**TWENTY – FOUTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY**

**Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you, I No longer deserve to be called your son.**

**Mass Schedule and Intentions**

**Saturday, September 10, 5:00 p.m. Mass – Pro - Populo**

**Sunday, September 11, 9:30 a.m. Mass + For the Soul of Deacon Bob Birch by Paula Smith and Family**

**11:00 a.m. Mass + For the Soul of Alfredo Guzzo by His wife and Children**

**For the Souls of Guadalupe Javier and Manuel Carillo by Adelaida**

**Birthday Blessings and Prayers for Francine and Isabelle Edit by Antonia Edit**

Monday, September 12 No Mass

**Tuesday, September 13, 7: 00 p.m. (Healing Mass)**

**Prayers, Healing and Strength of Aaron Stanistreet by Anne and Bob Wilson**

**Wednesday, September 14, 8:30 a.m. Mass – Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross**

**Thursday, September 15, 8:30 a.m. Mass – Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows**

**Friday, September 16, 8:30 a.m. Mass – Memorial of St. Cornelius, Pope, and St. Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs**

**Saturday, September 17, 5:00 p.m. Mass + For the Soul of Anna by Anna Nugent**

**Sunday, September 18 – Twenty – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9:30 a.m. Mass – Pro - Populo**

**11:00 a.m. Mass + For the Soul of Deacon Bob Birch by Anne and Bob Wilson**

**TWENTY – FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME REFLECTION: Chapter 15 of the Gospel of Luke contains three parables this twenty – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time weekend: the parables of the lost sheep, the lost coin and the prodigal son. The first two parables are given above and we will focus on these. The parable of the prodigal son was read this year on the Fourth Sunday of Lent. The evangelist gathers these three parables together because they all teach us about the joy of God at the repentance of the sinner. The opening verses tell us about those among Jesus’ hearers who were severely critical of his welcome to sinners. They ‘complained’. The Greek word in the original text of the gospel also means ‘grumble’. Those who complain here are like the elder brother in the parable of the prodigal son who refuses to join the celebration of his younger brother’s return. The first two parables are rather startling. Would a shepherd really leave the care of ninety-nine sheep to search for one? Would a woman who found a lost coin really put on a feast to celebrate? The lack of realism in these parables teaches us that God’s behaviour goes far beyond human normality. God forgives in an outstanding way. In giving us a Saviour God shows a love far beyond any human love. The scribes and Pharisees found the forgiving love of God hard to accept. But what about us? Do we rejoice at the return of the sinner or consider God to be soft? Do we try to stretch our heart and mind to grasp the extraordinary ways of God? Let us pray for those who grumble at the forbearance of God. Let us pray for those trying to find forgiveness.**

**SEASON OF CREATION:** **It is the annual Christian celebration of prayer and action for our common home from Sept.1, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation to Oct. 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of ecology. We listen and respond to the cry of creation as one Christian community. Pope Francis wrote a ‘Common Prayer for Earth and for Humanity’ to help us in our response to the global pandemic, to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor. A Christian prayer in union with creation 1. Father, we praise you with all your creatures. They came forth from your all-powerful hand; they are yours, filled with your presence and your tender love. Praise be to you! 2. Son of God, Jesus, through you all things were made. You were formed in the womb of Mary our Mother, you became part of this earth, and you gazed upon this world with human eyes. Today you are alive in every creature in your risen glory. Praise be to you!**

## **Statement from Archbishop Damphousse on the Death of Queen Elizabeth II: We join the sorrow of many throughout Canada and the world who mourn the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. Many will fondly remember the dedication, faith, and dignity with which she served as our monarch for over seventy years. May we join together in offering our prayers for the repose of her soul and condolences to her family who mourn her loss.**

## **✠ Marcel Damphousse Archbishop of Ottawa-Cornwall**

**LOST AND FOUND:** **We have all suffered loss, but in many instances, we have been blessed with the thrill of regaining that which we had lost. Jesus counts on our lost and-found experience to give us a hint of how excited God is when we return to the ways He taught us in the life of Jesus. But underlying this message of God’s love for us is the equally important truth that if God does not buy into our insistence on creating outcasts then neither should we be satisfied with such an ungodly game. But then again, when we really understand how thrilled God is at our return we will have no reason to cast out anyone.**

**ARCDIOCESE OF OTTAWA – CORNWALL CEMETERY SERVICE:** **Celebrations of the Faithful Departed These annual services will be at Hope Cemetery, 4660 Bank St., (https://www.hopecemetery.ca/) on Sun., Sept. 18 at 2:30 pm and at Notre Dame Cemetery, 455 Montreal Rd., (https://www.notredamecemetery.ca/) on Sun., Sept. 25 at 2:30 pm.**

**OTTAWA SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY & SPIRITUALITY:** **Course details 2022 are available at www.osts.ca. Hosted at Dominican University College, 96 Empress St, Ottawa (some courses available on Zoom). Four 5-week sessions each year beginning Sept. 19, Oct. 31, Jan. 9 & Feb. 13. Interfaith perspective. Mondays, 7:30-9:30 pm. Cost: $75/term or $140 per year.**

**REMEMBER ME:** **A NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE, PARLIAMENT HILL, OTTAWA Calling all Nations. Unite to remember the children, unite to support the survivors and empower the next generations. The national event held on September 30th from 9am to 12pm on Parliament Hill will be led by children for children with special guest speaker, Autumn Peltier.**

**11th Anniversary Conference of the Spiritual Motherhood of Priests:** (**Ottawa), Sat., Sept, 24th 11:00 am - 4:15 pm via Zoom: Theme: Why Holiness is Attractive: A Life Lived to It’s Fullness. Guest speakers will be Fr. John Vandenakker, CC and Fr. Roger Vandenakker, CC. There will also be short talks from Archbishop Marcel Damphousse, Bishop Scott McCaig, CC and Fr. Lawrence Hyginus, CC. To register go to spiritualmotherhoodofpriests.ca and click on Link to register for Zoom Conference. Donations welcome!**

# **Prayer to Our Lady of Sorrows**: **Our mother of sorrows, with strength from above you stood by the cross, sharing in the sufferings of Jesus, and with tender care you bore him in your arms, mourning and Weeping. We praise you for your faith, which accepted the life God planned for you. We praise you for your hope, which trusted that God would do great things in you. We praise you for your love in bearing with Jesus the sorrows of his passion. Holy Mary, may we follow your example, and stand by all your children who need comfort and love. Mother of God, stand by us in our trials and care for us in our many needs. Pray for us now and at the hour of our death. Amen!**