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Pastor

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Sunday, August 23rd, 2026

21ST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

“I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”
- Mt 16:19

Sat. Aug 22	4:45pm		Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions All Parishioners Guy Wilson (Mary Ann Biggar & Family)
Sun. Aug 23	5:00pm 10:00am	✚	
Weekday Masses from August 24-28 have been cancelled. Fr. Jacek will be on vacation and will celebrate the scheduled Masses privately.			
Mon. Aug 24			No Mass
Tues. Aug 25	9:30am	✚	Wilson King (Racz Family) Fr. Jacek & his intentions (Parish) For Pope Leo and all lay Catholics (Carolle Gilbert)
	7-8pm		HOLY HOUR & Confessions CANCELLED
Wed. Aug 26	9:30am		65th Anniversary Blessings for Kathy & Denis Souter (Thelma Poolsaar) Jasmine & Wade McColl Birthday Blessings (Annette Mastracci)
Thurs. Aug 27	9:30am	✚	Alexis MacLean Newton (Melissa Middleton)
Fri. Aug 28	9:30am		No Mass
Sat. Aug 29	4-4:45pm		Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions All Parishioners Birthday Blessings for James (Danuta Mazur)
Sun. Aug 30	5:00pm 10:00am		

Confessions from 9-9:25am before all weekday Masses.

Offertory August 8 & 9, 2026—\$1,695.00

Offertory August 15 & 16, 2026-\$1,467.00

Maintenance- \$450.00

Mission Appeal (Solidary Fund of Lodwar/Kalamazoo- \$1,575.00

A Call to Prayer: Join Us in Honoring Our Lady of Fatima

Bring your family, friends, and fellow church members as we unite in prayer. Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin, we pray for peace and renewal in our hearts and in the world.

Nest Mass- Sunday, September 13th, 10am followed by The Rosary.

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Matthew 16:13-20

The first time I stood inside St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, its majesty overwhelmed me. The sheer beauty of Michelangelo's dome seemed to lift my soul right out of my body. Later, I joined the Scavi tour that winds below the basilica, down into the ancient pagan cemetery where Peter was buried. There, in the dim light and narrow passageways, I found myself looking at the bones of a murdered Jewish fisherman, his feet cut off so his crucified body could be taken down more easily.

What a paradox. Above me, the most glorious church ever built. Beneath me, the remains of a backwater fisherman. But this man dared to answer Jesus' question, **“Who do you say that I am?”** And crowning that immense dome above his tomb are the words from today's Gospel, **“You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.”**

Within you and me is the drama of the lowest and the highest. Every time we confess Christ, humbly, imperfectly, maybe even trembling, we enter that same mystery. The dust of our humanity, touched by the splendour of heaven. God's presence and our dry bones together. Humility and glory. May our lives embrace both the lowest and the highest, like that great basilica, as we profess Jesus.

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Only Peter Has the Answer-

“What do you think of the Pope?”

After the election of Pope Leo XIV in 2025, all my non-Catholic friends texted me this question. The result of the papal conclave was dominating the news cycle, and everyone was curious about this man who would now be so prominent on the world stage, making me temporarily popular with people who apparently need more (and better) Catholics in their lives.

In today's Gospel, we see Jesus entrust Peter and his heirs with the stewardship of the kingdom here on earth, creating an unbroken line of authority that stretches through the millennia all the way to our current Pope — whoever he is at the time you are reading this.

I don't know if you like the Pope. The same goes for your local bishop and your pastor. If a friend texted you, “What do you think of him?” I have no idea how you would respond.

All I know is this: it doesn't really matter. What really matters is what we would say if a friend texted us the same question about Jesus Christ: “What do you think of Him, and why?”

In today's Gospel, Jesus doesn't ask his disciples to take an IQ test. He doesn't try to find out which one is the nicest, the hardest worker, the most humble, or even the holiest.

He asks a very simple question: “Who do you say that I am?”

Peter has the answer.

I am not Catholic because I like the Pope. I am not Catholic because the human representatives of the Church have anything to offer me (they often do, but this is beside the point).

I am Catholic because only Peter has the answer.

Please remember in your prayers the soul of ✚**Avery Horton** whose funeral Mass was celebrated in our parish this past week. The funeral Mass for ✚**Sophie Kuckyt** will be celebrated on Saturday, September 19th at 11am. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

Fr. Jacek visits the sick and homebound every First Friday of the month or as needed.

If you are unable to attend Mass for any reason (illness/mobility/transportation issues) and would like to receive the Holy Eucharist, phone the office and we will make the necessary arrangements.

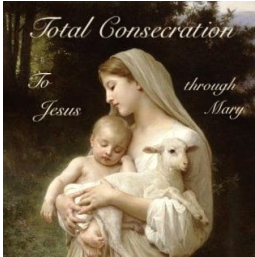
Sunday, August 30th, 2026

22ND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”
- Mt 16:24b-25

Mon. Aug 31	9:30am		No Mass
Tues. Sept 1	9:30am	✚	Dorothy Racz (Racz Family) Marion/Gilbert Families living & Deceased (Carolle Gilbert) Polly & Lawrence Corso & Their intentions (Adelaine Nohara)
Wed. Sept 2	7:00pm 9:30am	✚	HOLY HOUR & Confessions Edoardo Cozzi (Maria Cozzi)
Thurs. Sept 3	9:30am		Fr. Jacek & his intentions (Parish)
		✚	Cornelius Neudorf (Meier Family)
		✚	Avery Horton (DiMartile Family) Blessings & wellbeing Alison Langley & family (Melissa Middleton)
Fri. Sept 4	9:30am		No Mass
Sat. Sept 5	4:45pm		Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions All Parishioners
Sun. Sept 6	5:00pm 10:00am	✚	Stefan Hozjan (Maria Hozjan & Family)

Confessions from 9-9:25am before all weekday Masses



You're Invited to join St. Ann's Parish for Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary

Join us for 33 days of preparation for Total Consecration to Mary according to the method of St. Louis de Montfort. We will begin on Thursday September 10 and make our Act of Consecration following the 6:00pm Mass on October 13, the anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima, which our parish is commemorating with a Rosary Procession.

Adelaine Nohara will lead us in a catechesis on the spirituality of St. Louis de Montfort and prayer from 7-8:15pm at St. Ann's on every Thursday during the preparation period: September 10, 17 & 24 and October 1 & 8. Our preparation will include the praying of the Rosary together during Eucharistic Adoration.

Pope's Prayer Intention for September: Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Matthew 16:21-27

Do you know what it is like to be thrilled by the power of Christian faith one moment and then utterly fail in it the next? I do. That is Peter in today's Gospel. After last week's bold confession, he now hears Jesus speak of suffering and death, and something in him recoils. He takes Jesus aside and tries to correct him. Jesus responds with the shocking rebuke, **“Get behind me, Satan.”**

Peter is the mirror of every disciple. We love Jesus until he contradicts the script we have written for our lives. Peter does not reject Jesus. He rejects a *suffering* Jesus. So do we, whenever we avoid a hard responsibility, resist a demanding relationship, or cling to comfort instead of choosing love. We want a Lord who supports our plans, not one who overturns them.

Yet Jesus does not discard Peter. He redirects him. **“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.”** In effect, Jesus says, stop trying to lead me. Let me lead you. Discipleship does not begin with heroism or clarity but with surrender. It means trusting that God's path to life often passes through places we would never choose.

Peter is all of us. We move from insight to confusion, from confidence to correction. That is why we should have hope.

Jesus patiently teaches us again and again. Trust me. Get behind me. Follow me. When we stop fighting the crosses that come and start carrying them with him, we discover a freedom deeper than comfort and a love stronger than fear.

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation:

In 2015, Pope Francis declared **September 1st** as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. Coinciding with a celebration instituted by the Orthodox Church, it is also a day of ecumenical prayer and unity. The Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace has some proposed celebrations on their website. The faithful should be encouraged to take practical initiatives to combat earth's environmental crisis.

Catholic Women's League News

Thank you to everyone who donated items in support of the school supply drive for Birchway Niagara! All items have been forwarded to them.

Next meeting.....Tuesday, September 8th, 2026 @1:30pm
All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend.

Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund Sept. 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/>)

