

Twenty- Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

September 13th, 2026 ~ Liturgical Year A

Mass Intentions

✠ September 14th to September 20th, 2026

Monday.....NO MASS..... September 14th
The Exaltation of The Holy Cross

Tuesday.....Our Lady of Sorrows.....September 15th

8:00 am ✠ Antonio Teresina (by Roger & Sandra Feltrin)

✠ Peter Corrado (by Carmelinda)

9:00 am ROSARY OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

Wednesday.....September 16th

St. Cornelius, Pope and St. Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

8:00 am ✠ Louis Lizzotti (by Family)

✠ Peter Corrado (by Laura)

Thursday..... September 17th

8:00 am ✠ Angelina Addario (by Vince Addario)

✠ For all the Souls in Purgatory (by Mary Cody)

7:00 pm ALPHA INTRODUCTION – PARISH HALL

Friday.....September 18th

8:00 am ✠ For Holy Souls in Purgatory (by Anne Marie Smyth)

✠ Alberico DelGobbo (by Family)

Saturday.....September 19th

8:00 am ✠ Jerry Panunto (by Stephen & Anna Charlton)

✠ For all the departed Souls (by Ruggi's family)

5:00 pm ✠ Mafalda Risi (by Maria Marcone)

✠ Frank Ruscio (by Phyllis & Michael Sergnese)

✠ Ida Gabriele (Gerry & Janet)

✠ Frank Ruscio (by Vince & Joanne Minicucci)

✠ Sr. Maria D'Alessandro (by Theresa Ruscio)

Sunday....Twenty-Fifth Sunday in ordinary Time...Sept 20th

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

9:30 am ✠ Ann Iamonaco (by Marcello Iamonaco)

✠ Rinaldo & Fidora Tonini (by Marcello Iamonaco)

11:00 am ✠ Mark Latham (by Char)

✠ Leonardo Serravalle (by Marcella Serravalle)



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

Pope Francis' 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.

MASS OF PENANCE AND HEALING: 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.



Curious about how you can benefit from Alpha? Before initiating Alpha to our community, Our Lady of The Holy Rosary Church will run an exclusive **Leadership Pilot Course** for our church team and ministry leaders, on **Thursday, September 17th, 2026 at 7:00pm at the Parish Hall**. Come experience the food, the films, and a primary casual conversation.



LIVECHRIST SHARE CHRIST

Our Live Christ, Share Christ Assembly and Formation Series on Foundations of Christian Living Teaching Series will resume on **Saturday, September 26th from 1-4pm** in the Parish Hall. You are cordially invited to attend for our spiritual growth and strengthened our Catholic faith. This is open to everyone. Please invite your family and friends. Refreshment is potluck for our fellowship. See you all and God bless.



Our Lady of the Holy Rosary **Catholic Women's League** **Monthly Meeting**

Quilt Ticket Sales have been going well.

We are scheduled for Sept. 19 & 20 after Masses and the draw will take place at our October 13 meeting.

2027 Membership is available \$40.00

All ladies welcome. Not a member? Come & meet us!

Includes faith, fun, fulfillment & friendship!

The League magazine is also included in the fee!

Coast to coast, we are united.

Church Envelopes-Sept. 13 or e-transfer hrcwl100@gmail.com

Questions? Call Linda 905-227-1499

The Legion of Mary invites you to join us each month in praying the Rosary in honour of a different devotion to Our Blessed Mother.

This month, we will honour Our Lady of Sorrows and pray the Seven Sorrows Rosary, reflecting on the sorrows Mary experienced throughout the life and Passion of her Son, Jesus.

✠ We invite you to bring flowers to offer to Our Blessed Mother as a sign of love and devotion. Tuesday, September 15 at 9:00 AM Following the 8:00 AM Mass



The Secular Franciscan Order is recognized as a religious Order in the Church, and whose members

want to walk closer to Christ in the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi, meet once a month for prayer, formation, discussion and socializing. They come from many walks of life, laity, clergy, religious, married and single, 18 years of age and up. If you are interested in knowing more about the Order, please contact David at foxxygriit@gmail.com, or Debbie at deborahdessier57@gmail.com.

XXIV DOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO / A
S. Giovanni Crisostomo, B. Claudio Dumonet –
13 settembre 2026

Il perdono cristiano non ha limiti. Applica questa legge: quando il rancore ritorna, perdona ancora! Ricorda l'immenso debito che Dio ha condonato a te..

The readings for this Lord's Day are unified around the theme of forgiveness.

In the Second Reading, St. Paul reminds us that we are completely given over to the Lord. In light of the surrounding readings, we realize that if we have been totally assimilated to Jesus, such that our life is his life and our death is his death, what sense does it make to continue to hold on to petty grudges about what others have done to us. Aren't we living on a whole new plane, where the cycle of offense and revenge of our old life don't make sense anymore?

Looking at the context of Matthew 18, we see that a few verses earlier, Jesus had conferred on his disciples a certain religious authority, the authority to "bind ... and ... loose," (Matt 18:18) to make solemn judgments on the application of divine law. The authority of the disciples to "bind and loose" also reminds us of the authority conferred after the resurrection, when Jesus breathes on his disciples and says, "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained". The two passages seem to have an analogy to one another and may be mutually illuminating.

Now Peter, the head of the Apostles who will have the authority to forgive sin, approaches Jesus to question him about the freedom with which he should dispense forgiveness. He thinks he is being generous: Shall I forgive up to seven times? Jesus responds, "Not seven times but seventy-seven times."

The basic meaning is clear. God is our master to whom we owe an almost incalculable debt, which he nonetheless forgives in his compassion for us. The offenses of our neighbors toward us are, by comparison, negligible: how can we then fail to forgive.

A few observations: the debt the servant owes the king is ten thousand talents, a truly astronomical sum. A single talent was worth about \$864,000 in modern equivalent, or about thirty-four years' wages for an entry-level worker. So ten thousand talents would translate to about \$8.6 billion, a debt so large the average wage-earner could scarcely even incur a fraction of such a debt within a lifetime, much less pay it off. By contrast, the debt owed to the servant is a hundred denarii, that is, a hundred days' wages for a common laborer.

I have usually understood the delivery over to the jailers/torturers "until he should pay back the whole debt" as a reference to hell, on the assumption that it is impossible to pay your debt when you are in jail, and thus you will never leave, just as hell is eternal.

Michael Barber, however, has made the intriguing observation that perhaps the phrase "until he should pay back the whole debt" is meant in earnest: eventually, the man will pay off his debt and be released. Michael points out several Rabbinic texts that indicate a Jewish belief in a place of temporary punishment.

In light of such texts, another interpretive option becomes possible: the delivery of the man over to the jailers refers to purgatory. In any event, the message of the Gospel is clear: the offenses done to us by others in this life can be serious.

However, it pales in comparison with the debt of sin we owe to God, which is so great as to be incomprehensible from our standpoint. Therefore, having experienced the lavish forgiveness of God, we should be willing to excuse the offenses of our fellow human beings, and in this way become God-like, since forgiveness is a divine attribute.

Bergsma, Dr. John

"Reflections on the Sunday Mass Readings for Year A"

Weekly Offering

06-Sep-26

Offertory: Regular & Initial	3,418.25
Online Offertory	971.25
E-transfer Offertory	160.00
Church Basement	2,405.00
Parish Maintenance	66.00
Feast of The Assumption	25.00
Flowers	20.00
Indigenous	55.00
Mission Cooperation	20.00
Total	\$ 6,954.50

Basement Renovation	Collection	Expense	Balance
Donation Collected as of August 3	\$ 240,968.25	-	\$ 240,968.25
New Donations: September 6th, 2	2,050.00	-	243,018.25
2nd Collect September 6th, 2026	355.00	-	243,373.25
Rosary Legacy	-	-	243,373.25
Incurred Expenses as of April 26th	-	405,014.35	-\$161,641.10

Thank you for your generosity!

Saint Michael
Catholic Men's Speaker Series

"Making a Good Confession"

St. Denis Church, 230 Lake Street, St. Catarines

Wednesday, September 30th @ 7:30pm

Presenter: Fr. Stephen Bruzzese.

Church opens @ 7:00pm

WELCOME SUNDAY: Following all Masses, all parishioners are invited to enjoy some refreshments and a time of fellowship on Sunday, September 20th, 2026 in the Parish Hall. **Our Welcome Sundays is on the third Sunday of each month.**

➤ We extend our sincere condolences and prayers to the family and friend who mourn the recent loss of **Silvio Borrelli**. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen!

ATTENTION: Please be mindful of strong perfumes and scented products as they can generate severe headaches, asthma attacks, allergic reactions in sensitive people. Let's keep our Worship place safe and accessible for everyone.