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✠ **Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time** ✠

September 15, 2024

HEALING MASS: Followed by General Healing Prayers and Blessings – With Father Albert MacPherson O.S.A., founder of the Augustinian Healing Ministry, at Holy Canadian Martyrs Parish, Combermere **next Saturday, September 21 at 6:00 p.m.**

A healing Mass focusses on seeking God's healing power for physical, emotional, and spiritual ailments. The primary intention is to pray for healing, whether it's for oneself or for others. This can include physical healing, emotional comfort, or spiritual renewal. Every Mass is a healing remedy as Christ draws us into his own sacrificial self-offering to the Father and communion with the Most Holy Trinity.

*Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.*

Stat crux dum volvitur orbis. *Carthusian motto*
The cross is steady while the world is turning.

The Christian life shares in the stability of the Cross which is that of God, of God's faithful love. By remaining firmly united to Christ, like the branches to the Vine, we are associated with his mystery of salvation. ~ *Pope Benedict*

The Cross of Christ is the firm point in the midst of the world's changes and upheavals. Christ and his Cross stand firm, not against the world, which is always in flux, but for the world, to give meaning to all the suffering that has been, that is and that will be in human history. ~ *Father Cantalamessa*

Twenty-Fourth Week of Ordinary Time

September 15 – 21

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. (*with Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions*)
+ Sean Murray *by Murray Family*
Intentions of Michael Long & Nicole Vande Boer *by Rose Long*

Friday 9:00 a.m. + Cathy Serran *by Karen Yakabuski*

+ Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time +

September 22, 2024

Saturday 4:00 p.m. + Rose Coulas *by Richard & Suzanne Luckasavitch*
+ Mary Jane Billings *by Maxie & Maureen Kiedroski*

Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass for the People

Liturgical Appointments

Readings

Communion

Offertory

September 21

Lorraine Flynn

Maxine Smaglinski

Bruce Sullivan

Richard Luckasavitch

September 22

Ursula Jeffrey

Terry Recoskie

John Jeffrey

Paul Rivette-Carnac

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. in sacristy.
Weekdays – before weekday Masses in sacristy or by appointment during office hours.

IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER:

- for parishioners and friends who are sick, especially: *Carmel Rumleskie.*

- for those who have died, especially: *Fr. Joseph Hattie, O.M.I; Marie Patenaude; Garry Pecarski; Debbie Yantha; Mike Fagan.*

ROMAN CALENDAR:

Monday - St. Cornelius, pope and St. Cyprian, bishop, martyrs

Tuesday - St. Robert Bellarmine, bishop, doctor and
St. Hildegard of Bingen, virgin, doctor

Thursday - St. Januarius, bishop, martyr

Friday - St. Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, priest,
Paul Chon Ha-sang and Companions, martyrs

Saturday - St. Matthew, apostle, evangelist

ON THIS 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, the word of God calls us into question with two crucial questions that I shall sum up in these words: “Who do you say Jesus of Nazareth is?”. Then: “Is your faith shown in your works, or not?”. We find the first question in today’s Gospel, where Jesus asks his disciples: “Who do you say that I am?” (Mk 8: 29). Peter’s answer is loud and clear: “You are the Christ”, in other words the Messiah, the consecrated one of God, sent to save his People. Therefore, Peter and the other Apostles, unlike the majority, believe not only that Jesus is a great teacher or a prophet but far more. They have faith: they believe that God is present and active in him. However, directly after this profession of faith when Jesus announces openly for the first time that he must suffer and be killed, Peter himself opposes the prospect of suffering and death. Jesus must then rebuke him sternly, to make him understand that it is not enough to believe that he is God but that, impelled by charity, it is necessary to follow him on the same path, that of the Cross (see Mk 8: 31-33). Jesus did not come to teach us philosophy but to show us a way, indeed the way that leads to life.

This way is love which is an expression of true faith. If someone loves his neighbour with a pure and generous heart it means that he truly knows God. If instead someone says he has faith but does not love his brethren, he is not a true believer. God does not dwell within him. St James clearly affirms this in the Second Reading of this Sunday’s Mass: “Faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead” (Jc 2: 17). ~ *Pope Benedict, September 13, 2009*

In today’s second reading, Saint James tells us to what extent our walking in the footsteps of Jesus, if it is to be authentic, demands concrete actions. It is an imperative task of the Church to serve and of Christians to be true servants in the image of Jesus. Service is a foundational element of the identity of Christ’s followers (see Jn 13:15-17). The vocation of the Church and of each Christian is to serve others, as the Lord himself did, freely and impartially. Consequently, in a world where violence constantly leaves behind its grim trail of death and destruction, to serve justice and peace is urgently necessary for building a fraternal society, for building fellowship!

Service must also be at the heart of the life of the Christian community itself. Every ministry, every position of responsibility in the Church, is first and foremost a service to God and to our brothers and sisters. This is the spirit which should guide the baptized among themselves and find particular expression in an effective commitment to serving the poor, the outcast and the suffering, so that the inalienable dignity of each person may be safeguarded. ~ *Pope Benedict, September 16, 2012*

THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: This sacrament is normally administered when someone is in danger of death, undergoing a major operation or suffering from any serious illness (i.e., heart conditions, cancer).

LAST WEEK'S SUNDAY OFFERINGS:

Total: \$2,968.00 (Envelopes: \$2,589.00; Loose: \$194.00; Visitors: \$45.00; E-transfers: \$140.00) [People at Mass: 4:00 p.m./86; 10:30 a.m./115; *The numbers that we have recorded for the last 2 years are actual head counts made by assigned counters. These counts were requested by diocesan council of priests.*]

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & HOMEBOUND: Please notify the parish office for a pastoral visit and monthly reception of Holy Communion on or near First Fridays when you are no longer able to attend Sunday Mass.

EVENINGS OF PRAISE, WORSHIP AND INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Lawrence O'Toole parish hall.

BIBLE STUDY: Gospel readings on Sundays this year are mostly from the Gospel of Mark. St. Lawrence O'Toole Parish is offering a Catholic Bible study on Wednesdays at 7-8:45 p.m., beginning September 18 in the hall. For details contact John Morris, 613-729-6647. If you're reading this, this group is open to you.

PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR: date changed to Fridays at 9:45a.m. - following the 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Lawrence O'Toole Parish as we continue to pray together for the sanctity of life, marriage and family.

PARISH SUPPERS:

Our Lady of Grace, Westmeath Community Centre; Saturday, Sept 28; 4:00 – 6:30 p.m.
St. Patrick Parish, Mount St. Patrick; Sunday, September 29; 1:00 – 6:00 p.m.
St. Alphonsus, Upper Pontiac Complex, Chapeau; September 29; 12:00 – 6:00 p.m.

PEMBROKE DIOCESAN CWL ANNUAL DAY OF REFLECTION will be held on Saturday, September 28 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in LaPasse. For further information please contact Margaret at 613-432-6276 or maloneym@bell.net.

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS FOR CHILDREN: Preparation for First Holy Communion and Confirmation in our parish is in accordance with diocesan policy which encourages a process of individualized family faith formation. Families who wish to have their children begin preparing for these sacraments are invited to speak to Fr. Burchat after Sunday Mass. Parents will also be invited to return to the practice of the faith with regular Mass attendance. The parish provides resources and catechetical assistance.