

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Update: October 18th, 2026



“Shine like stars in the world, holding fast to the word of life.”
(Philippians 2.15-16)

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK
OCTOBER 19TH TO OCTOBER 25TH

Monday, 19 th	Ferial	Office Closed	No Mass
Tuesday, 20 th	Ferial	9:00 a.m. +Mr & Mrs J Murray +Tullio Pobago	(B Aubin)
		9:30 a.m. Devotion – Our Mother of Perpetual Help Litany	
Wednesday, 21 st	Ferial	9:00 a.m. +Dn. Ed West	(C&R Tracey)
		9:30-10:00 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Thursday, 22 nd	Ferial	9:00 a.m. +Mary Jane McIntee +Daniel Colrain	(S Pyper) (K Hughes & Family)
Friday, 23 rd	Ferial	9:00 a.m. +Christina Kennedy	(Dn M&F Prindiville)
		9:30-10:00 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Saturday, 24 th		3:30-4:30 p.m. Confession	
		5:00 p.m. +Bonnie Barron +Cindy Cwertniewski All Members of Star of the Sea Parish	(S Pawlik) (S Pawlik)
Sunday, 25 th	30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00 am. CWL Diocesan Mass +Martha Bonomi	(Bonomi Family)
		11:00 a.m. +Mary Jane McIntee +Dan Finora	(M Paroyan) (M&L Finora)



Oct. 24 th / 25 th	5 P.M.	9 A.M.	11 A.M.
Ministers of Holy Communion	Dn Maurice	Dn Maurice	Dn Maurice
Lector	M Parker	C Prendergast	G LaRoche
Hospitality Ministers	D MacNeill M Ford N Linkson	K Gilmore R Dzugan W Riddle	Bott Family

From the Pastors Desk

Dear Friends: Only three weeks ago, we commemorated St. Jerome, priest and doctor of the Church. Jerome lived from 347 - 420 A.D., and is honoured as one of the great Latin Fathers of the Church, devoting his life to the service of Sacred Scriptures. As many are aware, it was St. Jerome who famously said, “Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ.” This loving devotion to the Word of God inspired Jerome to return to the original Hebrew (Old Testament) and Greek (New Testament) writings as the sources of his colossal work of translating these into the language of the people of the Empire, namely Latin. Jerome's efforts were not only about translating the scriptures but also about making them readily available to the common man in a language he understood, which was crucial for the expansion of Christianity in the early centuries. His timing could not have been better, as he and another well-known saint, Augustine, were both living through immense upheaval as the centuries-old Roman Empire declined and collapsed. This era was characterized by political instability, economic decline, military weakness, population pressures, religious transformation, and repeated invasions. These were indeed, troubling and threatening times for the population. How they must have longed for hope! And, they would find it in the Sacred Scriptures, which had just become more accessible to more of the populous!

As regular participants at Mass, we hear the Word of God proclaimed to us each and every time. We may well have pre-read the Sunday readings to help them more easily wash over us when we hear them proclaimed at the Liturgy. And, we may well be visiting and revisiting cherished Scripture passages when we are alone in prayer. But, have we ever considered that the Scriptures may at times “read us?” This concept was brought out in a recent message from Archbishop William Lori, Supreme Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus.

Archbishop Lori writes, “How often do biblical passages shed light on what we are feeling, thinking or doing, leading us to take stock of ourselves and repent of sinful patterns of behaviour? Scripture is like a mirror in which we see ourselves as we really are, not the image we project before others, whether online or in person. Scripture reveals us to ourselves.”

An example of what the archbishop is speaking about, is Psalm 51. This is a penitential psalm, composed by King David (as are many of the psalms). In it, David acknowledges his sin and begs to be forgiven. He beseeches the Lord for a “pure heart and steadfast spirit.” This psalm is found in Morning Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours, which priest and religious make a solemn promise to pray. Each Friday morning, this is the first of the three psalms/canticles which are included in that prayer hour. While it humbles the one praying it, it also offers great encouragement that one as close to the Lord as His beloved servant David, who experienced a spectacular fall from grace, would later respond to God’s call to repentance. This is a good psalm to pray anytime, but especially when making an examination of conscience at night or before going to Confession. The Sacred Scriptures are a great gift and help along life’s challenging path. And, thanks to saints like Jerome and modern printing methods and media, they are more accessible than ever!

St. Jerome, Pray for us! *Fr. Richard*

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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.



The **Star of the Sea, Knights of Columbus** round table of Council #9222, St. Catherine of Alexandria, will be holding a membership drive during the last weekend of October (24-25th) after the weekend Masses. To be eligible to join the Council, applicants must be 18 years old and Practical Catholic Man. Any interest or questions please see council members at the back of the church after Mass.

Offertory Giving: Over the next few weeks, the parish office is getting ready for the 2027 year. Please notify the office if you are no longer using / or wish to start using offertory envelopes or if you have switched to one of our other means of giving (E-Transfer / Automatic Fund Transfer), this way we can assign numbers accordingly. Thank you for your continued support!

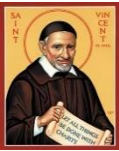
Spiritual Combat Event: “Adoration is where warriors are trained in silence...and sent forth in power” Join us once again, at St. Denis parish, on Saturday, October 24, 2026 to pray for peace, unity, the Church, and leaders who will bring Canada back to God! Holy Hour with Divine Mercy & Holy Face Chaplet (6:30-7:30 pm), Talk by Fr. Stuart MacDonald (7:30-8:00 pm), Wine & Cheese Social (8:00-9:00pm) *Please note: This is a free event sponsored by Branches Catholic Ministries. If you plan to attend kindly RSVP to info@go2branches.com*



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!

Attention Young Adults (18-35) Emmaus is a young adult ministry meeting Tuesdays at 7-9 pm at St. Denis Church. It is a great place for any young adult, including those who are un-churched or de-churched and looking for somewhere to belong and grow deeper in their faith.

St. Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Program 2026



Our St. Vincent de Paul Society volunteers will be holding the annual Christmas food drive to assist needy families in our parish. Our clients will be picking up their Christmas hampers from the church in early December. Parishioners wishing to contribute can do so by purchasing No Frills/PC gift cards. Please deposit the cards in the SVDP boxes at the entrances of the church, the collection baskets or at the parish office. Kindly print your parish number on the envelope or include your name and address on the envelope so that we may issue you a tax receipt in the new year. Food donations can be dropped at the entrances of the church in the SVDP Christmas boxes. Treats such as cookies, chocolates and candy canes are especially enjoyed by our clients at this time of year. Due to health regulations the items must be

non-perishable and cannot be homemade. We are, as always, very grateful to our parishioners for your continued support now and throughout the year. With gratitude, Your St. Vincent de Paul Society



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 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!**

Our **Socktober** campaign continues until Sunday, November 1st! Warm, useful socks for men, women and children are needed. Please drop them off at any of the church entrances.

Trivia Night is next Friday, October 23. Doors open at 6:00 and the games begin at 7:00. Please contact Jayne at [289-990-2475](tel:289-990-2475) if you still need tickets. None will be available at the door.

CWL Membership dues for 2027 are now being accepted. The cost is \$40. Please use the blue envelope found in the parish weekly collection basket. You may also e-transfer your dues to cwlstarofthesea@gmail.com. Please include your name and specify that the payment is for your 2027 membership dues.

The **diocesan CWL Advent Retreat** will take place on Wednesday, November 25 from 8:30-1:30 at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, Niagara Falls. The cost is \$35 which includes the retreat and lunch. Our Star of the Sea members only pay \$17.50 as our Council pays the balance. This is one of the many benefits we provide to our members! Please sign-up for this event using the Google Sheet link sent to your email.

Offertory and Recurring Giving

October 11th, 2026

Parishioner Envelopes		\$ 4,535.00
Loose Collection	CAD	\$ 327.00
	USD	\$ 30.00
All Souls		\$ 125.00
Catholic Mission		\$ 100.00
Needs of the Canadian Church		\$ 25.00
Total Offertory Collection:		\$ 5,142.00
Our Special Needs		\$ 550.00

Thank you
MAY GOD BLESS YOU