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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—SEPTEMBER 13, 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!**

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK	 MASS INTENTIONS	
Being open to God's love and letting its power work in our lives means attempting to live it as Jesus showed us. Reconciled Reconciliation and unity are difficult things to achieve, but we are reminded again today of how absolutely essential they are to any kind of life, particularly life in and with Jesus Christ. Otherwise, we are hemmed in by all kinds of crippling and depressing barriers. Life presents us with enough challenges without such burdens, which also discourage the flow of God's love into our lives. Mercy and Life With Christ's help we can overcome these obstacles; by sharing his mercy with others we bring it upon ourselves. If we insist, we can have judgement and death. God, however, prefers that we be merciful, and enjoy his mercy, which gives us everlasting life. Our Gift to the World Christians actively co-operate in trying to build societies that ensure justice and peace. Church social documents spell out what it means to say, "love is the answer," helping us understand how to be true peacemakers in our very complex and broken world. A Question Being stewards of all that God has given us includes the gifts of mercy, peace, and life. What does it mean to respond to God's love in this way? What difference does it make in your life to be a 'reconciler' (which does not mean an 'appeaser')? Multi-Faith Housing Deacon Eugene Perabo and others will be with us next weekend to speak about supporting their latest initiative bringing affordable housing to Ottawa. This will be our opportunity to reach out to the larger community as a response in faith. May God's mercy be abundant in our lives. <i>H. Frank</i>	Saturday 4:30pm	September 12-24th Sunday in OT All Parishioners
	Sunday 9:00am	September 13-24th Sunday in OT †Norman Sharkey by the Sharkey family †Dr. David Nozick by Joe & Cathy Healy
	11:00am	†Lauren Luky by the Muller and Luk families †Patrick Rebeiro by Debbie Rebeiro & family
	Monday 7:30am	September 14, 2026 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross Intentions of Jonathan Lobo by Joseph & Fina Lobo
	Tuesday 9:00am	September 15, 2026 Our Lady of Sorrows †Vincent Nyambunde by the Driscoll family
	Wednesday 7:00pm	September 16, 2026 Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian †Ida Serrao by her estate
	Thursday 7:30am	September 17, 2026 †Nancy Marie Serrao by her estate
	Friday 9:00am	September 18, 2026 †Ida Serrao by her estate
	Saturday 9:00am	September 19, 2026 The Infant Jesus of Prague by Kitty Serrao
	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
MASS READINGS First Reading (Sirach 27:30-28:7) Second Reading (Romans 14:7-9), Gospel (Matthew 18:21-35).		
<i>Pray For...</i> Jacob Cannon Kitty Serrao, Larry Mercer, Peter Gambell, Dan Smedra, Dusan Kocian, Sheila Fitzpatrick, Fe Tabora		

September 13, 2026

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS	Finance Council As of August 31, the actual amount contributed to the General Collection for the operation of the parish was \$163,933.41 , compared to the General Collection budget of \$195, 132.78 . Thank you for your support.
Some Coming Events Sept. 19 – K of C recycle 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	AROUND THE DIOCESE
Parish Breakfast Join us for breakfast next Sunday, Sept. 20 - 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. Join Our Choir Our 11:00am Choir invites anyone who likes to sing to join them; no prerequisites required! Simply the love of singing and praising God is needed. We need additional basses (low men voices), but all singing parts are welcome. Rehearsals will be held on Tuesday evenings at 7:30, and singing will generally be at the 11am Sunday Masses, as well as for special celebrations /events (such as the IHM Benefit Christmas Concert). For more details, please contact the choir director, Francine at 613-824-9199. Children's Liturgy The program will resume Sept. 13 . The 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 <i>Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults</i> (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. Multi-Faith Housing Appeal See the comment in the 'Pastor's Desk' about next weekend. 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.	Season of Prayer for the Care of Creation <i>"They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks"</i> (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. The season will continue until Oct. 4 , emphasizing the world's need for healing and peace for all H.E.F.C. 5K Walkathon Join the <i>Heron Emergency Food Centre</i> in helping our neighbours on Sept. 19 9:00am at St. Thomas the Apostle Anglican Church, 2345 Alta Vista Dr. Call 613-737-9090 or scan the QR code on bulletin board poster. Flyers and pledge sheets are on the back table. 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 <i>Café des Tours</i> , 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 for those buried Notre-Dame Cemetery will be on Sept. 13 at 2:00pm. The service at Hope Cemetery will be on Sun. Sept. 20 at 2:00pm. 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 within our Archdiocese. Free parking is available in the 'blue line section' of the public parking lot behind the Cathedral. For more information: Fr. Connor O'Hara, Director of Vocations, at 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/

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