

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Update: August 30th, 2026



“May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might know the hope to which we are called.” (Ephesians 1.17-18)

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK
AUGUST 31ST TO SEPTEMBER 6TH

Monday, 31 st	Ferial	
Office Closed No Mass		
Tuesday, 1 st	Ferial	
9:00 a.m.	+Patricia Cullen	(C Rukimbira)
Wednesday, 2 nd	Ferial	
9:00 a.m.	+Luigino Minicucci	(M Minicucci)
9:30-10:30 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament		
Thursday, 3 rd	St. Gregory the Great – Memorial	
9:00 a.m.	+Cedric Rugema	(C Rukimbira)
Friday, 4 th	Ferial	
9:00 a.m.	Holy Souls	(N Vendittelli)
	+Joseph Vendittelli	(N Vendittelli)
9:30-10:30 a.m. Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament		
Saturday, 5 th		
3:30-4:30 p.m.	Confession	
5:00 p.m.	+Lawrence Chiabai & +Maria Chaibai	(D Papaiz)
Sunday, 6 th	23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	
9:00 am.	Liv. & Dec. Members of the DiFranco & DiFabio Families	(N Vendittelli)
	+Dn. Ed West	(CWL)
11:00 a.m.	+Martin Tio	(J&D Bott)
ALL Members of Star of the Sea Parish		

From the Pastors Desk

Dear Friends: As we round out the last few weeks of the summer season, it is my hope that this special time of

the year has been an enjoyable one for you. The weather has been lovely overall, but with a great deal more rain than has normally been the case. So many of us living in this part of the city had the misfortune of dealing with one or more episodes of flooding due to the torrential downpours on a few occasions which completely overwhelmed the sewer system.

Several years ago, following an evening rainstorm which forced rainwater and sewage into the basements of countless homes in our area, the City introduced an assistance program to help with the installation of backflow valves into residences. Because we had experienced the alarming effects of sewer overload, watching helplessly as water gushed up through the basement drains, toilets and sinks, I worked with the City to have a backflow valve installed here. This was done by replacing the first toilet in the ladies’ room with a pit which allows access the drain pipe containing the backflow valve. As vast amounts of water enter the drainage and sewer system, the deluge has nowhere else to go but into homes. The backflow valve is designed so that the reversing water forces it shut, thereby not allowing any water in or out of the home drainage system. Now, when the valve is installed, one is advised that annual maintenance is required. Although I has been so advised, I really did not know what this simple, annual maintenance involved. As a result, I left it for the next 3 or 4 years. There came a storm several weeks back, which left a bit of sediment on our washroom floors, but nothing really major. I figured that the backflow valve was doing its job, but that some water made it through just the same. A bit later, I awoke to more water and sediment on the floor in the basement. We cleaned it up and I figured that this might be the end of the matter for another summer. Not so. In late July, on a Monday evening and continuing throughout the night, a tremendous amount of rain fell, leaving ours and hundreds of other basements, including the Mayor’s, flooded. This would occur 3 more times on the next Sunday and again, one or two Sundays after that. We have since, rerouted water from the roofs away from the building and replaced the sump pump in the boiler room of the church, as it had seized up, perhaps from overworking, tripping a breaker and cutting power to the back part of the church. This is why our parish livestream was down for awhile. With these new measures in place, I was confident that the perplexing problem of flooding had been solved for us. But I was wrong. It happened yet again. This time, I had the presence of mind, after being reminded about the needed maintenance of the backflow valve, to attend to this. After watching a short YouTube instructional video, I took action. The valve can get gummed up by debris and sediment and this needs to be cleared away to allow the valve to respond to the high pressure reversal of water in the pipe. Hopefully, the problem is solved! We shall see. If the problem persists, I shall just have to grin and bear it – all while longing for winter!! Enjoy the last weeks of summer

In Christ, Fr. Richard

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OPope’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.



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.

Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund–September 13, 2026 The Indigenous Reconciliation Fund was established to accept donations from 73 Catholic dioceses across the country, and to advance healing and reconciliation initiatives, fulfilling the \$30 million financial commitment made by Canada’s bishops in September 2021.The fund seeks to support projects that are determined locally, in collaboration with First Nations, Métis and Inuit partners. The Indigenous Reconciliation Fund has established the following criteria for grant applications: healing and reconciliation for communities and families; culture and language revitalization; education and community building; and dialogues for promoting indigenous spirituality and culture. The fund has been designed to meet the highest standards of transparency and good governance and is overseen by a board of directors made up of Indigenous leaders. (<https://irfund.ca/en/welcome/>)



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 Catholic Women’s League Council has many events coming up!

Our next Executive Meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 1 at 7:00 pm.

Our CWL Mass will be held on Sunday, September 6 at 9:00 a.m.

The next CWL General Meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Anyone interested in learning more about our organization is warmly welcome to attend this meeting.

Our CWL Council will be hosting a parish Sundae Sunday on September the 13th, immediately following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Ice cream and lemonade will be served.

Don’t forget that our parish Trivia Night will be held on Friday, October 23rd at 7:00 p.m. at the Armenian Community Centre, Martindale Road. Tickets will soon be available!

Enjoy this last week of summer vacation!!



Sept 5 th / 6 th	5 P.M.	9 A.M.	11 A.M.
Ministers of Holy Communion	Dn. Maurice	J Bayza	R Eckstein
Lector	L Urquhart	M or K Wong	C Purcer
Hospitality Ministers	A&R Hancock M Ford	Zacharchuk Family	H Green M Mouradikian G LaRoche

WEEKLY COLLECTION CONTRIBUTIONS:



August 2nd – 23rd, 2026



	Aug. 2	Aug. 9	Aug. 16	Aug. 23
Parishioner Envelopes	\$3,453.00	\$3,450.00	\$4,230.00	\$3,255.00
Loose Collection CAD	\$ 368.00	\$ 380.00	\$ 261.00	\$ 219.00
USD	\$ 0.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 7.00
IHMMC Sisters Mis.	\$1,980.00	\$ 170.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00
Catholic Missions	\$ 20.00	\$ 325.00	\$ 70.00	
Total Offertory	\$5,821.00	\$4,335.00	\$4,786.00	\$3,601.00
July E-Trfr Donations	\$ 460.00			
AFT for Aug		\$ 955.00		
Our Special Needs	\$ 410.00	\$ 270.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 0.00

Thank you
MAY GOD BLESS YOU