**TWENTY – NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY**

**Mass Schedule and Intentions**

**Saturday, October 15, 5:00 p.m. Mass Mass – For world peace, the poor and Parishioners of St. Peter’s**

**Sunday, October 16, 9:30 a.m. Mass – Pro - Populo**

**11:00 a.m. Mass - For world peace, the poor and the Parishioners of St. Peter’s**

**Monday, October 17 - No Mass**

**Tuesday, October 18, 7: 00 p.m. (Healing Mass) – Feast of St. Luke, Evangelist**

**Wednesday, October 19, 8:30 a.m. Mass**

**Thursday, October 20, 8:30 a.m. Mass**

**Friday, October 21, 8:30 a.m. Mass**

**Saturday, October 22, 5:00 p.m. Mass – Pro - Populo**

**Sunday, October 23, Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – World Mission S**

**9:30 a.m. Mass – For world peace, the poor and the Parishioners of St. Peter’s**

**11:00 a.m. Mass – For the poor and for all missionaries around the world**

**TWENTY – NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME REFLECTION: This gospel reading this weekend presents us with the stark choice facing us all. Are we people of faith who amid all the troubles of the world know that we are in the hands of God? Or are we faithless and despairing? When the Son of Man comes, will he indeed find faith on the earth? The widow who prays for justice against her enemy reflects the plight of so many millions who cry out to God to put right the injustices of the world. The human yearning that the life of all people be respected and fostered is deeply felt by Christians. Christians know that God has entrusted to creation, and to human beings, the awesome gift of freedom, which has both wonderful and devastating consequences. Freedom makes possible acts of selfless heroism, courage and generosity, the finest expressions of that human love which reflects the love of God. Freedom also makes possible acts of unutterable cruelty and hatred, which are equally the free choice of human beings. The prayer of the widow represents the anguish of so many millions who cry out for justice and a resolution of the problems of the world. Amid such widespread distress Christians point to the overriding loving kindness of God, who 'will see justice done'. The reality of God's loving kindness is seen repeatedly in the loving human responses to the troubles of this world, and above all in the self-giving love of Christ, made present at each Eucharist. Faith tells us that we are constantly held by God. It is crucial to confront the power of self-obsession and disbelief with the power of loving kindness, faith and prayer. Do we trust in the overriding goodness of God amid all the troubles of the world? Do we blame God for suffering and pain? Let us pray for faith to inspire our words and deeds. Let us ask for the gift of perseverance in prayer.**

**Prayer to Saint Kateri: Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, our elder sister in the Lord, discreetly, you watch over us; May your love for Jesus and Mary inspire in us words and deeds of friendship, of forgiveness and of reconciliation. Pray that God will give us the courage, the boldness and the strength to build a world of justice and peace among ourselves and among all nations. Help us, as you did, to encounter the Creator God present in the very depths of nature, and so become witnesses of Life. With you, we praise the Father, the Son and the Spirit. Amen. Saint Kateri pray for us.**

**NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF ALL SOULS: ALL SOULS ENVELOPES** **for the month of November, in remembrance of the Faithful departed, during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, are now available at the entrance of the Church. Once completed, they may be dropped into the collection basket or brought to the parish office. Completed envelopes will then be placed on the Altar of Sacrifice and all those named will be remembered, throughout the month of November. A BOOK** of Remembrance will be placed at the altar for families to sign.

**Red Mass:** **The Red Mass will be celebrated at 7:30 p.m. on Thurs., Oct. 20 at Notre-Dame Cathedral and will be presided by Msgr. Marcel Damphousse, Archbishop of Ottawa. The Red Mass marks the opening of the fall session of the law courts and is sponsored by the Saint Thomas More Lawyers' Guild of Ottawa. This Mass will provide us with an opportunity to reflect on the important role we play in our legal profession in seeking justice and fairness for our community at large. All judges and lawyers are invited to attend. Lawyers are also invited to gown for the procession and to confirm their attendance by sending a message to Stanford Cummings at** [**scummings@fmlaw.ca**](mailto:scummings@fmlaw.ca)

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: Next Sunday, October 23rd is World Mission Sunday: The collection on World Mission Sunday stands as a “mandatory” universal collection. This means that all Catholic communities of the world must remit it to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in its entirety. All the donations gathered within the churches of the world on that day constitute the Universal Solidarity Fund for the poorest dioceses of the Church. You will find an envelope in your collection envelopes or e-transfer. Please note that your donation is for World Mission.**

**NDIGENOUS PEOPLES, RECONCILIATION, AND THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:** In **this webinar on October 27 at 7pm, Wiikwemkoong First Nation Elder, Rosella Kinoshameg, DOS, and the Jesuits’ assistant for Justice, Ecology, and Indigenous Relations, Fr. Peter Bisson, SJ, will reflect on the relationship between the Catholic Church and Indigenous communities, Pope Francis’ recent visit to Canada, and its implications. What could be next steps towards truth, healing and reconciliation? How are we to continue to walk on the wider journey of reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples? For more information: poreilly@jesuits.org. T**

**SAVE THE DATE, Special Collection November 5/6 weekend, Dioceses across Canada - A CHRIST-CENTRED, CO-JOURNEY TOWARDS HEALING: This weekend our families gather to give thanks to the Father for our many blessings. One of the ways that we can show our appreciation is by sharing with others. We are asking you to consider supporting the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund set up by the Bishops of Canada. On November 5th and 6th, the Archdiocese will hold a special collection. All monies raised will be used to support initiatives by local Indigenous groups and organizations. An example would be a project to create oral histories as told by Indigenous elders**.

**CCCB FALL 2022 WEBINAR SERIES: Special Topics in Evangelization and Catechesis: Keynote speakers include Dr. Donna Orsuto, Dr. Catherine Clifford, Archbishop Don Bolen and Fr. John McCarthy, SJ. Begins Tues., Oct. 25, 1-2:30pm. Registration details to follow soon. Info:** [**oec@cccb.ca**](mailto:oec@cccb.ca)**.**

**PERSISTENT PRAYER: It is important to understand that the parable today is one of contrasts. If you don’t you will think God must be pestered, argued with and bribed in order to get your prayers answered. The parable is not teaching that God doesn’t want to answer the prayers of his children. We lose heart because we don’t understand God’s timing or purpose. We ask questions like, “When... or Why not? We challenge the justice and goodness of God. This parable deals with two issues: God’s character and God’s chronology. Persistent prayer is the demonstration of faith in the character of God’s attributes and the chronology of his actions. This parable teaches that the only legitimate reason to stop praying for something is the return of Christ. It says, “When the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?” The demonstration of that faith is persistent prayer. When you stop believing a prayer will be answered, you stop praying. You have given up hope. You have no faith. God is a loving father who wants His children**