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Sunday Masses
Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 and 11:00 am
Children's Liturgy: September - June

Weekday Masses
Tuesday 6:00 pm
Wednesday through Friday 8:30 am
Rosary/Adoration before Weekday Masses

Confessions
Sat 4 - 4:45 pm or before weekday Masses

Baptism
Sunday 12:00 pm by appointment

Marriage
Arrangements should be made at least 6 months in advance.
Marriage preparation course required

Sacrament of the Sick
Communion for the Sick and Shut-ins
Please call the office.

Secretary
Sandy Johnson
Office hours: Wednesday and Friday
8:00 am to 3:00 pm
Enter on Victoria St.

Schools
St. Patrick Elementary School
905-835-1091
Lakeshore Catholic High School
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Cemetery
Mount St. Joseph's, 712 Lakeshore Rd E
289-213-2509

Diocesan Website: www.sainted.com

Min. Schedule - Sept 27/28

Hospitality:
5:00 pm - Fred Tonnos
9:00 am - Sandy MacIntyre
11:00 am - Karen Schroeder

Communion:
5:00 pm - Lisa Shibley
9:00 am - Joe Gatt
11:00 am - Jackie Gatt

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The 25 Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C
No slave can serve two masters.

Lectors:
5:00 pm - Julie Typer
9:00 am - Linda Sardella
11:00 am - Scott or Lucia Durward
Video:
5:00 pm - Fred Tonnos
9:00 am - Sandy MacIntyre
11:00 am - Dve Bilodeau
Organist:
5pm, 9am & 11am - Dino Sicoli

September 21, 2025 A.D.
The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C



Lord may the request of our
people rise before you like a fragrant offering

Tues	Sept 23	St. Pius of Pietrelcina	
	6:00 pm	+Lucia & Pasquale DePalo	by family
Wed	Sept 24	8:30 am +Steve Clyne	by Kim Gagnon-Doucet
Thurs	Sept 25	8:30 am +Lino DiPasquale	by Dino & Lily Sicoli
Fri	Sept 26	St. Jean De Brebeuf and St. Isaac Jogues and Companions	
	8:30 am	+Fred Fenech	by Dino & Lily Sicoli
		The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Sat	Sept 27	5:00 pm +For the living and deceased members of St. Patrick's Parish	
Sun	Sept 28	9:00 am +Tomy Maloney	by Tom & Nancy Leed
	11:00 am	+Rose Mary Marr	by Margaret & Don Murdoch

SAVVY AND CREATIVE THINKER

We can't say we have not been warned about the dangers of mixed-up priorities. God's Word is so very clear on the necessity of putting Him first in all areas of our lives.

The Lord has harsh words for those who would take advantage of the poor and whose priorities are not aligned with God's. "Hear this, you who trample upon the needy and destroy the poor of the land... Never will I forget a thing they have done!" Lest we think we are off the hook as long as we are not cheating the poor outright, the Lord condemns just as strongly those who are anxious for the Sabbath to be over so they can go back to the more "important" matters of business and the like. Even our thought life is important to the Lord! Perhaps we are not off the hook after all.

Paul gives us the antidote to the self-centeredness condemned. The antidote, of course, is to imitate Christ. "There is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all." Rather than thinking of Himself and how to "get ahead," Christ gave Himself away - completely - for our sake. That is how we are to live. How to better serve God and give ourselves to others are the thoughts that should pre-occupy our minds.

The Lord shows us how to bridge the gap between worldly thinking and priorities and eternal thinking and priorities. Jesus tells the parable of the corrupt but clever



steward who is about to get fired when the master discovers the steward has been squandering his property. Realizing his imminent unemployed status, the clever steward reaches out to the various debtors of his master to wheel and deal with them, making friends who would look out for him when he became jobless.

We do have to give this man credit for his ingenuity. And, in fact, Jesus does just that by saying, "The master commended that dishonest steward for acting prudently. For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light."

What can help us avoid the worldly thinking and how do we give ourselves away as Jesus did? We know this "bad steward" was clever and energetic. He put thought, prudence, and creativity into the plans he made for his self-serving ends and carried out his plans with great success. What if we put that kind of effort into our own tasks as good stewards of all God's gifts to us?

Into our ministries, into the ways we could make more time for prayer as individuals, as couples, as families, and as a parish? What if we got as creative as the "bad steward" in the use of our finances so that we could give more generously to the poor and the advancement of God's kingdom on the earth? That's our lesson and our challenge.

We are called to be forward-thinking, savvy, and good stewards of all that our good God has given us. Let's start thinking that way!

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Do you or someone you know wish to become Catholic? Have you been baptized Catholic but did not receive the other Sacraments? Have you already received all of your Sacraments but would like to grow and strengthen your Catholic faith and your love of Jesus?

If so, join our new OCIA Programme - Order of Christian Initiation for Adults.

This programme will start on September 22 and will run every week until May 21.

The Journey of Faith is not a blind walk of self-discovery. It is a **confident journey taken over a lifetime accomplishing all that God sets before us until we are conformed to the image of His Son.** (Romans 8:29) He will guide us.

You will be lead through each step of the programme every week by fellow parishioners.

Please call the office to register so course material can be purchased for you

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

If you are still unable to attend Mass for health reason, and would like to assist us financially:

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TURKEY PIE FUNDRAISER

The Knights of Columbus is once again selling six inch turkey pies for \$9.00 each To order please contact Sandy MacIntyre at 905 835-0259 before October 14. Orders can be picked up at St. Therese Hall on October 18. You will be notified of the time. Thank you for your support!

NEEDS OF THE CHURH IN CANADA

September 28, 2025

The annual collection for the Needs of the Canadian Church will take place the weekend of September 27-28, 2025. It is an important opportunity for our faithful to express solidarity with their diocese and to support the work and mission of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB). The funds raised will contribute to support various areas such as social justice, ecumenism, interfaith dialogue, youth engagement, family and life, responsible ministry, evangelization and catechesis.

OFFICE CLOSE

Please note that the parish office will be closed on Friday September 26.

Dziękuję

Thank you to all who came out to support and enjoy the Polish Heritage Luncheon. Thank you to the crew who cooked, served and cleaned up.

Great Food. Great Fellowship. Great Success.

All proceeds will be going toward the painting of the church.



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For more information, visit www.actscanada.org or contact:

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