

Saint Lawrence O'Toole Parish

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

September 6, 2026

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS converge on the theme of brotherly love in the community of believers whose source lies in the communion of the Trinity. The Gospel text from chapter 18 of Matthew on the life of the Christian community tells us that brotherly love also involves a sense of mutual responsibility. For this reason, if my brother commits a sin against me I must treat him charitably and first of all, speak to him privately, pointing out that what he has said or done is wrong. This approach is known as "fraternal correction": it is not a reaction to the offence suffered but is motivated by love for one's brethren. All this demonstrates that we are responsible for each other in the journey of Christian life; each person, aware of his own limitations and shortcomings, is called to accept fraternal correction and to help others with this specific service. ~ *Pope Benedict XVI; 2011.*

THE CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF THE BIRTHDAY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY on September 8 celebrates God's preparation for the Incarnation: Mary's birth leads to Christ's birth, and Christ's birth opens the way to our own rebirth in God. The apocryphal tradition, especially the *Protoevangelium of James*, portrays Mary's birth as a providential and consecrated beginning, already oriented toward her role in the mystery of Christ. Just as Mary receives life as a gift and becomes the mother of the One who gives new life to the world, our baptismal rebirth makes us participants in that same divine life. The feast reveals a profound parallel between Mary's birth, Christ's Nativity, and our rebirth in Christ—God entering human life to transform it from within, unto our sharing in the life of the Holy Trinity.

Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time

September 7 – September 12

Tuesday	SLO	9:00 a.m.	Intentions of Eva Genge <i>by Agnes Nick</i> Deceased & Living Arsenault Family <i>by Family</i>
Wednesday	HCM	9:00 a.m.	+ Fern Kelusky <i>by Baxter Family</i>
Thursday	HCM	9:00 a.m.	+ Enzo Velocci <i>by Miriam Westen</i>
Friday	SLO	9:00 a.m.	+ Barbara Kuiack <i>by Jackie Stoppa & Family</i>

+ Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time +

September 13, 2026

Saturday	SLO	4:00 p.m.	+ Scott Jeffrey <i>by John & Ursula Jeffrey</i> + John Hildebrandt <i>by Beth Hilderbrandt</i>
Saturday	SFdS	6:00 p.m.	+ Deceased Parishioners
Sunday	HCM	9:00 a.m.	+ Kimberly Ann Maika <i>by Neil Maika</i>
Sunday	SLO	10:30 a.m.	Mass for the People

Liturgical Appointments

Readings

Communion

Offertory

SLO September 12

Susan Coulas

Beverly Glofcheskie

Bruce Sullivan

Richard Luckasavitch

SLO September 13

Paul Rivett-Carnac

Ursula Jeffrey

John Jeffrey

Jason Dombroskie

Liturgical Appointments

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SFdS September 12

Jackie Kuehl

HCM September 13

Marissa Henry

Jerome Anderchek

Martin Yarascavitch

ROMAN CALENDAR:

Tuesday

- THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Wednesday

- St. Peter Claver, priest

Saturday

- THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY

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

CWL General Meeting on Wednesday, September 9 at 7:00 p.m. in parish hall. Everyone welcome.

BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER: The money collected in the Baby Bottle Fundraiser was a total of \$553.90. Thank you everyone who donated to this cause. The Centre really appreciated our support.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS General Meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 9 at 16 Wilno Street with the meeting starting at 7:00 p.m.

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS: Join the Grey Sisters of the Immaculate Conception of Pembroke to celebrate a Century of service among God's People at Grey Sisters Caritas Residence 215 Deacon Street, Pembroke, on Saturday, September 12, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

FUNERAL MASS SCHEDULING NOTICE: In the pastoral family of St. Lawrence O'Toole, Holy Canadian Martyrs, and St. Francis de Sales churches, Funeral Masses may be celebrated any day of the week except Saturdays and Sundays.

Due to pastoral obligations, I am already required to celebrate two Masses on both Saturday and Sunday. Church law does not permit the celebration of a third Mass (trination) on these days. Local funeral homes are aware of this limitation and will assist in scheduling accordingly. Please keep this in mind when making funeral arrangements. Your understanding is deeply appreciated. ~ *Fr. John Burchat, Pastor*

CATHOLIC FUNERALS: Funeral Liturgies for the faithful departed should be celebrated in a Catholic Church. As you consider funeral costs and family needs know that there are various ways that the rituals of the Church can be adapted in consultation with a priest. Cremation is permissible and a Funeral Mass can be celebrated with the cremated remains present. The Catholic Funeral is always a celebration of Life: remembering that our loved ones are created in the image and likeness of God and that their lives are redeemed by the life, passion, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ through which they are also purified of their sins and their consequences so that they may be admitted to the Paschal fullness of the table of the Kingdom.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS: Do you want to be baptized a Christian in the Catholic Church? Are you a baptized Christian but not Catholic and desire to begin receiving Holy Communion in the Catholic Church? I am available to have an informal chat after any Mass. If you know of anyone who has been hesitant, encourage and accompany them in coming to speak to me at any time. We can and have adapted the process of Christian initiation and accompanied people in many different ways.

IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER:

- all students and educators at the start of a new school year: that education will lead to a deeper experience of what it means to be human.
- that as we enjoy this Labor Day weekend, the Lord will prosper the work of those who labor and show special compassion to those who are unemployed
- for parishioners and friends who are sick: *Diane Green, Patricia Duggan, Judy Sauro, Carmel Rumleskie.*
- for those who have died, especially: *Brian Joseph Trebinskie, Ray Vananburg, Deacon Bob McDonald, Dan Miller.*

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS: Thank you for your generosity.

SLO: Total: \$2,515.10 (Envelopes: \$1,987.00; Loose: \$208.10; Visitors: \$90.00; E-transfer: \$220.00; Building Fund: \$10.00)

HCM: Total: \$1,786.00 (Envelopes: \$760.00; Loose: \$146.00; E-Transfers: \$775.00; Summer Collection: \$85.00; Visitor: \$20.00)

SFDs: Total: \$690.00 (Envelopes: \$435.00; Loose: \$175.00; E-transfer: \$60.00; Summer Collection: \$20.00)

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 *starting Sunday September 27*. All those interested in learning more about the charisms and the way of life of Saint Francis of Assisi or to learn more about becoming a Secular Franciscan, are welcome to attend Saint Bonaventure Fraternity meetings at 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., the last Sunday of each month starting September through to and including June. For more information or questions please contact: Marek Milan (613) 756-2835.

SHOW'N'SHINE - St. Francis de Sales in Latchford Bridge is hosting a Show n Shine on September 26, the Feast of the Holy Canadian Martyrs. The event will be followed by Mass and a harvest themed potluck dinner. Please see poster at the back of the church or contact katrinaboguski@hotmail.ca for more information. Everyone is welcome to attend!

O Lord, You crown the year with Your Goodness.