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Sunday, September 24th, 2023



**25TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

“Are you envious because I am generous?” Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.”
- Mt 20:15-16

Sat. Sept 23	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
	5:00pm	✠ Irena Baran (Jan & Lana)
Sun. Sept 24	9:30am	✠ Angiolina Iamonaco (Melissa Middleton)
	11:00am	Missa Pro Populo
Mon. Sept 25	9:30am	No Mass
Tues. Sept 26	9:30am	✠ Ralph Biancanello & Gerrard Gosselin (Vince Addario)
	7-8pm	HOLY HOUR & Confessions
Wed. Sept 27	9:30am	Special Intention of Adelaine Nohara (Keri & Dave Harrison)
		✠ Jack & Dorothy Walters (Colin & Teresa Walters)
		✠ Rudy Lawson & Ken Martin (Doug & Alexandra Martin)
Thurs. Sept 28	9:30am	Milan Mastracci (Annette Mastracci & Fam)
Fri. Sept 29	9:30am	✠ Angela & Renato Ferrara (Family) In Thanksgiving for the Intercession of St. Lucy (Doug Martin) The Guerriero Family (Linda, Pellegrino, Natasha, Zachary & Niko) (Annette Mastracci & Family)
Sat. Sept 30	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
	5:00pm	✠ Nunzia D'Ambrosio (Melissa Middleton)
Sun. Oct 1	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	For the Health & Salvation of Taras & Mary Blizniouk (Doug & Alexandra Martin)

Confessions from 9-9:25am before all weekday Masses. Offertory September 10th & 17th, 2023—\$2,2239.00

Next CWL meeting will be held on Thursday, Oct 12th with Mass beginning at 6pm, followed by a meeting. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend.

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Once I gave my three-year-old niece a certain toy for Christmas. When she opened it, she was happy. Shortly thereafter her five-year old sister opened another present from me: the same toy, along with some play jewelry. The three-year-old cried out: "That's not fair! Why'd she get the jewelry, too?!"

Let's face it: there's something about God's grace in our religion which bothers us. We love to look at others' blessings and cry out: "That's not fair!" Catholicism is not fair in the sense that it is a religion founded on God's grace which is *unmerited* favour. God pours his mercy, love, and divine life upon us not because we're good but because He is infinitely good.

If you think the "not fair" quality of grace is easy to accept, consider how typically angry we get when we hear the parable of the workers who get paid way more than they deserve. The hyper-generous landowner says to the indignant hard workers, "Are you envious because I am generous?" Well, yes, they are, and so are we! Therefore, we *have* to reckon with this painful truth in order to move into the divine sphere of gifts, which is the world of Christ and his Church. Then we are able to move beyond a tit-for-tat world and into one where gifts are poured forth on those who don't deserve it — namely, upon us.

Pope's Prayer Intention Month of October: For the Synod—We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

Special Collection : Needs of the Church in Canada, September 24th, 2023. Every year, the Bishops of Canada appeal for financial assistance. 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.**

World day of Migrants and Refugees September 24th. The theme chosen for the 109th **World Day of Migrants and Refugees** (September 24, 2023) is "Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay". Pope Francis intends to promote a renewed reflection on a right that has not yet been codified at the international level: the right not to have to migrate or, in other words, the right to be able to remain in one's own land. Visit the CCCB website to read Pope Francis' message.

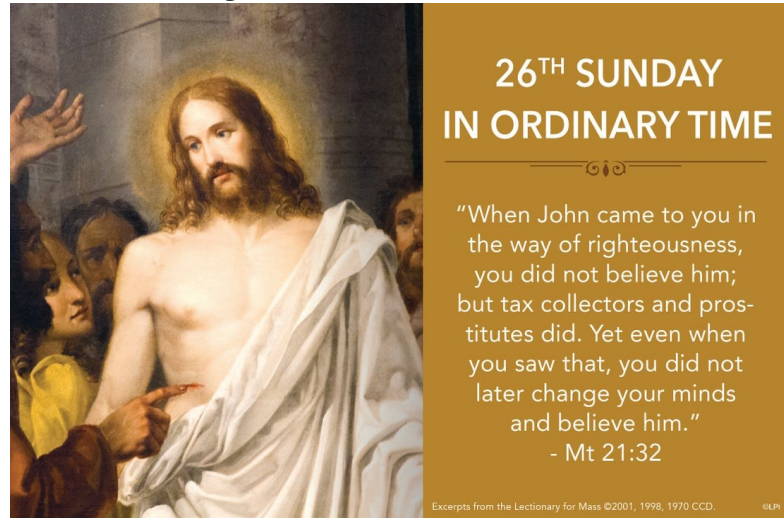
World Tourism Day September 27th— was created in 1979 by the World Tourism Organization. The Church is concerned about tourism in the world, remembering the words of Jesus to this disciples, "Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares peace, your peace will rest on that person" (Lk 10.5-6).

The National Truth and Reconciliation Day is Saturday, September 30, 2023. We continue to pray for healing with our Indigenous brothers and sisters. **We pray for all children who suffered and those who died because of residential schools. May our Lord grant comfort and peace to the Indigenous Peoples in Canada who mourn, and may we, as a Church, continue to work at truth and reconciliation.**

Notre Dame College School in Welland is hosting its 75th Anniversary Reunion on the September 30th weekend. If you are alumni staff or a student of Notre Dame please consider joining us for Reunion weekend events. For more detailed information please visit www.notredamecollege.ca

We welcome the following in Baptism: Jackson Arjun Bahia & Sophia Amiri Bahia, children of Jesse Bahia & Kristen Power; & Owen Bradley Rose, son of Joshua Rose & Nicole Power. May the gifts which Baptism bestow, grow unhindered in us all.

Sunday, October 1st, 2023



**26TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

“When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him.”
- Mt 21:32

Mon. Oct 2	9:30am	No Mass
Tues. Oct 3	9:30am	Jessica Addario (Vince Addario)
	7-8pm	HOLY HOUR & Confessions
Wed. Oct 4	9:30am	Special Intention (Vince Addario)
		✠ Kelly Morellato (Racz Family) Intentions of Vulcan & Arwen (Teresa & Colin Walters)
Thurs. Oct 5	9:30am	✠ Antonio Addario (Vince Addario)
Fri. Oct 6	9:30am	For Living & Deceased Members of the Guest Family (Rebeiro Family)
		✠ Wladyslaw & Emilia Rajda & Son Leszek (Danuta Mazur)
	6:00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions
	7:00pm	Mass
Sat. Oct 7	8:00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions
	9:00am	Mass
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
	5:00pm	Dina & Ralph Mastracci (Annette Mastracci & Family)
Sun. Oct 8	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	✠ Souls in Purgatory (Keri Harrison)

Confessions from 9-9:25am before all weekday Masses St. Ann Family Pasta Take Out



Our next dinner will be on Thursday, Oct 5th from 3-6pm. Pasta dinner including 4 meatballs, salad and roll (\$15), Dozen meatballs (\$15), 30oz container of Sauce (\$8). Meatball prep will be on Wed. Oct 4th. Volunteers are asked to be at the parish at 10am.

The St. Ann Pasta Committee has set up etransfer for payment for the monthly Pasta dinner fundraiser. When you order or pick up dinners, you can etransfer payment to the following email address and the funds will be automatically deposited (no password required). stannspasta@gmail.com

Donations of the following items would be appreciated to help defray costs: eggs, parsley, bread crumbs, white balsamic vinegar.

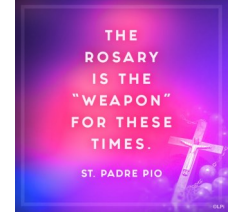
Frozen meatballs and sauce are available to purchase. Phone the office to place an order.

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A life-long Catholic friend of mine recently mumbled to me, "I can't stand all these converts to the faith. They're always rocking the boat." It surprised me because he is dedicated to evangelization, and yet he struggles with openness to new Catholics. It made me realize how easily I close my heart to those whom I perceive to be outsiders who become new members of the Catholic community. Almost unconsciously I reduce the world to the categories of "us" and "them." The result is that meaningful community silently shrinks in my life. Don't we all do that to some degree?

This week Jesus' punchy parable about the two sons blows up that black and white world. One son said he wouldn't get to work, and then did. The other said he would, and then he did not. **"Which did the will of his father?"** asks the Lord. Like so many of us, in identifying the first as the answer, the religious authorities manifest hidden hypocrisy in refusing to follow Jesus. They — like us — intuit the correct path but simply won't do it. The tax collectors and prostitutes are indeed following Jesus and thereby getting to work in the kingdom of God. *Everyone* is called to do God's will regardless of the labels we may apply to them.

This week let's reject the convenient but damaging categories of "insiders" and "outsiders." Instead, let's embrace a grateful attitude that Jesus is calling fallen, weak, and broken men and women like you and me. Then we begin to see that the tax collectors and prostitutes aren't *them*. They are *us*. And Jesus wants all of us working in his boat, no matter the rocking.



October— Month of the Rosary: This is a good time to commit to praying the Rosary everyday. The Rosary will bring great peace and holiness to your life. It is a powerful instrument for conversion. The Rosary was a favourite prayer of St John Paul II. "The Rosary is a prayer both so humble and simple and a theologically rich in Biblical content. I beg you to pray it."~St. John Paul II

Youth Ministry will resume soon: We will have information next week regarding this program and a start up date. Students in Grades 5-8 will have the opportunity to participate. The Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate have once again agreed to lead and coordinate the program.

The Grade 8 students of St. Ann School will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, November 11th at 11am. If you would like to become a prayer partner for one of them, please let me know and I will provide a name for you. There are 10 candidates this year. Your role as a prayer partner is to offer a prayer of your choice every day from now until the day of the student's Confirmation. Please consider being a prayer partner.

Life Chain 2023 – Can you spare one hour to save a Lifetime? Join thousands across Canada on October 1, 2023 in prayerful and peaceful witness to the sanctity of human life. This is a family-friendly event providing a unique opportunity to witness to our neighbours a much-needed message of love, hope, and truth. Contact Muriel Dyson at 905-735-3666 for information on the Life Chain taking place in Welland on Niagara Street at the Seaway Mall at 2:00pm or contact Angela Braun at (905)931-0363 for information on the Life Chain taking place along Lundy's Lane in Niagara Falls. <https://www.campaignlifefcoalition.com/life-chain>.

Road Closure beginning September 25th for three weeks: Notice from the Town of Pelham, Department of Public Works that there will be a road closure at the intersection of Canboro Rd. and Church St. Use an alternate route to get to Mass during the week and weekends. **Our Pasta dinner fundraiser will proceed as planned for Thursday, October 5th.**

