

September 13, 2026 A.D.

The 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A



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

Tues	Sept 15	<i>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>			
		6:00 pm	+Joe & Melita Cassar		by Tom & Carmen Lannan
Wed	Sept 16	8:30 am	+Rick Huneault		by the Huneault Family
Thurs	Sept 17	8:30 am	+Erta Masotti		by Anonymous
Fri	Sept 18	8:30 am	+Vic Paulo		by Dino & Lily Sicoli
Sat	Sept 19	<i>The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>			
		5:00 pm	+For the living and deceased members of St. Patrick's		
Sun	Sept 20	9:00 am	+Bibiane & Ernst Bisson		by Diane & Derek Miller
		11:00 am	+Antonio D'Uva		by the Hendrik's Family

FORGIVEN TO FORGIVE

Today's readings reveal a truth at the heart of the Gospel: we have been forgiven by Christ so that we may become people of mercy.

Sirach reminds us that “wrath and anger are hateful things” and urges us to forgive our neighbour if we hope to receive God's forgiveness. Resentment may feel justified, but it quietly imprisons the heart.

Jesus echoes this in the Gospel when Peter asks, “How often must I forgive?” Christ's answer - “seventy-seven times” - is not about keeping count, but about living a life marked by limitless mercy.

The parable of the unforgiving servant challenges us to recognize the immeasurable debt God has already forgiven in each of us.

St. Paul gives us the reason why this is possible: “Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's”. Our lives no longer belong to pride, revenge, or wounded ego; they belong to Christ, who forgave His executioners from the Cross.

As disciples, we are called to reflect His mercy in our families, workplaces, parishes, and even in the difficult conversations that divide our world.



Forgiveness does not mean pretending evil never happened or refusing justice. Rather, it is choosing to surrender bitterness to God and allowing His grace to heal what anger cannot.

As St. Paul teaches elsewhere, “Be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ”.

In a culture that often celebrates retaliation and holding grudges, Christians are called to be living witnesses that mercy is stronger than hatred.

May we remember the words of Jesus: “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy”, and ask for the courage to forgive as we have first been forgiven.

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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

Please use our donation e-transfer email:

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Do not enter a security password as the funds will be directly deposited into the bank.

SOUP SUNDAY

Come and join us for our annual Soup Sunday Luncheon on:

Sunday September 20, 2026

after the 11 am Mass.

Cost: Adults - \$15/person

And children under 12 - \$5

Includes a variety of soup, focaccia bread and Italian bread, assorted desserts, tea, coffee and lemonade.

Tickets will be sold at the door.

COFFEE SUNDAY

The Legion of Mary is happy to announce that we will be hosting a Coffee Sunday on

September 27

After the 9 am Mass.

We welcome everyone to come out and enjoy some fellowship, coffee and treats.

The Social is free but donations are always welcome. *****

2nd ANNUAL BISHOP'S FUNDRAISING GALA

Save the date!

Nov 27 – 5:30 – 11:30 pm

Niagara Falls Convention Centre

Join us for an evening celebrating bishop Bergie's vision for dynamic parishes, with proceeds supporting faith formation for the laity and the education of our seminarians.

Enjoy a live and silent auction, wonderful food and company, entertainment, and a word from Bishop Bergie himself.

Tickets are available through the diocesan website – scan the QR code on the inserted poster.

DIOCESAN SEPARATED & DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY SUPPORT GROUP

Every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month (except holidays)

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre,

7020 Stanley Avenue, Niagara Falls, Ontario.

To participate via Zoom please see contact information above to pre-register.

Call 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE FOR FALL 2026

- Sept 14 The Journey
- Sept 28 Coping with stress



SUICIDE & GRIEF

RECOVERY OUTREACH PROGRAM

The loss of a loved one or the grief of suicide, divorce, separation, or another significant life loss can be difficult to face alone. The Grief Recovery Outreach Program provides hope, support, and practical tools to help you move toward healing in a safe and compassionate environment.

Through guided discussions and the Grief Recovery Handbook, participants learn to address the pain of loss, reduce feelings of isolation, and make positive choices that lead to recovery.

Program Details

- Begins: Thursday, October 22, 2026
- Duration: 12 consecutive Thursdays
- Time: 9:30 a.m.
- Location: St. Patrick Church, Pastoral Room (123 King St., Port Colborne)

This program is free and open to the public. An RSVP is required. To register:

- Armstrong Funeral Home: 905-834-3483
- Davidson Funeral Home: 905-834-4833

For more information, contact Dino P. Sicoli, Grief Recovery Facilitator, at 905-835-8177.

PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS

Heavenly Father,

You have shown us immeasurable mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ.

Free our hearts from anger, resentment, and the desire to repay evil with evil.

Teach us to forgive as we have been forgiven, remembering that we belong to You in life and in death.

Give us the grace to love those who have wounded us, to seek reconciliation where it is possible, and to entrust every hurt to Your perfect justice and compassion. May our lives become a witness to the mercy we have received.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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Bishop of the Diocese
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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
905-835-2451

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

Diocesan Website: www.sainted.com

Min. Schedule – Sept 19/20
Hospitality:
5:00 pm – Fred Tonnos
9:00 am – Dan Tonello
11:00 am – Albert DeLaat

Communion:
5:00 pm – Needed
9:00 am – Lisa Shibley
11:00 am - Needed

Diocese of St. Catharines

St. Patrick Catholic Church



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1859

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1880

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The 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Forgive

Lectors:
5:00 pm – Kate Ostryhon-Lumsden
9:00 am – Linda Sardella
11:00 am – Mark Morasse

Video:
5:00 pm – Fred Tonnos
9:00 am – Dan Tonello
11:00 am – Albert DeLaat

Organist: All Masses - Dino Sicoli