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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—SEPTEMBER 6, 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	
We call upon the Lord Jesus to teach us to pray together from our hearts in his name. Such unity makes it possible for us to love our neighbour as Christ has loved us. Growth in Unity and Mutual Love Even people who want to be co-operative and supportive can disagree seriously. The more committed we are to unity and mutual care, the more upsetting this is. We can cause great harm if we do not move cautiously to find a proper answer to problems. Sincere and polite discussions often help to clarify misunderstandings. Objective witnesses provide a balanced perspective. Confrontation before a judge is a last resort, because it creates happy winners and angry losers. This does not promote health and unity. Families and churches need unity and mutual love to grow; they need to resolve problems rather than create battlegrounds. A Question “I win-you lose” thinking leads to “I lose-you lose” realities. Did you ever see someone choose to let go of their ‘right’ to ‘win’ to get to a fair, productive, and lasting result? Labour Day This weekend we start another season in the life of our parish community. The work we do together is meant to be fruitful, as is all human labour. In God’s plan of Creation, human work has a special value and dignity; we are stewards, meant to exercise our creative spirit, realize our human dignity and share in Creation. Working together on common tasks, people can further develop their personalities and self-worth. Part of the Christian concern for the health of our society is that people be able to work and that workers not be oppressed by their employment. Owners, entrepreneurs, managers, and workers—all are meant to be able to find dignity in their labour. May God bless and guide all that we do. 	Saturday 4:30pm	September 5-23rd Sunday in OT All Parishioners
	Sunday 9:00am	September 6-23rd Sunday in OT †John Stevens by Moira Matthews & family The Divine Mercy by Kitty Serrao
	11:00am	Mass
	Monday 9:00am	September 7, 2026 †Ruth McGrath by the Driscoll family
	Tuesday 9:00am	September 8, 2026 Nativity of the BVM Birth of BVM by Joseph & Fina Lobo
	Wednesday 7:00pm	September 9, 2026 †Ida Serrao by her estate
	Thursday 7:30am	September 10, 2026 †Nancy Marie Serrao her estate
	Friday 9:00am	September 11, 2026 †Ida Serrao by her estate
	Saturday 9:00am	September 12, 2026 †Claudette Winchester by Moira Matthews & family
	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
 Pray For...		
 MASS READINGS	Jacob Cannon Kitty Serrao, Larry Mercer, Peter Gambell, Dan Smedra, Dusan Kocian, Sheila Fitzpatrick, Fe Tabora	
First Reading (Ezekiel 33:7-9) Second Reading (Romans 13:8-10), Gospel (Matthew 18-15-20).		

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Some Coming Events

Sept. 6 - Parish Charity Collection
 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

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 the need of additional basses (low men voices), although all singing parts are most welcome. Rehearsals will be held on Tuesday evenings at 7:30, starting on **Sept. 8**; 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 *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.

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.

Multi-Faith Housing

Started in 2001 with the encouragement of Archbishop Gervais, the Multi-Faith Housing Initiative group has completed a number of Affordable Housing projects, and now, in conjunction with the Ottawa St. Vincent de Paul Society, is raising money for their latest project. This is part of a development in Lebreton Flats. Information will be available over the summer, and representatives will be here on Sept. 19 and 20 to ask for our help.

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

Season of Prayer for the Care of Creation

"They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks" (Isaiah 2:4). "Our Lord Jesus Christ came so that we might have life and have it in abundance (cf. Jn 10:10). This gift of life lies at the very heart of our mission as disciples and of our shared calling to build a civilization of love... 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.



PARISH STAFF

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Choirs
Sat, 4:30pm - Christina Ronzio
Sun. 9:00am - Elisa Pulmano
Sun. 11:00am - Francine Brisebois.....613-824-9199

Children's Liturgy of the Word – Sun 9:00am
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Jackie Comerton 613-521-1287

Catholic Women's League

Helen Blaskie.....613-878-6805
Meets 2nd Saturday Sept-May in the Boardroom after the morning Mass

Knights of Columbus Council 13701

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Secular Franciscan Order

Patrick Denison.....613-265-4453
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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