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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—SEPTEMBER 27, 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	
In emptying himself and becoming one like us for our salvation, Christ demonstrated the kind of obedience to the will of God that brings the fullness of life. It is easy to be full of enthusiasm or to mimic the outward signs of agreement when we are first asked to participate in a project. Time quickly reveals the truth, however, as it tests the depth of our commitment. Conforming our lives to the will of God means giving our hearts entirely to the task. If we seek to avoid doing anything except the absolute minimum to 'keep out of trouble,' we are not loving. We are trying to be as distant as possible from God. This is the attitude of the second son. Supporting One Another Please feel free yourself to step forward and be involved in some way in the parish. The health of our parish depends upon the interest and support of all members. This begins in the home, in the way we pray and live. It continues in the workplace and society as we try to conduct ourselves according to the Gospel. All this is strengthened in our coming together for the prayer, social activities, and good works of the parish. And it is nourished and celebrated when we gather for the Sunday Eucharist. All these elements belong together, building us up as God's people, a sign of hope to others. St. Jerome Wednesday is the Feast of St. Jerome, who translated the Bible from Hebrew and Greek into the common, or vulgar, language (i.e., Latin) of everyday people. His Vulgata, or Vulgate Bible, was the one copied by monks for hundreds of years. His heroic efforts and the painstakingly careful work of the copyists and printers of later ages are a precious legacy. Because of their faith and devotion, the Scriptures are available to Christians today. Scripture is the heart of our tradition; when we reflect upon it prayerfully, we come to know the mind of Christ and the power of his love. We grow in our understanding of how to imitate him and his obedience to the Father. God's Word is consolation and hope for all who have ears to hear. 	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
	Monday 7:30am	September 28, 2026 Intentions for Peter Gambell by Cathy Gambell
	Tuesday 9:00am	September 29, 2026 St. Michael, St. Gabriel, & St. Raphael †Luis Carvalho by his wife & children
	Wednesday 7:00pm	September 30, 2026-St. Jerome †Julianna Rodrigues by Arthur D'Silva & family
	Thursday 7:30am	October 1, 2026 St. Thérèse of the Child of Jesus †Stephen Lohay Haibukhai by his family
	Friday 9:00am	October 2, 2026 The Holy Guardian Angels †Joseph Itumbili by his family
	Saturday 9:00am	October 3, 2026 †Claudette Winchester by the Secular Franciscans of the Regional Fraternity of Eastern Canada
	Saturday 4:30pm	October 3-27th Sunday in OT †Norman Sheahan by K of C (IHM)
	Sunday 9:00am	October 4-27th Sunday in OT All Parishioners
	11:00am	†Renatus Lukumbuzya by his family †Charles Charron by Beatrice Chelvam
MASS READINGS		<i>Pray For...</i> Jacob Cannon, Kitty Serrao, Larry Mercer, Peter Gambell, Dan Smedra, Dusan Kocian, Sheila Fitzpatrick, Fe Tabora
First Reading (Ezekiel 18:25-28) Second Reading (Philippians 2:1-11) Gospel (Matthew 21:28-32).		

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Some Coming Events

Sept 27 - Needs of the Canadian Church

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

Oct. 12 - Thanksgiving **Oct.17/18 - Bundle Sunday**

Oct. 18 - Parish Breakfast **Oct. 29 - Vocations Dinner**

Nov. 1 - All Saints' **Nov. 7 - Parish Supper**

Dec. 6 - HEFC Benefit Concert

Heart to Heart Coffee Hour

Next week we will launch our Heart to Heart Coffee Hour season following the 9:00am and 11:00am Sunday morning Masses in the parish hall. Come enjoy coffee, tea, snacks, and more in a cozy setting on the first Sunday of every month. New to the parish? This is a great way to meet your fellow parishioners and discover ways in which you can benefit from the many opportunities available in our parish. Sponsored by the Secular Franciscans in our parish.

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.

WINTER CLOTHING

The *St. Vincent de Paul Society* is a Catholic organization assisting the poor. Since they had to remove their donation boxes because of repeated vandalism, we are organizing a one-day collection of gently used winter clothing. A truck will be in the parking lot on a Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning **Oct. 17/ 18** to receive your donations.

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.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

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.

Mass for National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

On **Sept. 30**, the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, all are invited to a special Mass at Notre-Dame Cathedral Basilica, 385 Sussex Drive, Ottawa, at 7:00 p.m. The Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Daryold Winkler, who is of Ojibwe heritage, and will include a special choir. Members of the First Nations, Métis and Inuit communities will participate in the readings and Prayers of the Faithful. Please join us as we come together in prayer for healing, reconciliation and renewed relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples. Parking is available in the lot behind the Cathedral.

Reconciliation Through Art

This celebration returns to the Mississippi Valley Textile Museum Almonte from **Oct. 2-4**. It is made possible in large part through parishioners' donations to the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund. Come enjoy a traditional Métis Kitchen Party, Indigenous Art Showcase, beading workshop, Water Walk, traditional teachings and more. Full schedule and details at reconciliationthroughart.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 Collection

Today'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 prayerfully and generously by using the special envelope in your set or one marked 'Special Collection'. Simply place it in the basket with the regular collection. What begins as a gift in our parish becomes part of the shared mission of the Church across the country.



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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.

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