

Twenty – Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

“Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me.”

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, September 21, 5:00 p.m. Mass + For repose of the Souls of Gerurrde, Mildred and Charles Langley by Karine Langley
Sunday, September 22, 9:30 a.m. Mass + For the repose of the Souls of Jim Arden and Genevieve Arden by Jane LeBreton
Thanking God for our Integration by a New comer
11:00 a.m. Mass - Pro - Populo
Monday, September 23, No Mass Memorial of St. Pius Pietrelcina, Priest
Tuesday, September 24, No Mass
Wednesday, September 25, 8:30 a.m. Mas Opt. Memorial of St. Cosmas and St. Damian, Martyrs
For the Holy Souls in Purgatory by Jane LeBreton
Thursday, September 26, 8:30 a.m. Mass Memorial of St. John De Brebeuf and St. Isaac Jogues, Priests and Companions, Martyrs. Secondary Patrons of Canada
For the Patients with Crocus Care by Karine Langley
Friday, September 27, 8:30 a.m. Mass – Memorial of St. Vincent De Paul, Priest and World Tourism Day
For the benefit of Genevieve LeBreton by Jane LeBreton
Saturday, September 28, 5:00 p. m. Mass + For the repose of the Soul of Alex Blair by Dorothy Blair
Sunday, September 29, - Twenty – Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time
9:30 a.m. Mass - Pro - Populo
11:00 a.m. Mass - For the benefit of Nicole Brunette by Jane LeBreton
1:30 p.m. Nigerian Community Mass

TWENTY – FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME REFLECTION: The second half of the Gospel of Mark this weekend of the Twenty – Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time is dominated by the journey towards Jerusalem, the place of the death and resurrection of Jesus. Since this gospel is comparatively short, the tension of this journey is more evident than in the other gospels, as Jesus draws his reluctant and confused disciples to face the mystery of his cross. For the second time Jesus announces his coming death. He will be handed over and put to death. Three days after he will rise again. While Peter had reacted strongly to similar words of Jesus in the previous chapter, here there is simply bewilderment. The following verses underline that the disciples are not yet ready to face up to what Jesus has said. Their preoccupation is still with status and their relative positions in Jesus' company. Mark does not hesitate to present the disciples as having much to learn, both about the conditions for following Jesus and about the prospect of his martyrdom. Jesus' answer is to call them to accept the position of the least, and he illustrates this by placing a child before them. Our first reading, from the Book of Wisdom, speaks of the plots of the godless against the virtuous man. It is not surprising that Christians used such texts to reflect on what happened to Jesus. So should we. How difficult is it to accept a crucified Messiah? Do we, like the disciples, seek to avoid awkward truths which are presented to us? We pray for those who face persecution and violence because of their beliefs. We pray for the gift of true humility and appropriate ambition.

DEAR GOD: I want to say thank you. Sometimes my body gets sick, but I can still work. Sometimes I don't sleep well at night, but I can still wake up and face a new day. My wallet isn't full, but I still have enough to eat and wear. I don't have everything I want, but I have everything I need. For this, I thank you, God. Amen.

Collection – September 14 and 15, 2024: Envelopes: \$545.00, Loose: \$382.45; St. Vincent de Paul: \$110.00; Vigil Lights: \$60.20; Parish Roof Replacement: \$65.00; Clergy Support: \$5.00; Needs of Canadian Church: \$5.00; Grand Totals: \$1,172.65. THANK YOU for your generosity and support.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: We are excited to announce that Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume in October at the 9:30 a.m. Mass after our summer break! Children are invited to join us Sundays of the month as we explore the Word of God in a way that is engaging and meaningful for our young ones. Parents are welcome to accompany their little ones. We look forward to seeing you there!

40 DAYS FOR LIFE OPENING RALLY: What: 40 Days for Life Opening Rally, with the showing of the movie, *Unplanned* (not recommended for children under 12 years old) When: Sunday, September 22; from 3 to 5pm Where: Good Shepherd Parish, 3092 Innes Road

FOOD BANK: As Thanksgiving is approaching please be generous with donating cash and food to the food bank. Baby food and diapers continue to be needed. Thank you for your continued generosity.

DIOCESAN MASS FOR THE NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH & RECONCILIATION:

Honour the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30 by attending the 7:30pm Diocesan Mass held at St. Basil's parish, 940 Rex Ave. September 30 is not a festive holiday. Instead, it is a reminder to pause our lives and sit in the discomfort of the past and present wounds dealt to the Indigenous Peoples of Canada. As a diocese, let us embrace the call for reconciliation with open hearts and minds. "Reconciliation is not as simple as giving and receiving an apology. Much like our struggle for holiness, it is an ongoing process. Let us not become passive in it. Mark September 30 with three things: Prayer, listening, and action." – Archbishop Damphousse.

RECONCILIATION THROUGH ART: For the past two years you have heard a lot about the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund. Through your generosity the diocese's parishes have raised close to a million dollars for the Fund. To date 11 projects have received grants from the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund. The newest grant recipient is the Métis Artist Collective who is hosting Reconciliation Through Art on September 30 at the Mississippi Valley Textile Museum (3 Rosamond Street East.) The day, which runs from 10am to 8pm, will feature art, storytelling and performances from local and Indigenous artists. The artists will be selling their art, explaining and demonstrating their craft, and telling the stories behind their pieces. There will also be workshops, presentations, and storytelling throughout the day. You are invited to make the drive over to Almonte both to support these artists as well as see how your financial contributions do indeed make a difference. To get all the details about this event and your free tickets go to reconciliationthroughart.ca.

PILGRIMAGE TO ST. JOSEPH'S ORATORY: 14th Annual Autumn Pilgrimage to St-Joseph's Oratory on Sunday, October 20 from the Dioceses of Ottawa - Cornwall, Gatineau, Pembroke, St-Jérôme-Mont Laurier, and Kingston. Seats are limited, register by October 4. For information: Mike Budge 613-224-8110 or by email: mikebudge2021@gmail.com.

STEADY FAITH: Always remember, God will give you direction about your situation, not confusion. God knows the right time, the right place, the right person, and the right answer to your prayers. Trust Him. Every time I don't know how I'm going to make it. God shows up. Although prayers don't always get answered the way I want them to, God always delivers what I need. Be patient and trust God, someday you will finally say "God this is what I prayed for, Thank you. "