

## Twenty – Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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

### Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, September 28, 5:00 p.m. Mass + For the repose of the Soul of Alex Blair by Dorothy Blair

+ For the repose of the Soul of Theresa Nguyen by Anna Nguyen

Sunday, September 29, 9:30 a.m. Mass - Pro - Populo

11:00 a.m. Mass + For the Peaceful repose of the Soul of Chief Ime J. Udoh by the Udoh, Effiong and Edet's families

For the benefit of Nicole Brunette by Jane LeBreton

1:30 p.m. Nigerian Community Mass

Monday, September 30, No Mass - Memorial of St. Jerome, Priest, Doctor

Tuesday, October 1, No Mass – Memorial of St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin, Doctor

Wednesday, October 2, 8:30 a.m. Mass - Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels

+ For the repose of the Soul of Anthony Cunanan by a Parishioner

Thursday, October 3, 8:30 a.m. Mass

For the repose of the Souls of Francesco, Marianna, Domenico and Mirella Nicolo by the Nicolo Family

First Friday, October 4, 8:00 a.m. Mass – Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi

Holy Hour Eucharistic Adoration from 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

For the Personal Intentions of Angela Burtch by Karine Langley

First Saturday, October 5, 5:00 p. m. Mass +For repose of the Souls of Slavko Krasha by Anne Marie Dareys

Sunday, October 6, - Twenty – Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

9:30 a.m. Mass – For the Benefit of Mike and Marilyn O’Sullivan by Jane LeBreton

11:00 a.m. Mass - Pro - Populo

**TWENTY – SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME REFLECTION:** Once again this weekend gospel reading contains a collection of different sayings of Jesus. The first speech warns us against the exclusive attitude which says that, unless someone completely shares our opinions and our faith, they can do no good. The next saying seems to confirm this. Any good deed from whatever source, Jesus implies, should be welcomed and will be rewarded. Jesus then speaks of 'obstacles' placed in the way of believers, the 'little ones' who have faith. The Greek word used here is similar to the word 'scandal'. To scandalise others, to violate their faith, to undermine their pursuit of what is good and right, is plainly wrong. Jesus then apparently suggests that self-mutilation, cutting off hand or foot, and tearing out the eye, would be better than sinning. What are we to make of this? This is an extreme way of pointing out the seriousness of sin. Christians should understand the strength of what Jesus is saying, but Christian teaching has never condoned self-harm of this magnitude. Finally, what are we to make of the references to hell and its eternal fire? The Church teaches us that the image of eternal fire is an attempt to express the dreadful pain of losing God and of shutting oneself off from the love of others. This pain is worse than any physical suffering. How accepting are we of the goodness of those who do not share our beliefs? Do we place obstacles in the way of others, undermining their faith and goodness? We pray for the zeal which always seeks what is good. We pray for confidence in the goodness of God.

**Collection September 21 and 22, 2024:** Envelopes: \$1, 952.00, Loose: \$353.85; St. Vincent de Paul: \$102.00; Vigil Lights: \$47.90; Parish Roof Replacement: \$950.70; Mass Intentions: \$250.00; Clergy Support: \$220.00; Needs of Canadian Church: \$235.00 Grand Totals: \$4,160.75.

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!

**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.

**Life Chain:** Join in an hour of silent prayer and witness (pray and hold a sign) to the value of the child in the womb on Sun. Oct. 6, 2024 from 2:00 - 3:00 pm at the corner of Bank Street and Huntclub Road is St. Peter's Location.

**October Is the Month of the Rosary:** With the reform of the Church calendar, May is now usually part of Easter and no longer the 'month of Mary'. October, as the month of the Rosary, is therefore a good time to reflect on Mary as the model of discipleship. The Rosary highlights basic Christian attitudes that are associated with Mary as a woman of faith. It is a form of Scriptural reflection on the Life of Christ, replacing the one hundred fifty Psalms of the monastic Liturgy of the Hours. The ideas of praise, confidence, trust in God, and accepting his love are recalled throughout this meditative prayer.

**QUO VADIS?** Where are you going? Is the Lord calling you to serve him as a priest? Join other men discerning the priesthood for monthly formation, fellowship, and Eucharistic Adoration. The next session will be held on October 17, 2024, 7:00 p.m. at the new Café des Tours, located in the basement of Notre Dame Cathedral in Ottawa. To join the Quo Vadis email list or for more information, contact Fr. Connor O'Hara, the Vocations Director for the diocese, at [vocations@ottawacornwall.ca](mailto:vocations@ottawacornwall.ca)

**GUARDIAN ANGLES** – Oct. 2nd “God sets many angels in our paths but often we know them not. In fact we may go through life never knowing that there were agents or messengers of God to lead us to virtue or to deter us from vice. But known or not, angels symbolize that constant and benign intervention of God in human history, which stops us on the path to destruction or leads us to success or happiness.” Bishop Fulton.

**THANK YOU FOR BEING YOU!** I want to remind you that you have a unique way of making the world better by being you. Keep being amazing! You have a remarkable ability to bring joy to those around you and to make a positive impact on the people you interact with. Your kindness and compassion are truly inspiring, and the world is better because you are in it.

**THANK YOU LORD:** Thank you for keeping me strong even in the toughest times of life. There are moments when the battles feel overwhelmingly heavy. Yet, in my struggles, you are my hope and strength. In my times of greatest need, You've always accompanied me. That's why I have the strength to move forward, knowing You will win the battles for me. Lord, because You haven't given up on me, I have every reason to keep fighting and pressing on. Amen.