

Twenty- Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

September 6th, 2026 ~ Liturgical Year A

Mass Intentions

✠ September 7th to September 13th, 2026

Monday.....NO MASS..... September 7th

Tuesday...The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary...Sept 8th

8:00 am ✠ For the Holy Souls in Purgatory

(by Isabel & Joseph Schackmann)

✠ Mafalda Risi (by Carla & Nick Priftis)

Wednesday.....September 9th

8:00 am ✠ Helen Albanese (by Vince Addario)

✠ Guido & Luisa Minicucci (by Norma & Carmine)

Thursday..... September 10th

8:00 am ✠ Grace Gilles (By Mary Cody)

✠ Giuseppe & Giuseppina Pizzacalla

(by Linda Pizzacalla)

Friday.....September 11th

8:00 am ✠ Elizabeth Longo (by Mom)

✠ Tom Longo (by Wife)

Saturday.....September 12th

8:00 am ✠ Helen Trainer (by Ruggi's family)

✠ All the departed Souls (by Ruggi's family)

5:00 pm ✠ Frank Ruscio (by Angela & Angiolina Gabriele)

✠ Rosario Iocca (Family)

✠ Sister Maria D'Alessandro

(by the Catholic Women League)

✠ Sandra Malisani (by Sr. D'Angella)

✠ Rudy Walters (by Anne Marie Smyth)

Sunday..Twenty-Fourth Sunday in ordinary Time..Sept 13th

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

9:30 am In Honor of St. Francis of Paola (by Marcela Seravalle)

✠ Anna Iamonaco (by Ida Riganelli)

11:00 am ✠ Rita Pietrobon (by Jerry & Dianne Pietrobon)

✠ George Fortune (by the Soc of St. Vincent de Paul)

 **SANCTUARY LAMP:** This weekly Sanctuary Lamp is donated in memory of **Guido and Luisa Minicucci**. 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.

HAPPY LABOR DAY!



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.



The popular monthly **beef-on-a-bun** is held this Thursday, September 10th, from 4-7pm, at Club Belvedere, 57 John St., Thorold. Join us for a delicious homestyle dinner. -\$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 Monthly Meeting

Tuesday September 8, 2026, 7 pm, Holy Rosary Hall

Come & Sign the CWL 100th Anniversary Scroll
(it will be included in our time capsule!)

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

2027 Membership is available \$40.00

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

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!



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 foxxygtrit@gmail.com, or Debbie at deborahdessier57@gmail.com.

NOTICE: Monday, September 7th, 2026, the parish office will be closed for Labor Day.

St. Joseph, pray for us!

XXIII DOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO / A

S. Magno, S. Onesiforo - 6 settembre 2026

La correzione fraterna è sempre, e prima di tutto, un atto di carità. Va fatta con delicatezza, in privato, con il solo scopo di riconciliare e guadagnare il fratello.

Today's readings focus on broken relationships among people and with God. They stress our responsibility for each other's salvation, our responsibility for reconciliation among ourselves and with God.

In the first reading God appoints prophet Ezekiel as a watchman over Israel. His task is to admonish his countrymen in the name of God, if they do something wrong, in order to bring them back to the right path. If he fails to do it, he will be at fault. If he corrects them, but they don't listen, he has no blame; they will die because of their own guilt.

This reading clearly states our responsibility for the salvation of our brothers and sisters. We cannot be indifferent to what they do with their lives. If they sin and we see their sinful behaviour, our duty, as Christians, is to correct them with love and compassion; otherwise we ourselves will have a sin in front of God: sin of negligence and omission. Our task is not to convert the sinner; this is the work of God. Our responsibility is to make the sinner aware that his or her behaviour is incorrect and puts the person in danger of damnation. We, as Christians, cannot be indifferent to the sins of our brothers and sisters. We all are Christ's Body, and if one member of this body is sick, the whole body suffers.

Today's Gospel speaks of another case of our responsibility for others. This time it concerns somebody who sins against us. How to deal with such a situation in a Christian way?

First of all, it concerns a situation that happens very often. Almost everyday we feel hurt by somebody, by our wife, husband, co-worker, children, friends etc. Either they say something hurtful or do something that seems nasty to us. In such cases our hurt feelings are involved and we feel some kind of animosity toward the culprit, sometimes even we feel a need for revenge. The longer we carry these feelings in our hearts the stronger they become, and the more difficult it becomes to reconcile with the other person.

Jesus gives us a very sober and practical advice: first you go and speak directly to the culprit. Very important: don't wait until the offender comes to ask for your forgiveness, you who feel offended or hurt go first and tell your brother or sister that his or her behaviour hurt your feelings. It is important that you are kind and gentle. In many cases the harm was involuntary; the other person had no idea that his or her action had such a bad influence on you! So never assume the other person's bad intentions. Give them always the credit of a doubt! Just describe what happened from your perspective and say how you felt after that, without using any strong or offensive words. Otherwise it will only deepen the controversy and widen the gap between you both. The goal of such an encounter is to reconcile with each other, because that is what God wants us to do. "Before you bring your gift to the altar, first reconcile with your brother!" God loves you as much as he loves the other person. He wants to see his children at peace and harmony with each other. It is absolutely wrong to tell everybody about the hurt suffered from somebody before speaking directly to the person.

It is the sin of detraction and gossiping and it always worsens the situation, making it sometimes impossible to heal.

Of course, because of the hurt feelings, it is not easy to speak with the offender. That's why we need to pray before we go to speak to the other person, so that our intentions are clear: we don't go to tell the other person how bad she or he was, but to clear the situation so as to be able to live in friendship ever after. When you feel too weak to deal with hurt emotions and you don't feel ready to approach the person, you may seek advice of somebody wise and compassionate. It would be the best to go to confession and explain the situation to the priest.

But what to do when you approached the person, but the person didn't change at all, doesn't want to reconcile, doesn't want to make peace with you?

Jesus tells us what to do in such cases. We need to ask help of somebody respectable and known for ability of reconciling others, of somebody wise, calm and peaceful. It may be even more than one person. Jesus suggests two or three according to the Jewish law, where the testimony of two or three witnesses was considered reliable.

If reconciliation does not occur even with their help, then the third and final step is to take it before the entire community. In our case it would mean asking the priest or even the bishop for mediation. In this step the whole affair becomes public. The sinner is invited to repent, to mend the rift which has spread to the entire community. If even this measure fails, then Jesus suggests that the sinner has to be excluded from the community, and treated as "Gentile or tax collector." This separation is again meant to bring the sinner to repentance and conversion.

The whole community and all its members individually are responsible for salvation of each other. They have to undertake all possible steps towards helping the sinful member of the community to repent and be saved.

Dear Brother, dear Sister, how do you deal with hurt feelings? Do you entertain them, sharing them with all your friends and family members? Or do you approach the offender with respect, kindness and readiness for forgiveness and reconciliation? What do you do when you see other people sin? Do you approach them with gentleness in order to correct their sinful behaviour? Or do you remain indifferent? Do you care for your brother's or sister's eternal salvation?

Weekly Offering

30-Aug-26

Offertory: Regular & Initial	3,054.40
Online Offertory	1,269.40
E-transfer Offertory	50.00
Church Basement	861.90
Total	\$ 5,235.70

Basement Renovation	Collection	Expense	Balance
Donation Collected as of August 2	\$ 240,106.35	-	\$ 240,106.35
New Donations: August 30th, 202	-	-	240,106.35
2nd Collect August 30th, 2026	861.90	-	240,968.25
Rosary Legacy	-	-	240,968.25
Incurred Expenses as of April 26t	-	405,014.35	-\$164,046.10

Thank you for your generosity!

TRIBUTE TO SISTER MARIA: All parishioners are invited to an evening tribute to Sr. Maria with music, memories and gratitude, this Sunday, September 6th, 2026 at 7:00pm.