

Twenty- Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

September 27th, 2026 ~ Liturgical Year A

Mass Intentions

✠ September 28th to October 4th, 2026

Monday.....NO MASS..... September 28th

Tuesday..... September 29th

St. Michael, St. Gabriel, St Raphael, Archangels

8:00 am ✠ Steve Levay (by Vince Addario)

✠ Zah'Lalyah Walton

Wednesday.....St. Jerome, Priest, Doctor.... September 30th

8:00 am ✠ James & Leona Barthe (by Family)

✠ Johnny Biancaniello (by Vince Addario)

Thursday..... October 1st

St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin, Doctor

8:00 am ✠ Antonio Paoliello (by Jocelyn Calixtro)

✠ Nelda & Jesus Jr. Torres (by Jocelyn Calixtro)

Friday.....The Holy Guardian Angels.....October 2nd

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

✠ Grace Gilles (by Mary Cody)

3:00pm ✠ Apostles of Mercy – Holy Hour ✠

6:00 pm♥Mass In Honour of The Sacred Heart of Jesus♥

Saturday.....October 3rd

8:00 am ✠ Sr. Maria D'Alessandro (by Carlo & Anna Grossi)

✠ Olinda Mastroianni (by The Catholic Women's League)

5:00 pm ✠ Domenic & Jackie Palmerino (by Buick & Alice Taylor)

✠ Antonio, Rosina & Mike Marrone (by Family)

✠ Paula Alton (by Karen & Lance)

✠ Jim & Rita Ricciuto (by Tony Ricciuto)

✠ Clelia Gicante (by Family)

✠ Mafalda Risi (by Doreen & Mike Benson)

Sunday...Twenty-Seventh Sunday in ordinary Time...October 4th

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

9:30 am ✠ In Onore de St. Pio (by Marcella Serravalle)

✠ Giovanni LaFratta (by D'Ammizio Family)

11:00 am ♥ **Special Intention of Fr. Ronald Angervil**

(by Isabel & Joseph Schackmann)

✠ Clelia (Abbrusseze) Gicante (by Gicate Family)

SANCTUARY LAMP: This weekly Sanctuary Lamp is donated in memory of **Guerino "Scotty" Girotti**. 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 September FOR THE 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.

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.

BECOME CATHOLIC THIS YEAR!

The RCIA/RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults/Children) is a journey of faith for adults or children who are seeking to be baptized, or anyone who has been baptized in another Faith Tradition but would like to become a member of the Catholic Church. Through prayer, study and the experience of Christian Community, an inquirer is guided to a deeper understanding and appreciation of the Catholic faith. Each new Journey of Faith begins in the Fall. This is also for any adult or young adult who is already baptized Catholic but has not for whatever reason been confirmed and thus would like to complete his/ her sacraments of Christian Initiation, would be welcome to join the instruction as well and, in due time, after suitable time of preparation can be confirmed.

**First RCIA meeting will take place on Sunday,
October 4th, 2026 at 9:15am**

For more information email: ourladyoftheholynosary@saintcd.com



The popular monthly **beef-on-a-bun** is next Thursday, October 8th, from 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.

We look forward to seeing you at Club Belvedere!



Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Catholic Women's League

Membership... You are invited!

\$40.00. Thank you!

Saturday October 17, 2026' 1 pm

at St. Mary's Church, Hagarsville

CWL Deceased Members Mass

Celebrant: Bishop Bergie

Let Linda know if you plan to attend...

(social & lunch follow Mass)

Wednesday November 25 or Saturday November 28, 2026

CWL Advent Retreat Mount Carmel, Niagara Falls

\$35.00 (includes lunch)

Let Linda know by October 13 if you plan to attend...

Contact: linkacwl2004@yahoo.ca or call 905-227-1499

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION:

Tuesday, September 29th at 7:00pm at the Parish Hall.

FIRST COMMUNION REGISTRATION:

Wednesday, September 30th at 7:00pm at the Parish Hall.

NOTICE The Parish office will be closed for Thanksgiving, on Monday, October 12th, 2026. Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, October 13th, 2026. **Thank you!**

XXVI DOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO / A
S. Vincenzo de' Paoli, S. Bonfilio - 27 settembre 2026

Dio valuta il pentimento sincero più delle apparenze di rettitudine. Ci invita ad essere sempre pronti a cambiare strada quando sbagliamo. Oggi ricorre la 112ª Giornata del migrante e del rifugiato.

Apparently Holy Mother Church wants us to learn something about God's justice and mercy because the themes of this Sunday's readings repeat, with variation, those of last week's.

Last week we had to deal with the difficult Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard, which raised the issue of whether God is "unfair" in his merciful generosity. This week the topic of God's fairness rises again at the beginning of the First Reading.

In the second reading, St. Paul calls us to a participation in the "Spirit," which is characterized by "compassion and mercy." This is the Spirit of the God who is eager to welcome back the sinners who repent, irrespective of their previous sins or those of their parents.

We are called to imitate the selflessness of Christ, who never grasped anything for himself nor was jealous of his own privileges, unlike the first workers from last week's Gospel. In Christ's perfect and gratuitous gift of himself, even to the point of death, we see God's abounding mercy perfectly demonstrated. Yet in Christ's exaltation and glorification at the right hand of the Father, we see God's justice perfectly displayed since it is only just that Christ's self-emptying should be answered with such honor. In this way God's mercy and justice embrace.

In the Gospel we are faced with two groups that correspond to the two groups described by Ezekiel in the First Reading: virtuous ones who turn away and wicked ones who repent.

The tax collectors and prostitutes who are entering the kingdom of God correspond to the son who refused to go into the vineyard at first but afterward did. The Pharisees correspond to the son who promised to go work but did not.

It's important to emphasize that the "tax collectors and prostitutes" of whom Jesus speaks are those who *repented and changed their lifestyle* at the preaching of John the Baptist. Jesus is *not* saying that lifestyles of extortion or sexual promiscuity are compatible with the kingdom of God.

The Pharisees Jesus castigates were people who had been trained in virtue from their youth and gave lip service to the principles of morality expressed in the Scripture, but they were skilled at finding legalistic loopholes that would permit a lifestyle of self-indulgence, even at the expense of others. Not every Pharisee was like this, however.

Jesus indicates that the repentance of notorious public sinners (the tax collectors and prostitutes) should have been a sign of the authenticity of the ministry of John in the eyes of the Pharisees. They should have recognized the principle that "by their fruit you shall know them" (Matt 7:16, my translation). The fruits of repentance brought by John authenticated his ministry.

Mother Church is raising her voice at us-yes, even yelling at us-this Sunday to wake up and not be like the Pharisees. How not to be like a Pharisee? *Don't leave Mass thinking the Gospel wasn't speaking about you.* Maybe we haven't practiced extortion or committed sex acts for pay, but by Jesus's standards, a lustful look is adultery (Matt 5:28), and heaping up money for ourselves, even by honest means, is the worship of a different god (Matt 6:24). We, too, need to repent.

The Good News is the "mercies" of God, that in order to forgive the repentant, he gives himself completely for us and to us, having taken on the form of a man, then the form of a slave, then the form of bread.

J. Bergsma, Reflection on Sunday Mass Year A



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 foxygrit@gmail.com, or Debbie at debrahtessier57@gmail.com.

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

Weekly Offering

20-Sep-26

Offertory: Regular & Initial	3,543.25
Online Offertory	971.25
Church Basement	724.20
Needs of the Canadian Church	50.00
Hall Donation	100.00
Mission Co-Operation	70.00
Total	\$ 5,458.70

Basement Renovation	Collection	Expense	Balance
Donation Collected as of September	\$ 246,376.10	-	\$ 246,376.10
New Donations: September 20th,	-	-	246,376.10
2nd Collect September 20th, 2026	724.20	-	247,100.30
Rosary Legacy	-	-	247,100.30
Incurred Expenses as of April 26th	-	405,014.35	-\$157,914.05

Thank you for your generosity!

Collecting Up This Weekend:

Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada

This weekend, we are collecting the **Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada**. Remember, when you give, your offering begins in our parish but reaches far beyond it. It helps support the mission of our diocese and joins the gifts of Catholics across the country in supporting the shared work of the Bishops of Canada. **Thank you for your generosity!**