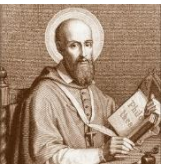
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✠ Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠

October 18, 2026

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.

SLO-CWL: POT O'GOLD RAFFLE: The CWL is preparing for their annual fund raiser. Members and parishioners are invited to consider contributing a monetary donation towards the cash prizes. Please place your donation in an envelope marked **CWL – raffle donation** and drop it in the collection basket or give it to Maxine Smaglinski (756-0194) by **Nov. 1st**. All donations are greatly appreciated. If donating $100 or more and wishing to be recognized on the ticket, please make note of that with your donation. *Proceeds from the raffle support health, education, and religious programs, the parish, the poor, etc., in our community, nationally and internationally.*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: If your child is 7 or older and is ready to begin preparing to receive the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, please arrange to meet with Fr. Burchat. Parents are the primary educators of their children in the faith**.** Throughout the preparation period, the parish will provide resources, guidance, and catechetical support to help families walk this path with confidence and joy.

Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time

October 19 – October 24

Tuesday	(*with Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions*)		
	SLO	9:00 a.m.	+ Fr. Mervin Coulas *by Barbara Conway*
	SLO	*11:00 a.m.*	*St. John Bosco School Liturgy of the Word*
Wednesday	**HCM**	9:00 a.m.	+ Dr. Denise Coulas *by Kathy Neskovic*
Thursday	**HCM**	9:00 a.m.	For Elvira Villenauve/Dowdell
Friday	**SLO**	9:00 a.m.	+ Barbara Kuiack *by Catholic Women's League*

+ Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time +

October 25, 2026

Saturday	**SLO**	4:00 p.m.	+ Helen Jean Shulist *by Lorie Shulist*
Saturday	**SFdS**	6:00 p.m.	+ Margaret Abbott *by Joanne Gooley*
Sunday	**HCM**	9:00 a.m.	+ Ernie Peplinskie *by Margaret Blank & Family*
Sunday	**SLO**	10:30 a.m.	Mass for the People

Liturgical Appointments	**SLO October 24**	**SLO October 25**
Readings	*Lorraine Flynn*	*Judy Filion*
Communion	*Beverly Glofcheskie*	*Ursula Jeffrey*
Offertory	*Bruce Sullivan*	*Paul Rivett-Carnac*
	Barry Dombroskie	*Greg Kelly*

Liturgical Appointments	**SFdS October 24**	**HCM October 25**
Readings	*Katrina Boguski*	*Maria Henry*
Communion		*Tony Harrison*
Offertory		*Martin Yarascavitch*

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. Paul of the Cross, priest
Tuesday	- St. Hedwig, religious and St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, virgin (*in Canada*)
Thursday	- St. John Paul II, pope
Friday	- St. John of Capistrano, priest
Saturday	- St. Anthony Mary Claret, bishop

THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL tells us about some Pharisees who join with the Herodians to set a trap for Jesus. They were always trying to set traps for him. They go to him and ask: "Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" (Mt 22:17). It is a ruse: if Jesus legitimises the tax, he places himself on the side of a political power that is ill-supported by the people, whereas if he says not to pay it, he can be accused of rebellion against the empire. A real trap. However, he escapes this snare. He asks them to show him a coin, which bears the image of Caesar, and says to them: "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's" (v. 21). What does this mean?

These words of Jesus have become commonplace, but at times they have been used incorrectly — or at least reductively — to talk about relations between Church and State, between Christians and politics; they are often interpreted as if Jesus wanted to separate "Caesar" from "God", that is, earthly from spiritual reality. At times we too think in this way: faith with its practices is one thing, and daily life is another. And this will not do. No. This is a form of "schizophrenia", as if faith had nothing to do with real life, with the challenges of society, with social justice, with politics and so forth.

In reality, Jesus wants to help us place "Caesar" and "God" each in their proper place. The care for earthly order belongs to Caesar — that is, to politics, to civil institutions, to social and economic processes, and we who are immersed in this reality must give back to society what it offers us, through our contribution as responsible citizens, taking care of what is entrusted to us, promoting law and justice in the world of work, paying our taxes honestly, committing ourselves to the common good, and so on. At the same time however, Jesus affirms the fundamental reality: that man belongs to God: all of man and every human being. And this means that we do not belong to any earthly reality, to any "Caesar". We are the Lord's, and we must not be slaves to any earthly power. On the coin, then, there is the image of the emperor, but Jesus reminds us that our lives are imprinted with the image of God, which nothing and no one can obscure. The things of this world belong to Caesar, but man and the world itself belong to God. Let us not forget this!

We understand, then, that Jesus is restoring each one of us to our own identity: on the coin of this world there is the image of Caesar, but you, me — each one of us — which image do you carry within yourself? Let us ask ourselves this question: what image do I carry inside myself? You — whose is the image of your life? Do we remember that we belong to the Lord, or do we let ourselves be shaped by the logic of the world and make work, politics and money our idols to be worshipped? *~ Pope Francis, October 22, 2023*

A PRAYER FOR THE SICK, and the HOLY FATHER which was part of his message for the 34th World Day of the Sick – Our Lady of Lourdes:

Sweet Mother do not part from me. Turn not your eyes away from me.
Walk with me at every moment and never leave me alone.
You who always protect me as a true Mother,
obtain for me the blessing of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
SLO: Saturday 3:30 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 parishioners and friends who are sick: *Pope Leo, Diane Green, Patricia Duggan*, *Judy Sauro*, *Carmel Rumleskie.*
- for those who have died, especially: *Shirley Mask, Joey Yutronkie, Fr. Doug Bridge.*

HCM-PRAYING FOR PRIESTS & VOCATIONS: Every Wednesday, 5 Minutes after the Mass has ended, the faithful are invited to join in **praying one decade of the rosary** for priests and vocations in the diocese. All are welcome to participate. If you would like to lead a decade, please email westenmiriam@gmail.com

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS: Totals will be given at a later date.

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 on the last Sunday of each month from 1:00–3:00 p.m.; all who wish to learn more about the charisms and way of life of Saint Francis of Assisi or about becoming a Secular Franciscan are welcome to attend, and for further information please contact Marek Milan at 613-756-2835.

SLO CWL & THE ROSARY: The Rosary will be led by the Catholic Women's League before each Sunday Mass during the month of October.

SLO- OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES are available at the back of the church. Please take and fill your shoebox according to instructions in the Pamphlet. Please return shoeboxes to the front office door (church link) by Sunday, November 15th. Thank you.