

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Update: October 4th, 2026



"I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord, to go and bear fruit that will last." (John 15.16)

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK
OCTOBER 5TH TO OCTOBER 11TH

Monday, 5 th	Ferial	
Office Closed		No Mass
Tuesday, 6 th	Ferial	
9:00 a.m.	Sp. Int. of Alexis & John Weland (Y Mondragon)	
	+Rosemary Baker	(Bonomi Family)
9:30 a.m.	Devotion – Our Mother of Perpetual Help Litany	
Wednesday, 7 th	Our Lady of the Rosary – Memorial	
9:00 a.m.	+Teresa Rego	(G Rego)
	All Members of Star of the Seass	
9:30-10:00 a.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Thursday, 8 th	Ferial	
9:00 a.m.	+John Vendittelli	(C&L Vendittelli)
	Sp. Int. of Diane Crumm (CWL Turban Ministry)	
Friday, 9 th	Ferial	
9:00 a.m.	Holy Souls	(N Vendittelli)
	+Joseph Vendittelli	(N Vendittelli)
9:30-10:00 a.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Saturday, 10 th		
3:30-4:30 p.m.	Confession	
5:00 p.m.	+Luigino Minicucci	(M Minicucci)
	+Pat Grecco	(N&L Broughton)
Sunday, 11 th	28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
9:00 am.	Liv. & Dec. Members of the Paroyan, Prokopich, Artinian & DiMaurizio Families (M Paroyan)	
	+Arnaldo Pietro Izzo	(R DeLuca)
11:00 a.m.	Liv. & Dec. Members of the Vendittelli, DiFabio, Dueemo & Dumont Families (C&L Vendittelli)	

From the Pastors Desk

Dear Friends: The Feast day of St. Thérèse of Lisieux is easy to remember from year to year as it occurs on the very first day of the month of October. Though only 24 years old when she died in 1897, Thérèse made an incalculable impact upon the world, being declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope St. John Paul II on October 19, 1997. One of the reasons for the

popularity of Thérèse is how relatable she is to us, how even at such a young age she manifested the faith to see her through unspeakable pain and darkness. St. Thérèse suffered grievously due to an aggressive form of Tuberculosis and we get a glimpse into this in a passage written by another Carmelite Sister, Sr. Marie of the Trinity,

“Three days before she died, I saw her in such pain that I was heartbroken. When I drew near to her bed, she tried to smile, and, in a strangled sort of voice, she said: “If I didn't have faith, I could never bear such suffering. I am surprised that there aren't more suicides among atheists.” – Thérèse offered up her sufferings for the conversion of a criminal.”

Further testimony given during the process of beatification of Thérèse make her struggle even more evident.

These texts make clear that suicide was not just a passing idea, but a consideration that she thought about very seriously. Her thoughts on suicide are found in the last months of her life.

“At this time Thérèse was desperately ill with a terrible form of tuberculosis. The first sign of the seriousness of her condition was a hemoptysis (coughing blood from the lungs) on the night of Good Friday in 1896. From that time her health deteriorated. After a year she was very seriously ill with intense chest pain, frequent hemoptysis and weakness. From July 1897 until her death on 30th September that year she had acute pain, often with suffocation. In time the tuberculosis spread throughout her body, so that around the 23rd August medical people spoke of gangrene of the intestines; there was a collapse of bodily functions. Though best medical practice at the time was morphine injections, her superior, Mother Gonzaga, thought that religious should suffer, and would not allow its administration to Thérèse (later the same superior would refuse morphine when she herself was dying with cancer).

“Her psychological and spiritual sufferings were as great if not greater than her physical distress. Within a few days of her first coughing of blood, Good Friday the previous year, she had a sudden collapse of her faith experience. What had been normal to her, like thoughts of heaven, now seemed a fantasy. She spoke of a high wall between her and faith realities. She was in acute darkness of faith almost without remission until her death. The images she used were of darkness, a black hole, a thick fog, a tunnel and a high wall that she could not scale. In the meantime, she kept the best side out as it were. She continued her religious exercises, she wrote charming devotional poems at the request of the sisters of her community. But all the time, she was personally in darkness, with no feeling of faith. She said that she really knew the experience of atheists. She was walking through a dark night of faith” Vol. 1 *Procès informative ordinaire* (Rome: Teresianum, 1973)

Given her steadfastness throughout her tremendous physical and psychological trials, is it any wonder that St. Thérèse still speaks so eloquently to so many today? Let’s close with some of her wise words.

- "A word or a smile is often enough to put fresh life in a despondent soul."

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- "Holiness consists simply in doing God’s will, and being just what God wants us to be."
- "True happiness on earth consists in being forgotten and in remaining completely ignorant of created things. I understood that all we accomplish, however brilliant, is worth nothing without love."
- "Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love."
- “The world is your ship and not your home.” St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Pray for us!! *Fr. Richard*

Pope’s Prayer Intention for the Month of October

For mental health ministry:

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

2nd Annual Bishop's Fundraising Gala — Save the date! This year's Light the Way Gala is taking place Friday, November 27 at the Niagara Falls Convention Centre. Join us for an evening celebrating Bishop Bergie's vision for dynamic parishes, with proceeds supporting faith formation for the laity and the education of our seminarians. Enjoy a live and silent auction, wonderful food and company, entertainment, and a word from Bishop Bergie himself. Tickets are available through the diocesan website — scan the QR code to purchase yours!



The Heavenly Hosts Christmas Market is coming.. on Sat. Nov 28, 2026. Please start considering gently used or new donations for the bazaar. General table, items for gift baskets (new), silent auction (higher end), Christmas decorations, children’s items, jams and preserves. (No books) Items can be placed on the pew in the hall. Thank you!



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”



IT’S ELECTION TIME – time for our CWL members to choose a **new executive for 2027/28!** Nomination forms will be available at our Oct. 6 general meeting, online via Jayne, and at the entrances to the church. Please take some time to think about the positions, and who among our wonderful

sisters in the league, might best fill the roles. Volunteers are gratefully considered as well – so feel free to nominate yourself! **Deadline for nominations is Oct. 22. If you are nominated, please accept!! We need you, and obviously there is faith and confidence that you will do a great job!**

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. Our CWL will lead a **Living Rosary** on Wednesday, October 7 at 6:30 p.m. We need many people to participate in this special event. Please sign your name on the list at the back of the church.

October is also known as **Socktober** in our parish. Last year we collected over 300 pairs of warm, useful socks for those in need. Baskets are available at all our church entrances. Let's bring warmth to our brothers and sisters who need our help.

Have you purchased your table for **Trivia Night**? Tickets may be purchased before and after all Masses until Sunday, October 11. \$25 per person or a table of 8 for \$175. There will be a cash bar and pizza and snacks will be served. Come and join in the fun! E-transfers are accepted at cwlstarofthesea@gmail.com - please provide your name and contact info in the memo line.



Oct. 10 th / 11 th	5 P.M.	9 A.M.	11 A.M.
Ministers of Holy Communion	B or L MacNeil	Dn. Maurice	R Eckstein
Lector	L Urquhart	K Zacharchuk	C Purcer
Hospitality Ministers	R&A Hancock C Tracey	C DeLuca R Dzugan W Riddle	Bott Family

WEEKLY COLLECTION CONTRIBUTIONS:
September 27th, 2026

Parishioner Envelopes		\$ 3,982.00
Loose Collection	CAD	\$ 291.00
	USD	\$ 0.00
Pope’s Pastoral Works		\$ 5.00
Needs of the Canadian Church		\$ 390.00
Total Offertory Collection:		\$ 4,668.00
September E-Transfer Contributions		\$ 3,195.00
Our Special Needs		\$ 40.00

Thank you
MAY GOD BLESS YOU