

Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

October 25th, 2026 ~ Liturgical Year A

Mass Intentions

✠ October 26th to November 1st, 2026

Monday.....NO MASS.....October 26th

Priests are on retreat.

Tuesday.....October 27th

No Mass,

Wednesday...St. Simon and St. Jude, Apostles....October 28th

No Adoration

Thursday.....October 29th

8:00 am ✠ Sandy DeTiberiis (by Nancy DeTiberiis & family)

✠ Michael Dipardo (by Family)

Friday.....October 30th

8:00 am ✠ Teresina, Antonio & Guido Minicucci

(by Norma & Carmine)

✠ Holy Souls in Purgatory (by Jennifer Olszowy)

Saturday.....October 31st

8:00 am ✠ Ralph Biancaniello (by Vince Addario)

✠ Gerard Gosselin (by Vince Addario)

5:00 pm ✠ Pietrina Celestini (by Mary & Lino & family)

✠ Ernesto Ricciuto (by Family)

✠ John Gabriele (by Angelo & Angiolina Gabriele)

✠ Johnny Biancaniello (by Vince Addario)

✠ For all the Souls in Purgatory (Mary Cody)

Sunday.....All Saints..... November 1st

8:00 am ♥ ✠ For The People of Holy Rosary Parish

9:30 am Mass

11:00 am Mass

XXX DOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO / A

S. Miniato, S. Gaudenzio, B. Carlo Gnocchi - 25 ottobre 2026

Tutta la Legge si compie nell'amore. Ogni nostra azione e relazione vanno misurate con il duplice comandamento dell'amore: verso Dio e verso il prossimo.

WE GIVE THANKS: to The Knights of Columbus, Council 2319, Thorold for their support to the **pulled pork and sausage on-a-bun** To Dave for his generosity and to all those who contributed to make that Special Welcome Sunday so **SPECIAL**.



The popular monthly **beef-on-a-bun** is held on the **second Thursday of each month**. Next **beef-on-a-bun** is Thursday, November 12th, 4-7pm, at Club Belvedere, 57 John St., Thorold. Join us for a delicious homestyle dinner featuring: Fresh bun with tender sliced roast beef in rich gravy, Creamy coleslaw, Roasted potatoes. -\$14 per dinner -Cash payment only. **Dine-in/Take-out; Cash Bar Available.**



Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Catholic Women's League

Membership \$40.00 New & re-newed members welcome! - Next Meeting:

Tuesday November 10 at 7 pm. Holy Rosary Hall.

Christmas Party: Tuesday December 8.

Club Belvedere. Stay tuned for more details!



SANCTUARY LAMP: This weekly Sanctuary Lamp is donated in memory of **Jovenel Moise**. The Sanctuary lamp is lit to remind us of Christ's presence in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.

Pope Leo'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.

REMINDER: On Tues. Oct. 26th and on Wed. Oct. 28th, 2026, NO MORNING MASS, AND ADORATION ROOM IS CLOSED.

Mass and Adoration will resume on Thursday, October 29th, 2026. Please keep Bishop Bergie, the Priests and the speakers in your daily prayers during this retreat. *Thank you!*

Prayer for the Priests during their Study Days

Heavenly Father, help them to submit to Your will patiently knowing that Your love is leading them into the path that will bring Your best for each of them. Help them to be totally devoted to You. In the quiet stillness, may they hear You speak to them. In Your loving embrace, may they be restored. Amen! Sheri Dursin & Jason & Heidi Williams



OFFERTORY ENVELOPE NUMBER REASSIGNED

To reduce the printing costs and save Parish funds, we are reassigning envelope numbers to eliminate the large range of unused numbers. For the approaching cycle, parishioners are advised that their envelopes numbers are subject to be changed. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we work to be responsible stewards of our Parish resources!

ANNUAL DEO GRATIAS COLLECTION

The retirement years can be difficult for senior priests. No longer assigned to parishes, or supported by the communities they served with such dedication, these men rely on minimal CPP benefits, Old Age Security, and their monthly income from the Clergy Aid Society of St. Catharines. In two weeks, we will again take up the annual collection, *Deo Gratias*, to support our priests' retirement. Thank you in advance for your prayerful generosity.

Saint Michael Catholic Men's Speaker Series

"Called to serve: The Heart of a Christian's Man"

Our Lady of the Scapular Church,

6557 Thorold Stone Road, Niagara Falls, ON

Thursday, November 12th @ 7:30pm

Presenter: Fr. Yohander Sanchez Mora.

Jesus replies that the greatest commandment is love of God, followed closely by love of neighbor.

Our Lord takes the first and greatest commandment from Deuteronomy 6:4-5. This is a famous passage known as the Shema, which to this day is recited multiple times a day by pious Jews, similar to the way Christians recite the Our Father.

The second commandment, "Love your neighbor as yourself," is taken from the so-called "Holiness Code" of Leviticus (19:18). Many think Jesus invented this law, but he is actually quoting from the Pentateuch.

It is a common misconception that by summarizing the Law with the two commands of love, Jesus was somehow making the Law less challenging or demanding. That is hardly the case. To perfectly live out love for God and love for neighbor is all-consuming and very challenging.

By emphasizing that the whole law is summed up in the two commands of love, Jesus does not make it easier to fulfill the law; he makes it more *challenging* because *there are no loopholes in love!*

Let's discuss what it means to love God with all *one's heart, soul, and mind*. The heart (Greek *kardia*) can be understood as the seat of the emotions or affections, so loving God with the heart means cultivating our affection and emotional attachment to him. The *soul (psyche)* can be understood as our spiritual nature, so loving God with one's whole soul is seeking spiritual union with him, the "unitive way." Loving God with the mind (*dianoia*) is an intellectual endeavor, seeking to know God, to understand the *truth* about him, his nature, and his creation. An anti- intellectual spirituality would be a failure to love God with the mind.

We can observe a rough analogy to the classic three stages of the spiritual life: the *purgative* involves learning to love God with the heart versus disordered passions or desires; the *illuminate* involves loving God with the mind, as our minds are enlightened with the knowledge of God; and the *unitive* involves spiritual union, loving God with the soul.

Jesus wasn't a lawless hippy or an anarchist revolutionary. He respected the role of law in human society and personal life. He and his parents were careful to observe the laws in force at the time, as we see from the infancy narratives in Luke. However, Jesus stressed that the law was ordered to love and has to be interpreted in light of love, which is more than an emotion but fundamentally an act of the will in which we *will* the good of the person who is loved. Love needs to be understood as an act of the will based on truth-this is where our culture misunderstands love. In any event, Jesus taught that law is ordered to love and has to be interpreted in light of love. This is more than we can humanly live up to, which is why we need to exercise faith and receive the sacraments. Through faith and the sacraments, Jesus can fill us with his love, such that St. Paul will say: God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. (Rom 5:5, RSV2CE)

But the love of the Holy Spirit poured into our hearts is key. We can't live up to the command of love until we learn to love with the love of God which has been given us. Our own feeble efforts are not going to be sufficient.

Reflections on Sunday Mass Readings Year A by J. Bergsma

Weekly Offering

18-Oct-26

Offertory: Regular & Initial	3,579.65
Online Offertory	971.25
Church Basement	1,082.75
Needs of the Canadian Church	5.00
Church Maintenance	120.00
Total	\$ 5,758.65

Basement Renovation	Collection	Expense	Balance
Donat. Collect as of October 11th, 2026	\$251,072.45	-	\$251,072.45
New Donations: October 18th, 2026	-	-	251,072.45
2nd Collection October 18th, 2026	1,082.75	-	252,155.20
Rosary Legacy	-	-	252,155.20
Incurred Expenses as of April 26th, 2026	-	405,014.35	-\$152,859.15

Thank you for your generosity!

CONDOLEANCES: We extend our sincere condolences and prayers to the families and friends who mourn the recent loss of **Antonio Vettrano, Soccio Bonifacio and Giovanni Battista**. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen!

PRIESTS' PLOT

Parishioners are welcomed to join the Priests' Plot at **Victoria Lawn Cemetery on Monday, November 2, 2026 at 11:00am** to remember our deceased brother priests, bishops, and all the faithful of the diocese who have gone to their eternal reward.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE OF OUR DECEASED:

During the month of November, we pray especially for the souls of those who have gone before us in faith. The "**Book of Remembrance**" will be displayed during that month and those whose names listed in will be remembered at all the Masses.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE FOR OUR DECEASED:

During the month of November, we pray especially for the souls of those who have gone before us in faith. A special **Mass of Remembrance** for our loved ones who have died during this past year will be celebrated in our church on Monday, **November 2nd, 2026 at 7:00 pm**.

ROSARY RECITATION 15 minutes before each Mass, during the month of October, month dedicated to the Virgin Mary, our mother; let's bring our supplications, and thanksgiving to our Lord Jesus-Christ through the reflection of the recitation of the rosary. **Please join us!**

Month of October, Month of The Holy Rosary

"The Rosary mystically transports us to Mary's side as she is busy watching over the human growth of Christ in the home of Nazareth. This enables her to train us and to mold us with the same care, until Christ is 'fully formed' in us." **St. Pope John Paul II.**

REMINDER: Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, November 1 at 2:00am. Please remember to turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday, October 31 and to change the batteries in your smoke and carbon dioxide detectors.

This weekend, October 24th and 25th, 2026 is the Collection for World Mission Sunday.