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✠ Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠

July 12, 2026

O LORD, YOU CROWN THE YEAR WITH YOUR GOODNESS: This Sunday the Church sings a line in the Responsorial Psalm 65 that reveals something profound: **time itself is not a bare sequence of days, but a reality already encircled by divine generosity.** The year is *crowned* — graced, adorned, made radiant by the goodness that continually pours from God.

Each season becomes a movement in this divine generosity: spring's quiet beginnings, summer's flourishing abundance, autumn's grateful offering, winter's hidden labour of grace. Nothing in the year is untouched by blessing.

When we chant this verse at Mass, we are reminded that God's goodness is not occasional but constant — already ahead of us in the days we have yet to live, already shaping the year with mercy and beauty.

86th ANNUAL CORMAC PILGRIMAGE on Sunday, July 26. The Triduum of preparation will be led by Bishop Michael Brehl, bishop of the Diocese of Pembroke. The principal Pilgrimage Mass will be at 11:00 a.m. at the Shrine. The Sacrament of Confession is available throughout the day. A Mass of healing with the Anointing of St. Ann's oil will be celebrated at 2:00 p.m. (Please bring your own seating.) On site: St. Ann's religious articles and other religious articles, St. Ann's Mass League memberships, food and refreshments vendors. For more information <http://www.cormacpilgrimage.com> or <http://www.facebook.com/CormacStAnn> Welcome everyone!

Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time

July 13 – July 18

Tuesday SLO NO MASS

Wednesday HCM 9:00 a.m. + James Hanlon *by Henry Family*
+ Jacob DeVries *by Miriam Westen*

Thursday HCM 11:00 a.m. Funeral Mass ~ + *Ernest Peplinski*
1:45 p.m. *Monthly Mass at the Valley Manor*

Friday SLO 9:00 a.m. + Marie Dombroskie *by John & Ursula Jeffrey*

+ Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time +

July 19, 2026

Saturday SLO 4:00 p.m. + Shaun O'Malley *by Sanial & Patsy O'Malley*

Saturday SFdS 6:00 p.m. + Mary Groenewegan *by Lorraine Cherry*

Sunday HCM 9:00 a.m. + Marie Patenaude *by Jean-Paul Patenaude*
Intentions of Raphael Pastway
by Nicholas & Rhea Baklinski

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

Liturgical Appointments

Readings

Communion

Offertory

SLO July 18

Sean Conway

Maxine Smaglinski

Bruce Sullivan

Barry Dombroskie

SLO July 19

Joanne Olsen

Pierre-Paul Filion

John Jeffrey

Jason Dombroskie

Liturgical Appointments

Readings

Communion

Offertory

SFdS July 18

Jackie Kuehl

HCM July 19

Maria Henry

Joseph Hamon

Martin Lepinski

ROMAN CALENDAR:

Monday - St. Henry

Tuesday - St. Camillus de Lellis, priest

Wednesday - St. Bonaventure, bishop, doctor

Thursday - Our Lady of Mount Carmel

IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER:

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

- for those who have died, especially: *Jacob DeVries; Marie Dombroskie, Roger Mahon, Jaqueline Blank.*

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: *The grace we receive in Confession not only heals our sins and restores us in our friendship with God — it strengthens us to forgive others with the Divine Mercy we ourselves have received.*

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

A SOWER WENT OUT TO SOW: In this Sunday's Gospel (Mt 13:1-23), Jesus recounts to the crowd the well-known Parable of the Sower. In a certain way it is an "autobiographical" passage, for it reflects the very experience of Jesus, of his preaching. He identifies himself with the sower who scatters the good seed of the Word of God and notes the different effects it obtains, in accordance with the way in which people hear the proclamation.

Some listen superficially to the Word but do not take it in; others accept it at the time but are unable to persevere and lose it all; there are those who are engrossed by worldly concerns and enticements; and those who listen receptively, like the good soil: here the word bears an abundance of fruit.

However, this Gospel also puts the accent on Jesus' preaching "method", that is, on his use of parables. "Why do you speak to them in parables?", his disciples ask (Mt 13:10). And Jesus answers distinguishing between them and the crowd: to his disciples — namely to those who have already decided for him — he can speak openly about the Kingdom of God, to others, instead, he must proclaim it in parables, precisely to encourage their decision, conversion of the heart; indeed, by their very nature parables demand the effort of interpretation, they not only challenge the mind but also freedom. St John Chrysostom explained: "And this he [Jesus] says to draw them unto him, and to provoke them and to signify that if they would convert, he would heal them" (see Homily on the Gospel of Matthew, 45, 1-2).

Basically, God's true "Parable" is Jesus himself, his Person who, in the sign of humanity, hides and at the same time reveals his divinity. In this manner God does not force us to believe in him but attracts us to him with the truth and goodness of his incarnate Son: love, in fact, always respects freedom.

May the Virgin Mary help us, through her example, to be "good soil" where the seed of the Word may bear fruit in abundance. ~ *Angelus Address by Pope Benedict XVI; July 11, 2011*

PARISH OFFICES ARE CLOSED the week of July 20 – 24. You can still leave a phone or email message, and we will get back to you if it is an emergency.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS:

SLO: Total: \$2,909.50 (Envelopes: \$2,410.00; Loose: \$319.50; Visitors: \$20.00; E-transfers: \$160.00)

HCM: Total: \$1,820.00 (Envelopes: \$596.00; Loose: \$234.00; E-Transfers: \$920.00; Summer Collection: \$50.00; Seminary: \$20.00)

SFdS: Total: \$580.00 (Envelopes: \$360.00; Loose: \$120.00; Summer Collection: \$50.00; Building Fund: \$50.00)

Every parish is its people: a community where Christ's beauty and mercy take living form in faith and service. Thank you for your generous donations, which sustain our mission and ministry.

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.(5)

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.

SAINT BONAVENTURE SECULAR FRANCISCAN FRATERNITY: meetings take place at St. Lawrence O'Toole Parish Hall the last Sunday of the month 1:00 – 3:00 pm.

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!

THE SECULAR ORDER OF DICALCED CARMELITES: Would you be interested in discerning a secular (lay) vocation? Are you spiritually attracted to st. Therese of Lisieux or st. Teresa of Avail? Our group (not a prayer group) meets monthly at St. Andrew Parish in Killaloe, Ontario. For more information call Patricia at 613-756-2267.(4)

OUR LADY SEAT OF WISDOM COLLEGE has a number of paid positions open, including positions in our Admissions, Facilities, and Development offices. To learn more about these positions, see <https://www.seatofwisdom.ca/about/employment-opportunities/>.