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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—SEPTEMBER 20, 2026



**"Through faith and virtuous life, together with love and service,
 we will lead people to Jesus and each other in charity."**

SUNDAY MASSES Saturday 4:30pm Sunday 9:00am & 11:00am WEEKDAY MASSES Monday, Thursday 7:30am Tuesday, Friday, Saturday 9:00am Wednesday 7:00pm Public holidays 9:00am	RECONCILIATION Wednesday: 6:15 – 6:45pm Friday: During the Holy Hour Saturday: 3:45 – 4:15pm Or by appointment OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Friday 8:00am to 12:00pm 1:00pm to 3:00pm HOLY HOUR with Adoration and Benediction Friday: 9:30 – 10:30am	BAPTISM Speak to the Pastor after Sunday Mass for an information package. MARRIAGE Speak to the Pastor after Sunday Mass for an appointment. Approved Marriage Preparation and at least six months' notice required. ANOINTING OF THE SICK Call the parish office.
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NEW TO OUR PARISH? WE'D LOVE TO CONNECT!

**To register as a member of our parish, please fill out a registration form
 available at the tables near the entrance of the church. Thank you, and welcome!**

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK	 MASS INTENTIONS	
The Lord calls us not only to accept his gifts but also to imitate his generosity so our hearts may be open fully to the power of his love. God's mercy often has little to do with human logic and our well-developed sense of rights and obligations. We experience shortages, limitations, and a finite number of possibilities. God does not, so his extravagance to one person does not threaten the abundance he promises to another. It is easy to accept God's blessings upon ourselves, especially if we imagine we 'deserve' them; the challenge is to be not only gracious but joyful when some 'stranger' also has granted His mercy. A Question There are people of limited means who happily exercise real generosity. What kind of attitude does this take? What does it do for others? Looking Ahead This month brings with it a rush of activity, all for only one reason: all with an attitude that reflects our purpose. Whether it is the Sunday Eucharist, the major social functions, or any item of daily life, everything can be organized according to the goal of living in Christ. I hope that we will be able to take the coming pastoral year as an opportunity to grow in faith, to promote God's love, and to shine as a beacon of God's hope in the world. This takes effort and attention but is the most productive and satisfying way to spend our days. Multi-Faith Affordable Housing Thank you for your attention to the Multi-Faith Housing appeal and for whatever you might be able to do to support this much-needed initiative in Ottawa. Let all that we do be done in the Lord Jesus, that we may be bearers of the Good News. <i>H. Frank</i>	Saturday 4:30pm	September 19-25th Sunday in OT †Mary, Don, Paul & Patricia Muldoon by the family
	Sunday 9:00am	September 20-25th Sunday in OT †Ida Serrao by her estate †Claudette Winchester by Lee Winchester & family
	11:00am	All Parishioners
	Monday 7:30am	September 21, 2026-St. Matthew Living & deceased members of the Driscoll family
	Tuesday 9:00am	September 22, 2026 Living & deceased members of the Hall family
	Wednesday 7:00pm	September 23, 2026-St. Pius of Pietrelcina †Ida Serrao by her estate
	Thursday 7:30am	September 24, 2026 Parishioners, Clergy & Staff of IHM Parish
	Friday 9:00am	September 25, 2026 †Ida Serrao by her estate
	Saturday 9:00am	September 26, 2026-St. John de Brébeuf, St. Isaac Jogues, and Companions †Ida Serrao by her estate
	Saturday 4:30pm	September 26-26th Sunday in OT †Fabian McDougall by K of C (IHM) †Mary Muldoon by Amanda Burns
	Sunday 9:00am	September 27-26th Sunday in OT †Mr. Michael Daly by Joe & Cathy Healy †Myrna Gall by the Galla family
	11:00am	All Parishioners
MASS READINGS First Reading (Isaiah 55:6-9) Second Reading (Philippians 1:20-24, 27), Gospel (Matthew 20:1-6).		
<i>Pray For...</i> Jacob Cannon, Kitty Serrao, Larry Mercer, Peter Gambell, Dan Smedra, Dusan Kocian, Sheila Fitzpatrick, Fe Tabora		

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Some Coming Events

Sept. 19/20 Multi-Faith Housing appeal

Sept. 20 Parish Breakfast

Sept 27 - Needs of the Canadian Church

Oct. 4 - Coffee Sunday **Oct.4 - Life Chain**

Oct. 12 – Thanksgiving **Oct.17/18?? Bundle Sunday**

Oct. 19 Parish Breakfast

Parish Breakfast

Join us for breakfast in the parish hall today - pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, fruit, juice, tea and coffee - hosted by the Knights of Columbus after the 9:00am and 11:00am Masses. Cost: \$10.00 -cash only- Free for children under twelve.

Wednesday Afternoon Euchre

You are invited to join a pleasant afternoon of Euchre on alternate Wednesdays (1-3pm) in the parish hall beginning **Sept. 30**. Please see the sign-up sheet at the church entrance.

Children's Liturgy

At the 9am Mass, children (4 - 8 yrs.) are invited downstairs as Mass begins. After the Gospel reading adapted to their level, a discussion and activity, they return to their families after the Creed. New volunteers still are welcome.

Becoming Catholic?

Interested in exploring the possibility of becoming Catholic? Baptized adult Catholics who never received Confirmation, together with baptized Christians of other denominations and persons who were never baptized are invited to join a weekly small group discussion and information series beginning in September. Known as the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* (R.C.I.A.), these Wednesday evening sessions will introduce participants to the Catholic faith in Jesus Christ and help them explore their own personal journey of faith. For more information, contact the office.

Pope Leo's September Prayer Intention

For the Care of Water: for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

Recycling Program

The K of C recycling program, cans and bottles, will continue through the summer on the third Saturday of the month from 9:30am-11:30am.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Quo Vadis?

Where are you going? Is the Lord calling you to serve him as a priest? Join other men discerning the priesthood for monthly formation, fellowship, and Eucharistic Adoration. The next session will be held at 7:00pm on **Sept. 24** at the *Café des Tours*, located in the basement of Notre Dame Cathedral in Ottawa. To join the Quo Vadis email list or for more information, contact Fr. Connor O'Hara, the Vocations Director for the diocese, at vocations@ottawacornwall.ca

Cemetery Memorial

The annual Archdiocesan Celebration of the Faithful Departed at Hope Cemetery will be on Sun. **Sept. 20** at 2:00pm.

Season of Prayer for the Care of Creation

"They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks" (Isaiah 2:4) "... we are once again invited to contemplate the gift of life and to cherish the earth that sustains it, for they are tangible ways of offering praise to our Creator." (Pope Leo XIV). The season will continue until **Oct. 4**, emphasizing the world's need for healing and peace for all. As Christians, we are called to move from words to deeds, sowing the seeds of justice, peace, and hope with love, perseverance, and co-operation. Let us pray and work to protect and preserve creation and practice responsible stewardship of the earth, sustainable living and peace.

Holy Hour for Vocations

Come and "pray to the Lord of the harvest" for vocations at our next diocesan Holy Hour on **Sept 24** at 7pm. All are invited to Notre-Dame Cathedral for Eucharistic Adoration, praying for an increase of all vocations. Free parking is available in the 'blue line section' of the public parking lot behind the Cathedral. For more information: vocations@ottawacornwall.ca

40 Days for Life

This is a worldwide campaign to pray for the end of abortion. A key component is a prayer vigil held near abortion facilities to pray and witness for life. People are asked to gather in groups of at least two people to pray silently at the southwest corner of Queen and Bank streets, Ottawa, from **Sept 23** to **Nov 1**, between 7 am and 5 pm. Please keep the plight of the unborn in your prayers.

<https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/local-campaigns/ottawa/>

Life Chain

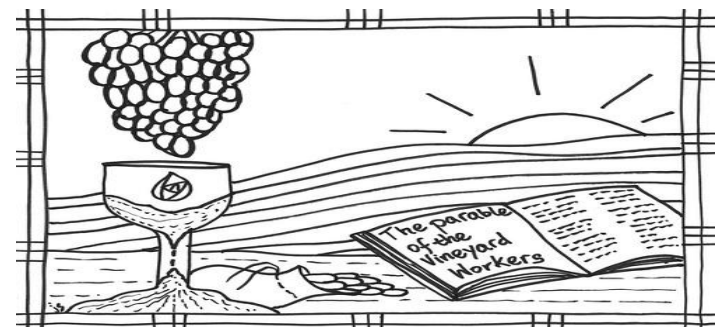
Join in an hour of silent prayer and witness (pray and hold a sign) to the value of the child in the womb on **Sun. Oct. 4** from 2:00 - 3:00pm at the corner of Montreal Rd and St. Laurent Blvd.

The Canadian Church

Next week's collection for 'The Needs of the Canadian Church' allows the Bishops to do research to help them give leadership and make proper judgements on a wide variety of topics affecting our society. Please support this work by using the special envelope in your set or one marked 'Special Collection'. Simply place it in the basket with the regular collection.

CALLED: The Song in My Heart

The Catholic Women of Bethany Retreat will be held **Oct. 16-18** at Centre de l'Amour, 220 Rte 21, Plantagenet, ON with speakers Angèle Regnier, Alana Regnier, and Mylène Moreau! Details are in the Google Forms / Registration link: <https://forms.gle/YJhrxLUNJm68CrQV7> Register by Oct. 9.



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Meets monthly, first Saturday, Sept-June, 10:00am- Noon

Outreach to the Poor

Call the parish office.....613-733-9636

Hard of Hearing?

Using earbuds/ earphones and your FM receiver, you now can get the signal from our sound system directly to your ears by tuning in to **FM 92.3 MHz**. Your tuner has to be on exactly the right frequency so turn the dial slowly - you may need to venture a bit left or right before you get our signal.

Note that cell phone 'apps' may take you to something completely different.

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