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✠ Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠

June 14, 2026

SUMMERTIME: As we enter the first days of summer and the year's longest light, the Church invites us to see more than a change of season. The summer solstice reminds us that all created brightness points to Christ, the true Light who orders both nature and grace. In the liturgical season we called Ordinary Time (*per annum*—"through the year") the Church teaches us to find God not only in feasts and high solemnities, but in the steady, sanctifying rhythm of ordinary days. As the earth ripens under long hours of sun, so grace ripens quietly within us and in our hearts the psalmist's words ring true: "*You crown the year with your goodness.*" As we approach the Nativity of St. John the Baptist (June 24) — he who proclaimed, "He must increase"— we let the growing light draw our hearts toward Christ, who dwells in unapproachable light and who brings every season to its fullness.

We warmly welcome back all our seasonal parishioners and hope you enjoy a grace-filled summer in our beautiful corner of God's creation. May these days bring you rest, joy, and renewed gratitude for the Lord's quiet work in creation. May you find in this summer a time to savour God's goodness, delight in His handiwork, and be refreshed in the community we share.

THANK YOU: *On that wonderful celebration of my 60 years as priest, I felt your love for me. Thank you! Thank you to all who organized this event, and to those who expressed their best wishes with such generosity. ~ Fr. Lenius*

Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time

June 15 – June 20

Tuesday	<i>(with Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions)</i> SLO 9:00 a.m. + Alphonse Brotton by <i>Sally Beanish & Family</i> SLO 11:00 a.m. <i>St. John Bosco School Liturgy of the Word</i>
Wednesday	HCM 9:00 a.m. + Leon Gadai by <i>Jolayne Gandeur</i>
Thursday	HCM 9:00 a.m. + Fred Day by <i>Ursula Day</i> HCM 11:00 a.m. <i>George Vanier School Liturgy of the Word</i> 1:45 p.m. <i>Monthly Mass at the Valley Manor</i>
Friday	SLO 9:00 a.m. + Chris Kelly by <i>John & Rita Hudder</i> SFds 11:00 a.m. Funeral Mass ~ + <i>Margaret Abbott</i>

+ Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time +

June 21, 2026

Saturday	SLO 4:00 p.m. + Evelyn Rumleskie & Deceased Family Members <i>by Eddie & Diane Etmanskie</i>
Saturday	SFds <i>(with the recitation of the Most Holy Rosary before Mass)</i> 6:00 p.m. + Margaret Abbott by <i>B. W. Madigan</i>
Sunday	HCM 9:00 a.m. + John & Dolores Flood by <i>Milton & Sharon Kowetcky</i>
Sunday	SLO 10:30 a.m. Mass for the People

Liturgical Appointments	SLO June 20	SLO June 21
Readings	<i>Karen Yakabuski</i>	<i>Beverly Glofcheskie</i>
Communion	<i>Maxine Smaglinski</i>	<i>Ursula Jeffrey</i>
Offertory	<i>Bruce Sullivan</i>	<i>John Jeffrey</i>
	<i>Richard Luckasavitch</i>	<i>Jamie Prince</i>

Liturgical Appointments	SFds June 20	HCM June 21
Readings	<i>Jackie Kuehl</i>	<i>Joseph Baklinski</i>
Communion		<i>Joseph Hamon</i>
Offertory		<i>Emile Bouchard</i>

ROMAN CALENDAR:

Friday - St. Romuald, abbot

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL, Jesus calls and sends out the twelve Apostles. As he was sending them out, he asks them to proclaim just one thing: “Preach as you go, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand’” (*Mt 10:7*). It is the same proclamation with which Jesus began his preaching: **the kingdom of God, that is, his lordship of love, has come near; it comes in our midst**. And this is not just one piece of news among others, no, but the fundamental reality of life: the closeness of God, the closeness of Jesus. Indeed, if the God of heaven is close, we are not alone on earth, and even in difficulty, we do not lose faith. Here is the first thing to say to people: **God is not far away, but rather he is a Father**. God is not distant, he is a Father, he knows you and he loves you; he wants to take you by the hand, even when you travel on steep and rugged paths, even when you fall and struggle to get up again and get back on track. He, the Lord, is there with you. Indeed, often in moments when you are at your weakest, you can feel his presence all the more strongly. He knows the path, he is with you, he is your Father! He is my Father! He is our Father!

Let us linger on this image because proclaiming that God is close is an invitation to think of oneself as a child, who walks hand in hand with his father: everything seems different. The large and mysterious world becomes familiar and secure because the child knows he is protected. He is not afraid, and learns how to open up: he meets other people, finds new friends, joyfully learns things that he did not know, and then returns home and tells everyone what he has seen, while the desire to become a grown-up and do the things he saw his father do, grows within him. This is why Jesus starts out from here. This is why God's closeness is the first proclamation: **by staying close to God, we conquer fear, we open ourselves to love, we grow in goodness and we feel the need and the joy to proclaim**. If we want to be good apostles, we have to be like children: sit “on God's lap” and, from there, look at the world with trust and love, in order to bear witness that God is the Father, that he alone transforms our hearts and gives us that joy and that peace that we ourselves cannot attain.

To proclaim that God is near — but how can we do this? In the Gospel, **Jesus advises not to say many words, but rather to perform many deeds of love and hope in the name of the Lord**. Not saying many words but performing deeds! “Heal the sick”, says the Lord, “raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without pay, give without pay” (*Mt 10:8*). Here is the heart of proclamation: freely given witness, service. I will tell you something: I am always puzzled by the “talkers” with their endless talk and no action.

At this point, let us ask a few questions: Do we, who believe in God who is close, confide in him? Do we know how to look forward trustfully, like a child who knows he is held in his father's arms? Do we know how to sit in the Father's lap with prayer, by listening to the Word, partaking of the Sacraments? And finally, close to him, do we know how to instil courage in others, to make ourselves close to those who suffer and are alone, to those who are distant and even those who are hostile to us? This is the substance of faith. This is what counts. ~ *Pope Francis, June 18, 2023*

IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER:

- for parishioners and friends who are sick: *Ray Vananburg, Patricia Duggan, Judy Sauro, Carmel Rumleskie.*

- for those who have died, especially: *Anna Marie Burchat, William "Bill" Goulet, Dorothy Anne Larkin, Sister Rosenda Brady, CSJ.*

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

SLO: Saturday 3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. in sacristy. Weekdays – before/after weekday Masses in the sacristy.

HCM: Before all weekday and weekend Masses.

SFds: Before/after Mass

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS:

SLO: Total: \$2,468.00 (Envelopes: \$1,897.00; Loose: \$186.00; Visitors: \$100.00; E-transfers: \$100.00; Seminary: \$20.00; Building Fund: \$165.00)

HCM: Total: \$1,895.00 (Envelopes: \$906.00; Loose: \$194.00; E-Transfers: \$700.00; Summer Collection: \$25.00; Visitors: \$70.00)

SFds: Total: \$451.00 (Envelopes: \$260.00; Loose: \$141.00; Summer Collection: \$50.00)

SFds CHURCH STEPS: will again be re-capped by a parishioner who also did them years ago. We will eventually set a date and call for volunteers later this summer.

THE SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD PRAYER GROUP: Looking for a prayer group to attend? We meet every Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. at St. Lawrence O'Toole Church. Our purpose in being, is first and foremost, to give praise to God, and to intercede for the needs of others. All are welcome. For more information call Greg or Mary at 756-6643.

WEEKLY MEN'S BREAKFAST: Saturdays, 7:00 a.m., St Mary's Church Hall in Wilno. Good food, great camaraderie, intercessory prayer. No fee; donations welcome. For more information or to let us know you're coming, call or text Greg at 613-633-2398. All men welcome, bring a friend, make new friends! Hope to see you there!

BLESSING OF THE FLEET: In many port cities around the world, the fishing season begins with boats being blessed to ensure the safety of the captain and crew and a bountiful haul of fish. **St. Francis de Sales Mission in Latchford Bridge** is reviving this ancient tradition and extending the blessing to all types of boats including canoes and kayaks. The blessing will take place after the 6 p.m. Mass beginning around 6:45pm on **Saturday July 4th** in the Church parking lot. The blessing of the fleet will be followed by an international potluck dinner and a chance to view the township fireworks. Email katrinaboguski@hotmail.ca for more information on the dinner or the blessing. All are welcome to attend any or all parts of the evening.