

Baptism preparation session held on third Thursday of the month: September 18, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Anyone planning to attend must have already been in contact with the parish office.

As we gather, let us remember and pray for . . .

Monday, September 15

(8:25 a.m. rosary)

Our Lady of Sorrows

9:00 a.m. †Betty Rocco

Tuesday, September 16

(8:25 a.m. rosary)

Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian

9:00 a.m. †Ed Nieuwesteeg

Wednesday, September 17

(8:25 a.m. rosary)

St. Robert Bellarmine and
St. Hildegard of Bingen

9:00 a.m. †Fr. Phillip Smith CPPS

Thursday, September 18

(8:25 a.m. rosary)

9:00 a.m. †Pietro Vacca

Friday, September 19

(8:25 a.m. rosary)

St. Januarius

9:00 a.m. †Guy Chartrand

Saturday, September 20

5:00 p.m. †Soledad Reyes Costiniano Vera Kudlack,
Clarize, Charles & Genaro Virtuisio

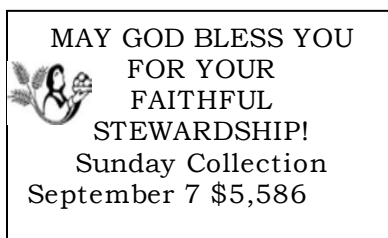
Sunday, September 21

9:00 a.m. ♦ People of the parish

25th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

11:00 a.m. †Valeriano Ayroso

5:00 p.m. †Anna Vergalito



Upcoming Marriage

Shane Mendes

and

Anne Pagco

on Saturday

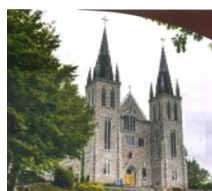
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Prayer Intention for the Month of September

For our relationship with all of creation

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.



ST. THOMAS MORE PASTORAL COUNCIL

invites you...

Jubilee End of the Year Parish Pilgrimage

Date: Saturday, September 27

Destination: Martyrs' Shrine, Midland

Departure: 7:00 a.m. sharp (avoid Toronto traffic!)

Cost: \$60/person (56 seats available)

Schedule: Arrival, lunch, afternoon Mass,
then return home

Note: Bring your own packed lunch
Reserve your seat today
and don't miss this special day!



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Attention!

Parents and or Guardian from Public & Catholic Schools

Does your child need to prepare for:

- Baptism, (not baptized, or baptized in another faith tradition)?

- First communion?

- Reconciliation?

- Confirmation??

Please come forward!

We begin sacramental preparation by attending Sunday Mass. We do not wish for children to miss out on preparation for the graces of these important sacraments and the blessings they bring to family life. We especially request that grandparents and friends spread the word and to reach out.



RETROUVAILLE

A Lifeline for Troubled Marriage

This program is designed to support marriages in crisis and can be of assistance to couples who are willing to work on their relationship to help repair the difficulties that exist. The next upcoming dates are October 17-19, 2025 in Hamilton. Contact Retrouvaille 905-664-5212 or email 1013r@helpourmarriage.org to register

THE DIOCESAN SEPARATED AND DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY

Support group meets every second and fourth Monday of the month (except holidays) from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, 7020 Stanley Avenue, Niagara Falls, Ontario. For our pamphlet or information, please call 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154, or email

separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com

Meetings will be held both in person at Mount Carmel and virtually via Zoom platform.

To participate via Zoom please see contact information above to pre-register.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE FOR FALL 2025 (Sept. – Dec.)

September 22, 2025 Coping with Stress

October 14, 2025 Loneliness **date change to Tuesday

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS /CATECHUMENATE (R.C.I.A.)

If you fit any one of the following descriptions (or if you know of someone who does), call us!

- anyone who wants to join the Catholic Church
- anyone who wants to consider entering the Church
- anyone who was baptized but never received the other sacraments
- anyone who simply wishes to inquire about Catholicism
- anyone Catholic who feels that they would like to review or increase their knowledge of the faith (and at the same time, act as a parish sponsor for an inquirer) Our parish annually celebrates the beginning of a new journey into the faith for those interested in joining our Catholic family.



This process of welcome into the Catholic Church is called the Catechumenate or the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (often identified by its initials -- R.C.I.A.).

Those taking part in the journey will be invited to explore experiences of God, faith, and religion as initiation team members and parish sponsors share the living experience of their faith. Please inform those whom you feel would be interested about this journey. It would be helpful if you offered to accompany them, at least to the opening sessions.

Help us plan ahead if you know of someone who is interested.

NAME: _____

CELL: _____

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

A Wedding is a Day....A Marriage is a Lifetime

CEE Niagara Community in the Diocese of
St. Catharines ON

In-Person Weekends for 2025:

March 14-15-16 and October 17-18-19

In-Person Weekends for 2026:

May 1-2-3 and October 3-4-5

Visit ceecanada.ca for more information and to register for your marriage preparation weekend.

Community Coordinators:

Celine de Grosbois 289-247-4390 and

Jennifer Stoop 289-228-0140 for more information.

Help Urgently Wanted!

Married Couples to help us minister to the Engaged.
Give us a call - we'd love to hear from you!



BINGO! BINGO! BINGO!



Please come out and support St. Thomas More
Bingo Delta Monte Carlo Bingo Hall 4735 Drummond Rd.
Your support is greatly appreciated!
Late Night Bingo Schedule 2025: October 1 & 29,
November 5 & 12, December 3.