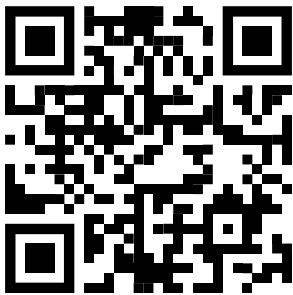


JANUARY 19, 2025

~ 2ND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

COMING SOON!

**Mark your calendar....
March 26, 27, 28
Special Lenten Mission
Journey to the Cross**



**Want to stay in the
loop about what is
happening at St.
Alfred?**

Fill out the form at the
link below or follow QR
code to our form!

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**Celebrating Significant Weddings
Anniversaries this Jubilee Year**

All married couples, especially those celebrating significant anniversaries are invited to attend a Mass commemorating the 2025 World Day of Marriage. Bishop Bergie will preside at this special Mass on Sunday February 9, 2025, at 2:00 pm, at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria (3 Lyman Street, St. Catharines). A coffee social will follow Mass. A congratulatory certificate will be mailed to couples who register and will celebrate their 1st, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60th+ special anniversary in 2025. To receive this certificate, please contact the parish office.

**NIAGARA FOUNDATION FOR CATHOLIC
EDUCATION ANNUAL BENEFIT GALA WITH
HONOURARY GUEST BISHOP GERARD
BERGIE**

Supporting Niagara Catholic District School Board students in need and scholarships Thursday, March 27th 2025, Club Roma Event Centre, 6:00 pm. Tickets \$100/person Online payment can be made at www.niagaracatholic.ca or by cheque payable to the Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education Mailing address: 427 Rice Road, Welland, ON L3C 7C1 -- Attention Anna Pisano Please make payment by March 13, 2024 (\$30 tax receipt upon request) Individual tickets available or tables of eight or ten. For further information (905) 735-0240, ext. 214 or email linda.marconi@ncdsb.com

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Our Diocese is asking as many parishioners as possible to fill out the Parish Missional Assessment. This tool is meant to help us ascertain how well parishes are doing from the perspective of the person in the pew. Please take a few minutes to answer the questions provided. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Please use the QR code below to find the questionnaire.



Prayers for the Sick

Please keep the following members in our parish in your prayers who are sick or unwell: Marian Kelly, Richard D'Souza, Jane Cocco, Mel Cervantes, Michaela Gebhart, Anna Chorozy, Lisa Wong, Ron Harris, Bryan Peplinski, Nicole Dirickx, Terry Small, Paige Johnston, Patti Matheson, Frances Van Esch, Richard, Cherish Reece, Marina Subic, Marie Harris, Teri Carmichael, Joe McGean, Vince Evangelista, Romulo Mercado, Basil Bruce, Roxanne, Alfred Hall, David Dewar, Hubert Pereira, Loretta Pereira, Egidio Passero, Marcia Panter, Giles Cote, Madeline Hayes, Anna Carboni, Paul Stone, Elaine Beehler, Janet Beattie, Manuel Borges, Gilles Ethier, Penny Harper, Ron Paskie, Juliann Sliwa, Fr. Brian Bevan, Alan Disik, Anne Camus, John Paul Korsmit, George Legal, Matthew McLean, Kyle Grundy, Christine Costantini

Daily Mass Intentions

Monday Jan 20- Sunday Jan 26th

Mon	Jan 20	8:00 a.m.....Peter Ricciardi/ Rosina Furgiuele
Tues	Jan 21	8:00 a.m.....Giuseppina Burgio/ Paolo Palombo
Wed	Jan 22	9:00 a.m.....Aldo Morlacchetti/ Yohan Perera
Thur	Jan 23	8:00 a.m.....Giuseppe Tassillo/ Celeste Tassillo
Fri	Jan 24	8:00 a.m.....Spiro Stafrace
Sat	Jan 25	8:30 am.....Patrick Murphy/ Louise Sandmoen
		5:00 p.m.....Nada Rozman/ Salvina Scime
		7:30 a.m.....Mr. &Mrs. Emilio Diaz/ Ralph Biancanello
Sun	Jan 26	9:30 a.m.....Luigi DeLuca/Norina DeLuca
		11:30 a.m.....Missa Pro Popolo

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** [WPCU] is an annual global ecumenical celebration (traditionally held January 18-25 in the northern hemisphere). Christians around the world are invited to pray for the unity of all the baptized; to reflect together on Scripture; to participate in jointly-organized worship services; and to share in acts of outreach and fellowship. The 2025 theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU) chosen by the community of Bose, an ecumenical monastery of brothers and sisters in northern Italy is, **"Do you believe this?"** Based on **John 11:26**, the international theme and materials call Christians to reflect on their common faith, and, while awaiting Christ's return, to witness together to this faith in the resurrection, which is for them the source of hope and joy, to be shared with all peoples.

Prayer for the Week of Christian Unity

As we commemorate this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we are reminded by your Word that all human beings are our neighbors and that we are to love them like ourselves and in the same way we love you.

Help us to overcome the barriers and divisions we have nurtured against your will.

Grant to us, O Lord, a new Spirit of love and solidarity, that we may proclaim your good news to all of creation. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit are one God, for ever and ever.

Amen

III DOMENICA TEMPO ORDINARIO

19 gennaio 2025

Compagni di volo

Voglio ringraziarti Signore, per il dono della vita; ho letto da qualche parte che gli uomini hanno un'ala soltanto: possono volare solo rimanendo abbracciati.

A volte, nei momenti di confidenza, oso pensare, Signore, che tu abbia un'ala soltanto, l'altra la tieni nascosta, forse per farmi capire che tu non vuoi volare senza di me; per questo mi hai dato la vita: Perché io fossi tuo compagno di volo, insegnami, allora, a liberarmi con Te. Perché vivere non è trascinare la vita, non è strapparla, non è rosicchiarla, vivere è abbandonarsi come un gabbiano all'ebbrezza del vento, vivere è assaporare l'avventura della libertà, vivere è stendere l'ala, l'unica ala, con la fiducia di chi sa di avere nel volo un partner grande come Te. Ma non basta saper volare con Te, Signore, tu mi hai dato il compito di abbracciare anche il fratello e aiutarlo a volare. Ti chiedo perdono, perciò, per tutte le ali che non ho aiutato a distendersi, non farmi più passare indifferente vicino al fratello che è rimasto con l'ala, l'unica ala, inesorabilmente impigliata nella rete della miseria e della solitudine e si è ormai persuaso di non essere più degno di volare con Te.

Soprattutto per questo fratello sfortunato dammi, o Signore, un'ala di riserva.

~ Carlo Carretto