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✠ Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠

October 4, 2026

OCTOBER, dedicated to the **Most Holy Rosary**, invites the faithful to contemplate Christ's mysteries with Mary. The **Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7** highlights the power of her intercession. Throughout the month, the Church encourages renewed devotion to the Rosary. We seek Our Lady's help for the Church, for families, and for peace in the world.

CWL & THE ROSARY: before each Sunday Mass during the month of October.

FOOD BANK OFFERING IN THANKSGIVING: In gratitude for our many blessings, **beginning this weekend**, parishioners are invited to bring donations of **non-perishable food** for the Madawaska Valley Food Bank and personally place them before Our Lady. Let us adorn our church and place of worship with our offerings for the poor.

OFFICE HOURS: Our parish secretary is currently away on a leave of absence while she fulfills her civic duty with jury service. During this time, Fr. Burchat will be maintaining office hours for general parish matters as best he can. He is grateful for your patience and understanding. *It would be most helpful if you could email any requests to the appropriate office. Priority will be given to emergencies, and some matters will wait for her return.*

LIFE CHAIN 2026: Sunday, October 4 from 2 to 3 p.m. downtown Barry's Bay, standing peacefully together as witnesses for the protection of human life - from conception to natural death

Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time

October 5 – October 10

Tuesday	<i>(with Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions)</i>
SLO	9:00 a.m. + Alphonse & Beverly Brotton <i>by Sally Beanish & Family</i>
Wednesday	HCM 2:00 p.m. Memorial Mass: + Roger Mahon
Thursday	HCM 9:00 a.m. Intentions of Jack & Shirley <i>by Miriam Westen</i>
	HCM 11:00 a.m. <i>George Vanier School Liturgy of the Word</i>
Friday	SLO 9:00 a.m. + William & Margaret Rumleskie <i>by David & Carmel Rumleskie</i>

+ Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time +

October 11, 2026

Saturday	SLO 4:00 p.m. + Margaret Cowan <i>by Gwen Coulas</i> + Dwyer & Madigan Family <i>by Family</i>
Saturday	SFds <i>(with the recitation of the Most Holy Rosary before Mass)</i> 6:00 p.m. + Kenny Kiedroski & Edna Coulas <i>by Maxie & Maureen</i>
Sunday	HCM 9:00 a.m. + Michael Sauro <i>by Rick and Judy Sauro</i>
Sunday	SLO 10:30 a.m. Mass for the People

Liturgical Appointments	SLO October 10	SLO October 11
Readings	<i>Jane Beahen</i>	<i>Ursula Jeffrey</i>
Communion	<i>Beverly Glofcheskie</i>	<i>Pierre-Paul Filion</i>
Offertory	<i>Bruce Sullivan</i>	<i>John Jeffrey</i>
	<i>Barry Dombroskie</i>	<i>Jason Dombroskie</i>

Liturgical Appointments	SFds October 10	HCM October 11
Readings	<i>Jackie Kuehl</i>	<i>Joseph Baklinski</i>
Communion		<i>Tony Harrison</i>
Offertory		<i>Dennis Stamplecoskie</i>

WEEKLY ADORATION IN HOLY CANADIAN MARTYRS CHAPEL:

Tuesday 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m., Wednesday & Thursday 9:30 a.m. -- 4:00 p.m.

ROMAN CALENDAR:

Monday	- St. Faustina Kowalska, virgin
Tuesday	- St. Bruno, priest & Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher, virgin
Wednesday	- OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY
Friday	- St. Denis, bishop & Companions, martyrs & St. John Leonardi, priest

THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL ends with a particularly severe warning from Jesus, addressed to the chief priests and the elders of the people: “*The kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a nation producing the fruits of it*” (Mt 21:43). These are words that call to mind the great responsibility of those in every epoch who are called to work in the Lord’s vineyard, especially in roles of authority, and they press for a renewal of full fidelity to Christ.

He is “*the very stone which the builders rejected*” (see Mt 21:42), because they judged him to be hostile to the law and a danger to public order; but he himself, rejected and crucified, is risen, to become the “corner stone” on which the foundations of every human life and of the whole world may rest in total safety.

The truth of this is the subject of the Parable of the Unfaithful Tenants to whom a man entrusted his vineyard so that they might cultivate and harvest the produce. The owner of the vineyard symbolizes God himself, while the vineyard symbolizes his people, as well as the life he gives, so that with his grace and our hard work, we may do good. St Augustine comments: “*God does also cultivate us... as a field, that he may make us better*” (see *Sermo* 87, 1, 2: PL 38, 531). God has a project for his friends, but unfortunately the human response is often oriented to infidelity which is expressed in rejection. Pride and selfishness prevent us from recognizing and welcoming even God’s most precious gift: his Only-Begotten Son.

When, in fact, “*he sent his son to them*”, the Evangelist Matthew wrote, “[*the tenants*] *took him and cast him out of the vineyard, and killed him*” (Mt 21:37, 39). God puts himself in our hands, agrees to make himself an unfathomable mystery of weakness and manifests his omnipotence in his faithfulness to a plan of love which, in the end, also provides for the proper punishment of the wicked (see Mt 21:41).

Firmly anchored in faith to the cornerstone which is Christ, let us abide in him, like the branch that can bear no fruit unless it remains attached to the vine. The Church, the People of the New Covenant, is built only in him, for him and with him. On this the Servant of God Paul VI wrote: “*The first benefit which We trust the Church will reap from a deepened self-awareness, is a renewed discovery of its vital bond of union with Christ. This is something which is perfectly well known, but it is supremely important and absolutely essential. It can never be sufficiently understood, meditated upon and preached*” (Encyclical *Ecclesiam Suam*, 6 August 1964: AAS 56 [1964], 622).

Dear friends, the Lord is ever close and active in humanity’s history and accompanies us with the unique presence of his Angels, whom today the Church venerates as “Guardian Angels”, that is, ministers of the divine care for every human being. From the beginning until the hour of death, human life is surrounded by their constant protection. And the Angels encircle the august Queen of Victories, the Blessed Virgin Mary of the Rosary, who, on the first Sunday of October, at this very moment, receives the fervent supplication from the Shrine of Pompeii and from the whole world that evil may be defeated and God’s goodness revealed in its fullness. ~ *Pope Benedict, October 2, 2011*

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

IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER:

- For Leo XIV, our Pope: May the Lord preserve him, and give him life, and make him blessed upon the earth, and deliver him not up to the will of his enemies.
- for *Zayden Thomas Ryall*, and *Remy Carman Luloff*, who were recently baptized at St. Lawrence O'Toole, and *Thea Marie Rose Rebecca Baklinski*, who was recently baptized at Holy Canadian Martyrs: "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit": that he may grow in faith and love as a members of the Body of Christ.
- for parishioners and friends who are sick: *Diane Green*, *Patricia Duggan*, *Judy Sauro*, *Carmel Rumleskie*.
- for those who have died, especially: *Joey Yutronkie*, *Fr. Doug Bridge*, *Mary Siron*.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS: Totals for all Sundays will be provided at a later date.

SHOW N SHINE "THANK YOU" to everyone who came out **last Saturday at St. Francis de Sales**. We especially thank Joseph Kuehl and Bronson Ostrowski for bringing their cars. Thank you to everyone who attended the Mass with Bishop Michael Brehl. It was a treat to see the church so full and nice to see that some people brought their families along. Let's encourage more of our families and friends to come out every week. Thanks also to everyone who contributed to the potluck. What a bountiful selection of delicious food. The wheels are turning for the next events already so stay tuned for more information!

THE SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD PRAYER GROUP: every Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. at **St. Lawrence O'Toole Church**.

THE VINEYARD in Scripture reveals the whole drama of God's covenant love — His care, His hopes for His people, and the fruit He desires and directs towards. In the Old Testament, Israel is the vineyard God Himself plants, protects, and patiently tends. He looks for the fruit of justice and righteousness, yet the prophets lament that the vineyard often yields "wild grapes," a sign of hearts that have turned away from His ways. In the New Testament, the image reaches its fulfillment. Jesus takes the familiar vineyard and reveals its deepest meaning: He is the **true vine**, and the Father is the vinedresser. Fruitfulness is no longer simply a national vocation but a personal union with Christ. We bear fruit only by abiding in Him, allowing His life to flow through us in mercy, faith, and love. The vineyard reminds us that God's care is constant, His desire is relationship, and His hope is that our lives yield the fruit that reflects His Son.