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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
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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
905-835-2451

Cemetery
Mount St. Joseph's, 712 Lakeshore Rd E
289-213-2509

Diocesan Website: www.sainted.com

Min. Schedule - Oct 4/5

Hospitality:
5:00 pm - Tom Lannan
9:00 am - Joe Gatt
11:00 am - Mark Morasse

Communion:
5:00 pm - Linda Haakman
9:00 am - Cathy Stoop-Sneek
11:00 am - Susan Foebel

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The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Have mercy on me.

Lectors:
5:00 pm - Bettina DiGiulio
9:00 am - Tim Grawey
11:00 am - Karen Schroeder

Video:
5:00 pm - Dave Bilodeau
9:00 am - Dan Tonello
11:00 am - Alberty DeLaat

Organist:
5pm, 9am & 11am - Dino Sicoli

September 28, 2025 A.D.
The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C



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

Tues	Sept 30	St. Jerome	6:00 pm +Tina Fenech	by Dino & Lily Sicoli
Wed	Oct 1	St. Therese of the Child Jesus	8:30 am +Melita Cassar	by Barb & Chris Brown
Thurs	Oct 2	The Holy Guardian Angels	8:30 am +Lucy Sicoli 11:00 am Mass at Portal Village	by Dino & Lily Sicoli
Fri	Oct 3	8:30 am +Tim Kennedy 9:00 am Holy Hour with Adoration, Exposition and Benediction The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time		by Alan & Liz Martine
Sat	Oct 4	5:00 pm +Deceased members of the Principi family		by Gianni Principi & family
Sun	Oct 5	9:00 am +For the living and deceased members of St. Patrick's Parish 11:00 am +Brenda Seca		by Teresa & Umberto Seca

PURSUE, COMPETE, LAY HOLD AND KEEP

We have all been given “great power” by God in the form of Time, Talents, and Treasure. This power is meant to be used for great good. And failure to do so has eternal consequences.

Amos warns of the danger of complacency. “Thus says the Lord the God of hosts: Woe to the complacent in Zion! Lying upon beds of ivory, stretched comfortably on their couches....” The Lord says that because of the complacency of the people, “They shall be the first to go into exile, and their wanton revelry shall be done away with.”

The tendency towards complacency is perhaps an even greater danger for us in the modern age with so many conveniences (fast food, home automation, Amazon Prime to name a few) and so many possibilities for diversion and entertainment (streaming TV, laptops, iPads, cell phones, and the myriad other devices we all use).

The Lord’s message could not be any clearer - we must get off the couch and put our powers (the many gifts He has given us) to work!

St. Paul’s letter to Timothy shows us how to free ourselves of this dangerous complacency we are warned of. Paul instructs us to:

- “Pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness.”
- “Compete well for the faith.”
- “Lay hold of eternal life, to which [we] were called.”
- And “Keep [God’s] commandment without stain or reproach.”

Notice how active St. Paul’s word choices are: “pursue,” “compete,” “lay hold,” and “keep” are the terms he uses to instruct us.



Our Lord Himself makes clear of the urgency for us to put our powers to good use. He us tells of the rich man who ignored poor Lazarus during their lifetimes. At the moment of the rich man’s death, he goes down to the nether-world while Lazarus is taken to the eternal joy and comfort in the bosom of Abraham. The rich man keenly regrets his complacency towards the needs of Lazarus, but it is too late for regret. His choices have played out and now

the rich man will face the consequences of his failure to use the gifts God gave him.

Pursuit of God’s kingdom and care for the poor are not trifling matters. Our Lord makes this clear to us over and over. We are free to ignore these teachings and live instead for ourselves. But there will be tragic results for us in the end. And, because we are made for eternity, living selfishly on this earth doesn’t really bring us true happiness anyway.

So how can use our great powers for great good? By embracing a stewardship way of life. By putting God first in all areas of our lives - in the way we spend our time, the ways we share our talents, the ways we use our financial resources. Stewardship living calls us out of our comfort zone and into commitment to the Lord and the things that matter to Him.

Let us examine our lives and make any changes or corrections needed in our priorities so that we can indeed compete well for the faith, pursue righteousness and lay hold of eternal life.

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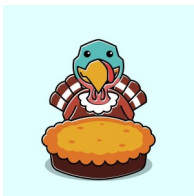
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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.

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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PROGRAM SCHEDULE FOR FALL 2025

- October 14, 2025 Loneliness
**date change to Tuesday
- October 27, 2025 Causes of Anger
- November 10, 2025 Working Through Anger
- November 24, 2025 Surviving the Holidays
- December 8, 2025 Benefits of Waiting and Advent Prayer Service

No meeting December 22, 2025

Next meeting January 12, 2026

PRAYER TO USE GOD-GIVEN

GIFTS AND TALENTS

Almighty and ever-living God,
I thank You for the gifts and talents
you have showered upon me.

Grant me the wisdom to recognize them
and the courage to use them for Your glory.
Help me to be a faithful steward of these abilities,
sharing them with others
and contributing to the building of Your kingdom.

I pray for guidance from Your Holy Spirit
to use my gifts not for selfish purposes,
but to spread love, goodness, and faith in the world.

Let my actions bring praise to Your name
and make a positive impact on the lives of those
around me.

In the spirit of the parable of the talents,
may I invest what you have entrusted to me,
multiplying the fruits of my efforts.
Empower me to be diligent and faithful
in my service to You and to all people.
Through Christ, Our Lord, Amen."