

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Update: September 13th, 2026



"I give you a new commandment: love one another just as I have loved you" (John 13.34)

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK
SEPTEMBER 14TH TO SEPTEMBER 20TH

Monday, 14 th	Exaltation of the Holy Cross – Feast
Office Closed	No Mass
Tuesday, 15 th	Our Lady of Sorrows – Memorial
9:00 a.m.	St. Aubin (B Aubin)
9:30 a.m.	Devotion – Our Mother of Perpetual Help Litany
Wednesday, 16 th	St. Cornelius and St. Cyprian – Memorial
9:00 a.m.	CWL Diocesan Mass +Barbara Doreen Moskal (Dn M&F Prindiville)
9:30-10:00 a.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, 17 th	Ferial
9:00 a.m.	+Renata Miketic (A&T Miketic)
Friday, 18 th	Ferial
9:00 a.m.	+Renata Miketic (A&T Miketic)
9:30-10:00 a.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday, 19 th	
3:30-4:30 p.m.	Confession
5:00 p.m.	Liv. & Dec. Members of the Zahra Family (D Howard & Family) +Joseph Bonomi (Bonomi Family)
Sunday, 20 th	25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 a.m.	Liv. & Dec. Members of the Paroyan, Prokopich, Artinian & DiMaurizio Families (M Paroyan) All Members of Star of the Sea Sp. Int. of Teresa Howe (S&C Campbell)
11:00 a.m.	+Renata Miketic (A&T Miketic)

From the Pastors Desk

Dear Friends: Like many of you, I enjoyed a bit of time away this summer. I went to see a very good friend, a fellow priest, whom I have known since seminary days. The priest's name is Fr. Dominic Yuen, and he is the pastor of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Winnipeg. Each morning at 9:00, I concelebrate at the Weekday Mass. Excellent attendance, and, in addition to a prayerful liturgy, Fr. Dominic offers a devotional Litany at the conclusion of Mass. Tuesdays, we pray the Litany of St. Anthony. Wednesdays, the Litany of Our Mother of Perpetual Help. On Fridays, it is the Sacred Heart Litany. I got to thinking. Since our church is under the patronage of the Blessed Mother under Her title, Star of the Sea, why not offer the Mother of Perpetual Help devotion once weekly at the close of Mass? Since Adoration follows Mass on Wednesdays and Fridays, why don't we pray the Litany of Our Mother of Perpetual Help on Tuesdays, at the end of Mass?

One aspect of this Marian devotion, is that it acknowledges the grittiness of this life: temptation and sin, death and dying, final judgment and Purgatory. The Blessed Mother is personally familiar with living in a sinful world, while She Herself, remained free from sin. And, through private revelations, we have come to know that Our Lady has brought comfort to souls in Purgatory and has also been present to hear judgments on sinners, at times advocating for a second chance for one about to be condemned to Hell. We do well to ask Her powerful intercession and consolation in our times of trial and insecurity.

Shortly after my arrival here in 2015, I made the decision to increase the opportunities for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. When I first got here, the practice had been to expose the Blessed Sacrament for two and a half hours each First Friday. It was not long before I noticed that almost nobody was able to remain that long! A better idea, I thought, would be to have Adoration twice a week for an hour, on Wednesday and Friday. This was well received and it is what we have stayed with for a number of years now. Over the past year or so, I have noticed that, while we still have a good participation at this bi-weekly devotion, many find it difficult to stay for the hour. I began to wonder if shortening the time would not, perhaps, encourage those who stay, to do so until the end. So, I am proposing that we reduce the time of Adoration to a half hour. Let's try it out and see how it goes! And, while we are on the topic of weekday Mass and devotions, if you are retired, or otherwise available, consider starting a new practice of attending on at least one of the weekdays. Surely, this will pay rich spiritual dividends.

O Mother of Perpetual Help, Pray for Us!!

Fr. Richard

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Pope's Prayer Intention for the Month of
September

FOR THE CARE OF WATER

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

A **Mass of Penance and Healing** will be celebrated on Monday, September 14, 2026, at 7:00pm, at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria (3 Lyman Street, St. Catharines). Please plan to attend as we gather to beg for God's mercy and healing, and to pray for those harmed by the sinful actions and abuse committed by some of the priests, religious and laity of our diocese who have represented God and our diocese over the years. We will also pray to be strengthened in our resolve to be holy and faithful servants of Our Lord and the people of God.

Adult Faith Formation Sept 17 – Oct 22 from 7 – 8:00

p.m. Hosted by the SOLI Sisters in the church hall. Learn more about **Catholic Devotions: Growing closer to Christ** – Discover the beauty and richness of Catholic devotional life. Explore traditional prayers, practices, saints, sacramentals, Marian devotion Eucharistic devotion, and ways to deepen your relationship with Christ. Sign up sheet at the back of the church.

Small Groups this Fall: Small Groups brings together 6-8 people weekly for 10 weeks to reflect on the Sunday Gospel and, more importantly, to talk about what that message means in our daily lives. A chance to slow down, connect with others, and have a safe space to talk about faith, and the ways God may be working in our lives. Our vision is simple: One church, one message, lived throughout the week – beyond Sunday Mass. All participants will receive a free copy of Matthew Kelly's book, 'Holy Moments'. If you're interested in participating in OR hosting a small group this Fall, please visit our website www.staroftheseachurch.ca/ministries/community-groups/small-groups/ for more information or come to our official Small Groups signup event after all Masses on September 20th.

“Could you not watch one hour with me?” Matthew 26:40

Life Chain Event Sunday, October 4th, 2026 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM Lake St. and Carlton St. On Sunday, October 4th, 2026 Canadians will gather at 375+ locations nationwide to peacefully raise awareness about the truth of abortion during Life Chain, now in its 35th year in Canada. Upon arrival, you will be greeted by the organizer and given signs to hold with messages such as “Adoption: A Loving Option.” Please spread out along the sidewalk and spend time in quiet prayer. This is a unique, family-friendly event advocating for innocent pre-born children. As Christ reminds us in Matthew 25:40: "As you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me."



PRAYER ANGELS Our ministry is set up to pray for the parish's intentions. Please send by email or phone your concerns or cares and they will be passed on to the members of this group who will daily offer up your intentions to the Lord. Prayer is powerful. Let us help ease your troubles or shower the Lord with praises. Please call or email Marg 289-214-6679 mgmartin113@gmail.com

'He who prays most receives most.'
St. Alphonsus Maria de Liguori



CWL CORNER

(Catholic Women's League)
“Blessed are the Poor”

E-transfer payments for CWL may be made to cwlstarofthesea@gmail.com. Please remember to indicate which event in the subject line.

Our **CWL Trivia Night** will take place on Friday, October 23! We are collecting items for our prize table. If you would like to donate an item, such as a gift card or a bottle of wine, please contact Jayne.evans98@gmail.com!

Everyone is invited to join the members of the Catholic Women's League on Wednesday, September 30, as we recognize **National Truth and Reconciliation Day**- also known as Orange Shirt Day. This day is dedicated to honouring Residential School Survivors, their families, and communities. We will gather for 9:00 Mass followed by the Adoration of the Holy Eucharist. Wearing orange is encouraged.



Sept. 19 / 20	5 P.M.	9 A.M.	11 A.M.
Ministers of Holy Communion	D MacNeill	K Gilmore	Dn. Maurice
Lector	M Parker	G Rego	K Shakespeare Eckstein
Hospitality Ministers	P Waters N Linkson C Tracey	Zacharchuk Family	H Green G LaRoche C Dutta

WEEKLY COLLECTION CONTRIBUTIONS:

Sept. 6th & Sept. 13th, 2026

Will be published in next weekend's bulletin as our Parish Office was closed from Sept. 8th to Sept. 11th.

Thank you
MAY GOD BLESS YOU