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Sunday, September 11th, 2022



24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I tell you, there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents." - Lk 15:10

Sat. Sept 10	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
	5:00pm	Special Intention for the Walters Children & their families (Teresa & Colin Walters)
Sun. Sept 11	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	✠ Margaret Young (Mike & Anne Young)
		✠ Kelly Morellato (Racz Family)
Mon. Sept 12	9:30am	No Mass
Tues. Sept 13	9:30am	Vince Addario (Lena Addario)
	7-8pm	HOUR HOUR & Confessions
Wed. Sept 14	9:30am	Amer, Divya & Praanjal (Divya G.)
Thurs. Sept 15	9:30am	25th Anniversary Blessings for Paul & Indica Tenden (Nohara Family)
Fri. Sept 16	9:30am	For Addario & Albanese Families For healing, past, present and future (Vince Addario)
Sat. Sept 17	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
	5:00pm	✠ Angelina Addario (Vince Addario)
Sun. Sept 18	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	✠ Isaiah (Magazzeni Family)

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

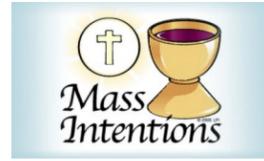
Offertory August 28, 2022— \$2,420.00
Offertory September 4, 2022—\$2,085.00
Maintenance—\$355.00

Pope's Prayer Intention Month of September: For the Abolition of the death penalty: We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

Church Cleaners needed: Please phone the office if you can assist, or need more information.

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Since God created human beings, we have struggled to keep our focus on God. We wrestle with the question of "who is God" and foolishly believe some of God's job description can be better completed by us. We wander in different directions, lose our way, think that happiness can be found elsewhere and even construct golden calves to worship. Are we simply too independent or just blatantly stubborn? It's a good question to ask. Even with all of our silliness and distractions, God compassionately and patiently waits. He lets us assert our wills and knows that perhaps one day we will actually wake up and realize how lost we are. "Since happiness is nothing other than the enjoyment of the highest good and since the highest good is above, no one can be made happy unless he rises above himself, not by an ascent of the body but of the heart. But we cannot rise above ourselves unless a higher power lifts us up ... Divine aid is available to those who seek it from their hearts, humbly and devoutly; and this means to sigh for it in this valley of tears, through fervent prayer (St. Bonaventure)." One of the biggest human struggles is discerning what, exactly, is the highest good. We are ordered to achieve it but if we pursue it with clouded vision, we will never truly find it. One of the greatest obstacles to God's power and love is a stubborn, closed heart of stone. When we are fiercely determined to set our sights elsewhere for happiness or simply ride the popular currents of the day, we will never satisfy the deep ache and longing within. We know that ache well. It is precisely why we scurry all over the place, attempting to find the next best thing to take away its pain. Nothing in the created world ever can or will. We continue our journey. One day, people may wake up and realize that they are grazing in the wrong pasture and putting themselves in harm's way. When this awakening occurs, it will be a most joyous day as we will see God's wide-open arms waiting to receive us. "Lead me, Lord, in your path, and I will enter in your truth. Let my heart rejoice that it may fear your name (St. Bonaventure)."



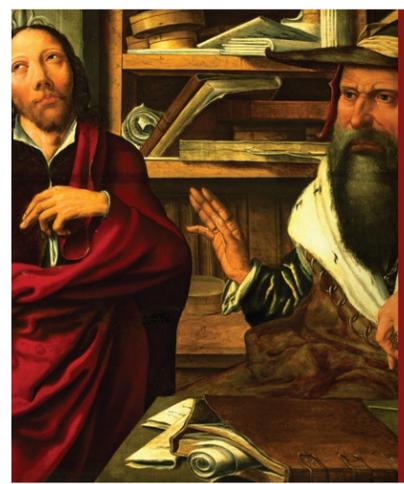
Diocese of St. Catharines Policy concerning Collective Mass Intentions, Section 2.2: No more than two Masses with "collective" intentions and offerings shall be offered during any given week. Beginning in September, we will designate Wednesday and Friday Masses as those for which we will accept collective intentions.

Special Collection : Needs of the Church in Canada, September 25th, 2022. Every year, the Bishops of Canada appeal for financial assistance. This collection helps each diocese make its annual contribution to the national Episcopal Conference and to the respective regional episcopal assembly (in the Atlantic, Quebec, Ontario and Western regions). The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops is the national assembly of Catholic Bishops. Contributing to this collection is an act of collaboration with the Bishops in their ministry of teaching, sanctifying and pastoral governance. **Envelopes are in your offertory boxes. Donations can also be made by e-transfer.**

Diocesan SEPARATED AND DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY support group meetings the second and fourth Monday of the month, 7-9pm at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, 7020 Stanley Avenue, Niagara Falls. Meetings also held virtually. To register for virtual attendance, or for information, please call 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154, or email separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com. September 12th: The Journey; September 26th: Coping with Stress.

Congratulations to **Carter and Shoko Rendall** who were married in our parish on August 27th. Wishing you many years of health and happiness.

Sunday, September 18th, 2022



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon."
- Lk 16:8b, 13

Mon. Sept 19	9:30am	No Mass
Tues. Sept 20	9:30am	For Demeco & Biancaniello Families for healing, past, Present & future (Vince Addario)
	7-8pm	HOLY HOUR & Confessions
Wed. Sept 21	9:30am	✠ Robert Vaillancourt (Pat Vaillancourt & family)
Thurs. Sept 22	9:30am	Amer, Divya & Praanjal (Divya G.)
Fri. Sept 23	9:30am	✠ Fern Albert (Racz Family)
Sat. Sept 24	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
	5:00pm	✠ Nicola Colangelo (Rosa Colangelo)
Sun. Sept 25	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	Thanksgiving Mass for Yvonne Rebeiro (Rebeiro Family)

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

Youth Ministry: We are in the preliminary stages of planning our Youth Ministry program for this fall—to begin sometime in late Sept-early Oct. Students in Grades 5-8 will have the opportunity to participate. The Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate have once again agreed to lead and co-ordinate the program. All information/registration forms will be forwarded once details have been finalized. **The Sisters will visit St. Ann School on Thurs. Sept 22nd to speak to the students about the program.**

Young Adult Ministry: Outreach to 19-39; focused on promoting friendships while exploring and growing in one's Catholic faith; Monthly Feed your Faith, as well as other special events and retreats. For more info 905-684-0154. familyandyouth@saintcd.com

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Shrine, 4706 Miller Road, Port Colborne welcomes Bishop Bergie on Thursday, September 8, 2022, the Feast of the Nativity of Mary. The rosary will be prayed at 7:00 p.m. and Bishop Bergie will celebrate Mass at 7:30 p.m. – EVERYONE IS WELCOME. The Shrine operates May to October. Every Thursday at 7:00 p.m., in the Chapel, the Rosary is recited followed by the celebration of Holy Mass. For more information please call Shelley Tamas, 905-714-7677 or visit www.rosaryshrineinagara.com.

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"You cannot serve both God and mammon." Merriam-Webster defines mammon as material wealth or possessions, especially having a debasing influence. While God does not take issue with our need to use money for the business of our lives, there can be a problem with the attitudes we bring to it. We can easily become so preoccupied and obsessed with money that it becomes the real "god" we worship. Do we serve mammon instead of God? In their book, Wealth, Riches and Money, Craig Hill and Earl Pitts outline symptoms of mammon's influence in our lives. Some of these are worry and anxiety over money, money mismanagement, fear over "never having enough," an "I can't afford it" mentality, impulse buying, stinginess, greed, debt, and discontent.



Many of the things on that list can consume us to the point that we are distracted from what we really need to be doing. Many people spend an inordinate amount of time worrying about money and it becomes the source of their worst fears. If we are honest with ourselves, we need to admit that we place far more emphasis on our material securities than we ought. In fact, we have actually convinced ourselves that we cannot live without it. Are we that certain about the presence of God? Many of the world's problems, especially those involving inequity and injustice, result from conflicts about money. Many equate money with happiness. Those successful in accumulating large amounts of it quickly realize just how wrong they are.

"Your ultimate allegiance is not to the government, not to the state, not to nation, not to any man-made institution. The Christian owes his ultimate allegiance to God, and if any earthly institution conflicts with God's will it is your Christian duty to take a stand against it. You must never allow the transitory evanescent demands of man-made institutions to take precedence over the eternal demands of the Almighty God (Martin Luther King, Jr.)." This is the point Jesus is trying to make. Unfortunately, when we look around our man-made kingdoms are far more prevalent than God's kingdom. When we start seeing greater evidence of justice, equity, dignity, respect, opportunity, gentleness, holiness, solidarity, honesty, simplicity, care for creation, and a decrease in ambition, then we will know that God's kingdom is being served. We will be doing what we are supposed to do.

World Youth Day 2023, Lisbon, Portugal, July 26– August 7, 2023. Aged 16-35 who would like to deepen their faith and experience the global church. World Youth Day allows young people to experience Christ in a new and powerful way. All youth in the Diocese of St. Catharines are welcome to attend. Contact Andrew Natale, Youth Minister St. Joseph Parish, Grimsby. 905-945-2661. andrewjnatale@gmail.com or visit: www.stjosephgrimsby.ca/wyd for information on trip package/cost and highlights.



Children's Liturgy—We would like to resume this ministry as soon as possible. Volunteers Needed!

Children's liturgy is designed to introduce our parish children to the Word and allow them to participate fully in the liturgy. On a rotating schedule, the Children's Liturgy volunteer leads the children in an age-appropriate liturgy of the Word downstairs in the church hall during the Sunday 9:30 Mass.

Confirmation Registration: If your child does not attend St. Ann School and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, please phone the office soon to register for the sacrament.

