

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 26, 2021

CALLING ALL PROPHETS!

Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets! (*Numbers*)
Come rich, weep and wail. (*James*)
Whoever is not against us is for us. (*Mark*)



Jesus promises us that even the simplest act of love or kindness – the gospel “cup of water – will one day be honoured by God. Anyone and everyone in need have a claim on our compassion and charity because they belong to Christ. In whatever opportunities we have, with whomever we meet and are able to help, may we not hesitate to act in Jesus’ name.

Discipleship begins with a spirit of humble gratitude to God for the gift of our lives that trumps our disappointments, regrets, and anger over the things that have not turned out as we hope.

Jesus calls us to realize that discipleship means letting nothing derail us in our search for the things of God, not allowing the pursuit of prestige, wealth, social status, or immediate gratification to desensitize us to the presence of God in our lives or diminish the love of God we cherish in family and friends.

-- Dr. Jay Cormier



Sunday Collection
September 19 \$2,379.00



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Monday, September 27 ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, priest, religious founder (solemnity)

8:30 a.m. Mass † Ann Brenner

1:00 p.m. Mass (at St. Michael School)

Tuesday, September 28

8:30 a.m. Mass † William Walker

[St. Wenceslaus (Vaclav), martyr, patron of Czech Rep. & Slovakia]

[St. Lawrence (Lorenzo) Ruiz, married man (protomartyr of the Philippines) & companions, martyrs of Japan]

Wednesday, September 29 ST. MICHAEL, ST. GABRIEL, ST. RAPHAEL, archangels, biblical messengers (“Michaelmas”) (feast)

8:30 a.m. Mass † John Sciberras

[Fr. Peter Rowe: 42nd anniversary of Ordination to the priesthood (1979)]

Thursday, September 30 St. Jerome, hermit, priest, doctor of the Church

8:30 a.m. Mass † Del Sartor

Friday, October 1 St. Therese (Martin) of the Child Jesus and of the Holy Face, Carmelite religious, mystic, doctor of the Church, patron of the missions (“Little Flower of Lisieux”)

8:30 a.m. Mass (First Friday) † Ed Kocsis

Saturday, October 2 Holy Guardian Angels

8:30 a.m. Mass (First Saturday) † deceased of the Verrecchia family
(+ Reconciliation after, 9:00-10:00 a.m.)

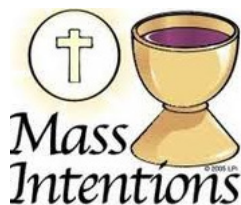
5:00 p.m. Mass (for Sun.) ♦ people of the parish

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 3

9:00 a.m. Mass † Danielle Servos

11:00 a.m. Mass † Sophie Stankiewicz

MASS INTENTIONS



If you would like to have a Mass offered for someone, contact the parish office. We will help you with the dates and times which are available. Mass intentions are available for the month of October. Email your intentions to the office at st.vincentdepaul@bellnet.ca or call during regular office hours.

The stipend or offering given (\$10) signifies the sacrificial nature of giving something of yourself, to associate more intimately with Christ who offers himself in the Eucharist. Note: There is a limit to intentions requested; that is, one cannot fill up the calendar with too many family requests.

FIRST SATURDAY MASS & RECONCILIATION

We are introducing an 8:30 first Saturday morning Mass, to be followed by Reconciliation (9:00-10:00). This will commence on Saturday, October 2 and will entail having the proper cleaning procedures in place.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

The response has been pleasing to the invitation for parishioners to serve on a Pastoral Council, and Fr. Peter wishes to express thanks to each and every one who put their names forward. He will be considering the requests and then will contact the prospective members. It is the intention to convene the council for mid-October, likely October 13 or 14 (6:30-8:00 p.m.).

CONTAINER for the OIL of CHRISM

A dignified chrism container is needed for the church, for use at baptisms. There is a particular model being considered and may be available from our Toronto suppliers. Rather than purchasing one outright, might there be a donor willing to come forward?

Bishop's Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada: September 25-26

Every year, the Bishops of Canada make an appeal for financial assistance to support their work and the work of each diocese / eparchy by means of the Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada. This collection is an invitation to "all the faithful to participate in the life and mission of the Church through their active involvement in the life of their parish community, their prayers, their diverse charisms, their moral support, and the contributions of their time and talents" (CCCB President Bishop Douglas Crosby).

As we remain steadfast in responding to the impact of the pandemic upon our communities of faith, and the healing and reconciliation for Indigenous Peoples across the land, your prayers, gestures of kindness, and generosity are invaluable, heartfelt, and true sources of consolation, comfort, and renewed encouragement in the pursuit of the Church's pastoral mission.

This annual charitable initiative furthers the collegiality and synodality of the bishops' ministry in leading, shepherding, teaching, guiding, sanctifying, and pastorally caring for all of God's children in Canada.

NIAGARA REGION "LIFE CHAIN"

Please join the annual Life Chain on Sunday, October 3 (2:30-3:30 p.m.) as we witness to the sanctity of human life. We pray that women will choose life for their child, and our country will protect all its citizens -- born and unborn. Register by 2:15 p.m. COVID protocols will be observed to keep all participants safe. There are several locations in Niagara Falls, Welland, St. Catharines, Beamsville, and Grimsby. For more information contact loeffenlife@gmail.com.

PARISH PATRONAL DAY: September 27

In conjunction with the feast day of St. Vincent de Paul, we are inviting you to consider participating in a "food for the poor" drive on the day itself (Monday). Bring to Mass a food or non-perishable item. All contributions will be offered to Newark Neighbours. Please: no canned corn, canned tomato, canned pasta or tomato sauce.



SPECIAL SACRAMENT PREPARATION

In any parish there will always be children requiring preparation for certain sacraments for various reasons; for instance, they may be attending public schools or else are of an older age and missed receiving them when younger. While the preparation sessions themselves do not begin until the new year, in order to complete the registration by December, it would be good to have a team of catechists on hand, perhaps three or four (one for Baptism and Catholic Reception, one for first Communion / Reconciliation, and one for Confirmation). Help wanted!



ROSARY COAST TO COAST 2021

Please join the world in prayer for world peace by praying the Rosary Coast to Coast on Sunday, October 10 (3:00 p.m.). You can get involved by becoming a prayer captain by organizing an event in your parish or neighbourhood, lighting a candle and praying the Rosary at home, or organizing a prayer cenacle at 3:00 p.m., united with the rest of the world. If you are interested in becoming a prayer captain for your church or school and/or neighbourhood, please visit us online at www.rosarycoasttocoast.ca for information on how to sign up on our website. Your event will be added to the list of Canadian events for others to join.